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**Amy and Luke**

*Our wedding was on the 10th January 2015 at Old Broadwater Farm in Busselton. We had 80 friends and family celebrate our special day with us. The ceremony was held under the poplar tree on the farm and our reception was also held on the same property. It was very relaxed with lawn games and an amazing meal from The Goose. We spent our wonderful honeymoon in Singapore.*



**Emma and Matt**

Even a bridal car that refused to start could not dampen the happy celebration when Emma Hagdorn and Matthew Moody were married on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January in the beautiful gardens of the Cottesloe Civic Centre overlooking the ocean. A very joyful and fun filled reception with family and friends followed at Indianna's on Cottesloe Beach. Emma is the daughter of Kim and Helen Hagdorn of Roleystone and Matthew is the son of Al and Sharon Moody of Dunsborough (formerly of Mt Nasura).

## The April Cover: Our Clubs Are In Good Hands

In 1950 Ken Knuckey and Ray Pound were keen to explore the idea of establishing a local cricket team in Roleystone. The Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club was accepted into the South Suburban League for the beginning of the 1950/51 season in B Grade. This is the club that still exists today and with multiple teams this club goes from success to success.

Just this month, E Grade won their division and they are the current T20 champions.

But cricket has a far longer history in our area.

In the 1930s The Parkin Cricket Team competed successfully. This team consisted of Mr Arthur Parkin, 8 Parkin boys and two brother-in-laws. They played their home games on the oval at the property in Wygonda (where the current car park in front of the Roleystone Recreation Centre lies today) and rumour has it that Don Bradman and other members of the Australian team came to see them play on their way to England in 1938.

Now it seems that cricket in our area is even older than that. Recently I was gifted the Canning Mill Score Book from the 1907/1908 season. This came from James Roach, an octogenarian living in Dalwallinu and he had it from his father who worked at Canning Mills at the time. A valuable piece of sporting

memorabilia which will now be donated to the Kalamunda Historical Society for long term preservation.

So this month's cover celebrates the old and the new of cricket in our area. The couple on the cover are pictured in front of the original 1950s Clubhouse sign. Current President John Lewis is pictured with his lady Eliza Stockey (who is also a keen sportswoman). This club is in very safe hands.

We acknowledge the amazing photography skills of Marit Dew of Pink Umbrella Photography in capturing this picture.

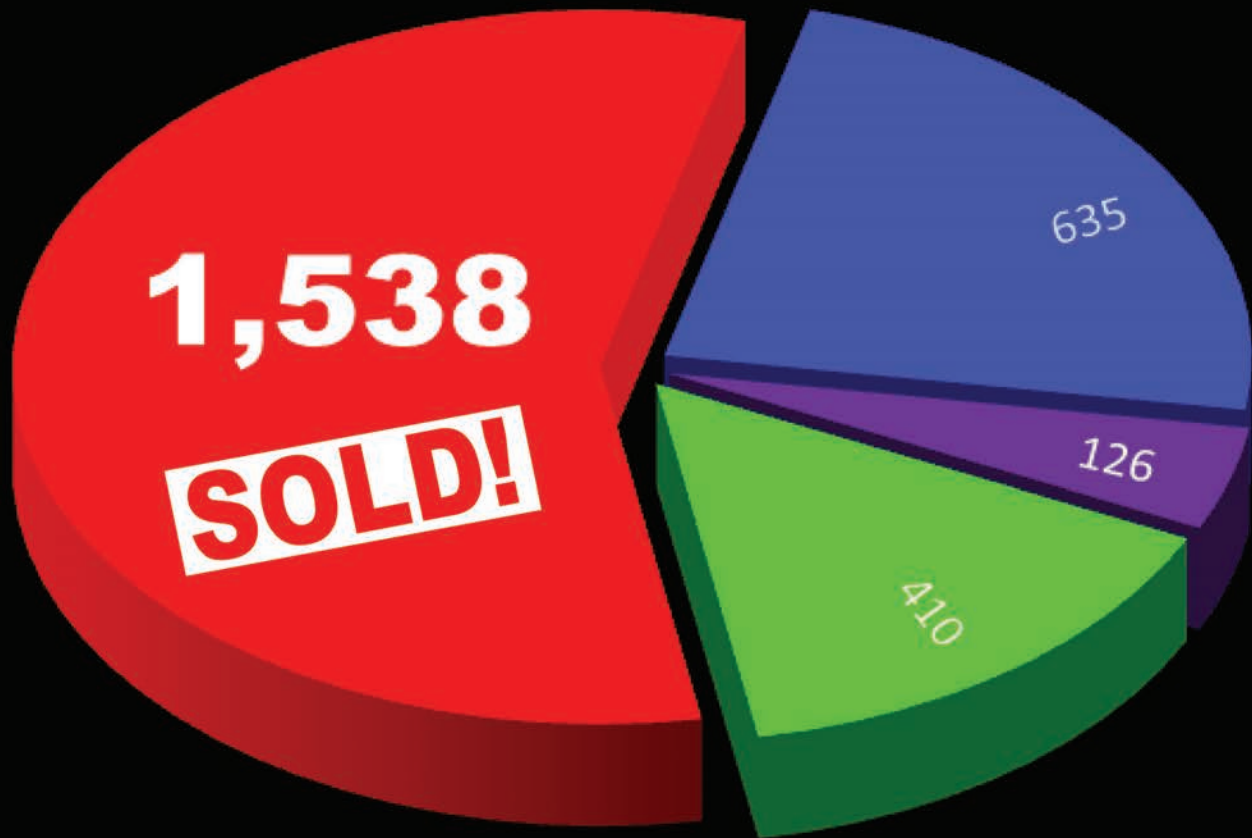




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## Welcome Belinda

The new face in the Roleystone Karragullen Branch Bendigo Bank in Roleystone is Belinda. Belinda is from Bedfordale and one of her first roles was to help out at the stall at the Roleystone Markets. We captured Belinda with her two sons Joel and Kurtis. So please come in and say hello to Belinda soon.



*Our Roleystone Karragullen Community Bank Branch has been winning accolades from further afield than just Roleystone and Karragullen. They won the Branch of the Month, awarded in November, and this month they were finalists in the best local project for their promotion of the Roleystone Garden and Roleystone Markets. Well done to all concerned. Pictured top: Maria, Christine, Tony, Belinda, Pam, Fraser and Roy.*



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Gerry on the leaky boat



The Rescue

## Gerry Allen Is Rescued Off Indonesia

*Gerry Allen is a Roleystone scientist who recently found himself in a harrowing incident. He was among a group of 19 people rescued by the Indonesian Navy after their wooden ship sank in March. They were stranded at sea for over four hours after the ship started taking on water about 9.30pm.*

Gerry was working for Conservation International doing research on Indonesian coral reefs near Bintan Riau.

Gerry recently recounted his ordeal: 'The boat was listing as soon as we left port but things started to look ominous after midnight. We sent a distress signal as soon as we noticed a serious amount of water entering the boat; the bilge pump had malfunctioned too. Once the decision to abandon ship was made, the crew launched the two lifeboats. One immediately sank and the other was riddled with holes but we managed to board this one. We had to bale water out continuously to keep it afloat.'

'The crew volunteered to hit the water; I was amongst the lucky ones who spent the time in the lifeboat. It seemed that as soon as we left the ship it sank - taking all of our precious equipment down with it. It was the dead of night and very frightening. The worst bit was that even though we were only 20 nautical miles from shore, the rescue party took ages to find us.'

'We were very lucky we had a zodiac with us, powered by a 25hp engine. Using this we were



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able to keep rescuing the poor folk in the ocean so that when the naval ship arrived we were still a compact group.

The Indonesian Navy spotted the group around 2am and the rescue went without a hitch. The group were taken back to hotels and were tired but OK after the ordeal. Their major concern now is the loss of their equipment and hope that a salvage operation will be able to save some items.

'This one wasn't the worst I have been involved in. Once in Madagascar when I came up from my dive, the boat had disappeared,' he recalled. But that needs to be a story for another time..,

Welcome home to Australia and *terra firma* Gerry.

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Australians can see ways of adding value to their produce so there is now an increasing amount of attention to understanding the benefits of Australian honeys through academic studies. Honey's antibacterial properties are tested by seeing how far a drop of honey can keep bacteria away in a petri dish.

Manuka is very good, but recent studies have shown that some Australian honeys also have medicinal grade antibacterial properties. The seminal study from Sydney University in 2011 that tested 477 samples from around Australia showed that a few honeys had similar or even better antibacterial properties to the Manuka honey. The ones that topped the list as #1 and #2 however were..... Marri and Jarrah!

These two trees are the most abundant in Roleystone. Marri



is the "honkey-nut" tree that has just finishing flowering prolifically over summer.

The outstanding antibacterial property is only one of several health benefits (e.g. immune system) that honey provides. Personally, I think that, to the normal consumer who eats it rather than applies it on their skin/wounds, it is these other as yet unquantified qualities that are probably more useful. But on top of Roleystone honey's outstanding antibacterial benefits, it is also totally delicious (local Marri blends are my favourite) **and** WA is one of the most bee-disease free places in the world.

How lucky are we?!

Reference Paper: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3065476/>

**Paul Mutton**

## LOCALS IN

## RED DRESS DASH

The Red Dress Dash was organised by the women's health and well being service to promote women's health and focus on heart disease, raising funds for the Heart Foundation. Some of our locals took part declaring it a great success.

'The Dash was a 5km fun run held at Champion Lakes. 'We had a lovely morning which was very family friendly. There were prizes for the best dressed competitor and a raffle and this was followed by a sausage sizzle.'

'We had a wonderful time,' said Julie Stack-Horgan.

**Pictured: Jennifer Hodson, Julie Stack Horgan, Natarsha Coghlan and Lina Uribe Rivero.**







## SCARLET DARLINGS GO TO FREO

Fantastic fun was had by 7 Scarlet Darlings this weekend when we joined 300 other red hatters from around Australia at the Fremantle Fling at Rydges Esplanade Hotel. The weekend began on Friday night with a cocktail gathering. The next day a lot of different events were organised and the Scarlet Darlings decided to cruise with lunch in the afternoon on a Captain Cook cruise up the Swan river. This followed a March through Freo, by most red hatters painting the town red and purple. The mayor of Fremantle welcomed us and said he hadn't seen as much purple there since last year's AFL finals. On Saturday night we donned our best attire and bling, and attended a Glamour Dinner held at the hotel. The weekend finished off with a wonderful F themed gathering for Sunday breakfast with all the trimmings, and the Darlings dressed as Freaky Felines. We then said our goodbyes until the next multi chapter gathering which will be held in Esperance in September.

*Maureen Woltersdorf*

*(aka Queen Scarlet Glitter) Scarlet Darlings*



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This property is also extremely private with its pretty and easily managed reticulated gardens & lawn set around the enchanting below ground pool entertaining area.

The attractive and exquisite rock walled front garden and water feature and side access to the powered workshop at the rear of the block complement this lovely home. All the work has been done so just enjoy your surrounds and welcome friends home.





Autumn is here - cooler mornings and nights and even some rain. And I love it. I have just been out and picked a large bunch of Easter Lilies - their sweet fragrance reminds me of my childhood. The aroma reminiscent of the end of the long, hot summer.

April's Courier feels a bit like this - a refreshing arrival, packed full of stories and events. This one was a total pleasure to compile and left me feeling very proud of my community. The last Sunday in March is 'Neighbour Day' and I think our community celebrates 'Neighbour Day' every day.

Recently Mike and I have been travelling to quite a few country locations doing author talks. We love them. And everyone always says that one aspect they have in common is that sense of community. City areas try to capture it but it is always so much more obvious in the country. And central to them all is their local paper.

These papers vary a lot but they all have that common theme of 'local folk, doing local things, locally'. Just like 'The Courier' and we have done this for 38 years! These papers are the glue that binds the community together. It is interesting to note that even with the growth of social media and the decline in the print media nationally, local newspapers are reporting that they are increasing in size and readership! We are here to stay!

I enjoy putting the magazine together each month. I love the wide array of articles and photos that come in and I'm constantly amazed at how much is going on. Of course some things come in that I do not print, I usually discuss this with the contributor but overall my guiding responsibility is to 'do no harm'.

Of course editing is a huge responsibility. Any media outlet juggles the dual responsibilities of serving the public interest and the right of individuals to privacy. This can be tricky and sometimes I have slipped up - please be assured that this is/was never my intention.

Occasionally paid contributions have caused concern when statements and claims made in advertisements have been seen as misrepresentations.

As the editor I have a disclaimer which absolves me of any responsibility for malicious or inaccurate content but I do request that all contributors and advertisers follow the same mantra as I do. This is our community and our responsibility is to make the community stronger and I believe we do not do this by making any part of it weaker.

This doesn't mean we should shy away from criticism, complaint or even fair competition. I want the Roleystone Courier to be a forum for healthy debate. This month's letters to the editor are a testament to this! We all just need to understand the importance and impact our words can have. We cannot 'unsay' things - no matter how much we try.

So please enjoy reading this month's Courier. Have a safe and enjoyable Easter and please enjoy the change of seasons.

*Linda Moore*



*Mason, Sam & Alan*

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## Musings On Other Inhabitants

*Isn't the rain wonderful? Driving up the hill under a lowering sky, a few plump drops splashed on the windscreen, but we knew there was more to come. The drops turned into a desultory five minute patter which woke the earth, silenced the birds and washed the trees. I dozed off to the scent of my garden in the rain.*

By morning the paths were running, the gutters clogged with flooded marri blossom and along the fence top little fly catchers and silvery eyes were attacking the insect bounty the rain had revealed.

Of course the ants were aware days ago. They've been busy colonising new haunts, striding steadily to and fro, industriously gathering and hoarding and shoring up. I heard recently that most ants are females, that the males are born without mouths and are only useful for reproductive services. What an Orwellian picture this is.

Inside my house the daddy longlegs have been equally industrious; their abdomens plumped to a bead shape with eggs which then hatch into a myriad of spiderlings who remain in close proximity on mum's web, before being eaten or making their way off into the wide world.

The motorbike frogs laid so much spawn in late February that the edges of the pond are black with taddies now. Sadly not all of them have made it to frogdom and because I reduced the bog mass to ensure a fresh water flow in another pond, I'm afraid I have upset their rhythm, but they will return.

In another part of the garden a swarm of bees has colonised a pipe. Conflicted by their fairly benign presence, I sought advice from several apiarists. The results were quite contradictory. Spray them with

Mortein and kill the lot. Keep a watching brief. Pay me huge bucks to remove or kill them.

We have opted for the possibility of rehousing them, they are quiet and healthy and make lovely honey.

It is difficult for many people not to resort to the spray and the ant rid to repel nature. So much of this modern world expects a pretty garden [and clean house], totally sanitised and purged of the very things which make it work: the eco-chains or webs of life. A eats B, B relies on C and so on. When we cut that chain the system begins to collapse. I despair when I see the pallets of weed killer and rows of garden poisons in the big hardware shops come spring. Do people read the labels? Do they know that some products which kill cockroaches for example, also take out vulnerable bees and wasps?

Cockroaches are food for huntsmen. Huntsmen are food for red and black wasps and vital for the latter's reproduction. If you freak at the sight of these large harmless hairy creatures and resort to the spray, not only do you give them a truly painful death, but you break the chain.

Parrots and cockatoos need 50-100 year old trees to nest in. Think about the vast cleared expanses of paddock and the reason why these birds attack the grain silos and orchards.

We have broken the chain.

So I nurture my daddy longlegs, wage battle to keep the marri trees untrimmed and watch the progress of the bees with interest.

And I revel in the renewing energy and life rhythms of the rain.

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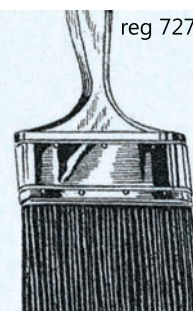
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A total of 44 clubs across the state registered for the initiative with the sale of each 10-ticket book capable of generating \$50 for the club.

The top selling club across the nation was from Western Australia, none other than our Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club which raised a huge \$14,895.

In total, clubs across WA raised a whopping \$77,875, third overall among the stats behind Victoria (\$94,505) and NSW (\$79,915).

The prize draw took place last Wednesday, with Jason Behrendorff making the call to the lucky winner of a brand new Toyota Rav4 - Byron Kakulus of City Beach.

To top off the Roleystone connection, 6th prize (a Panasonic HD LED LCD) was also sold by Roleystone Karragullen - and was won by Patrick Fisher a member of our local club. And he donated this back to the club - very generous of you Patrick. Sincere thanks must also go to Glenn Coppin for organising the competition on the club's behalf.

A sterling effort all round.

## Local Girls go off to the Lesmurdie Ball

*The Lesmurdie SHS Yr12 Ball was held on the 13th March at the Pan Pacific Hotel. Below is a gorgeous photo of five local girls. They are from left to right: Jamyla Mazzucchelli, Abbey Jones, Kalani Grant, Kimberley Allender and Brianna Jones.*



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'I want to focus on freshly baked and prepared food. So the cakes, muffins and sweets I will make myself and the pies and sausage rolls will be made each morning. I want to make the shop more inviting so customers can have a great, quality coffee and dine-in too. My aim is to provide healthy, tasty food that is reasonably priced,' said Kathy.

Over the Easter weekend Kathy will be providing Fish and Chips on Good Friday and then closing for the weekend to allow her to renovate.

Kathy would love new and old customers to let her know what they would like, so feel free to drop past and come and meet Kathy and her team.

## Roleystone Lunchbar Has a New Owner

The Roleystone Lunchbar has a new owner, and patrons are likely to notice a range of improvements over the next few months. Kathy Fisher has taken over and she has loads of ideas to spruce the place up and make it an inviting place; not just to get your takeaways but perhaps to stay awhile.

## Meadows Cousins Turn 70

*Rosemary turned 70 on the 5th of March and Rhonda followed on the 7th March. The similarities continue with Rhonda's husband's name Ross and Rosemary's eldest nephew also a Ross Meadows. Rhonda has a grandchild called Mila and Rosemary has a great niece called Milla Meadows.*

*Happy Birthday ladies.*



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Kelvin Oliver, our Town Planner and I, met with the new owner and we were very pleased and encouraged to listen to his vision for this site. The new owner's focus is to ensure the development will align to our community wishes (as identified in various surveys). He sees the development consisting of stand alone eco friendly houses in a pleasant environment satisfying the wishes and needs of future over 55 year's residents.

For those who are interested in acquiring a new home, contact can be made directly with the company director, at email [maguire679@gmail.com](mailto:maguire679@gmail.com). The homes will be made available on the basis of first come first served.

The developers are currently having discussions with various consultants, professionals and builders. As soon as initial planning is completed, we will be holding a public meeting so the developers can present the initial documented plans to the community.

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While in Germany Sophie was informed that she had achieved the position of Runner Up Dux for year 11 at Kelmescott SHS having topped every one of her subjects.

Now upon her return Sophie has been awarded the Albert Koutsoukis History and Geography Scholarship Prize for excellence.

A high achieving student, Sophie is on track to secure her place as one of the high achieving 99ers.

A popular person amongst teachers and fellow students, Sophie has her sights set on UWA to complete a degree in Political Studies and International Relations.

*Sophie is pictured with her Mum - Vicki Sallur.*



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You certainly did go the extra mile and that felt like a genuine community gesture rather than a commercial one. We had contact from every one of your team and it felt good to know there were so many people behind us.

Thank you all. We cannot recommend your services sufficiently to reflect all that you did, culminating in a personal card of congratulations and a specially chosen sparkling wine and chocolates. Cheers Maggie!

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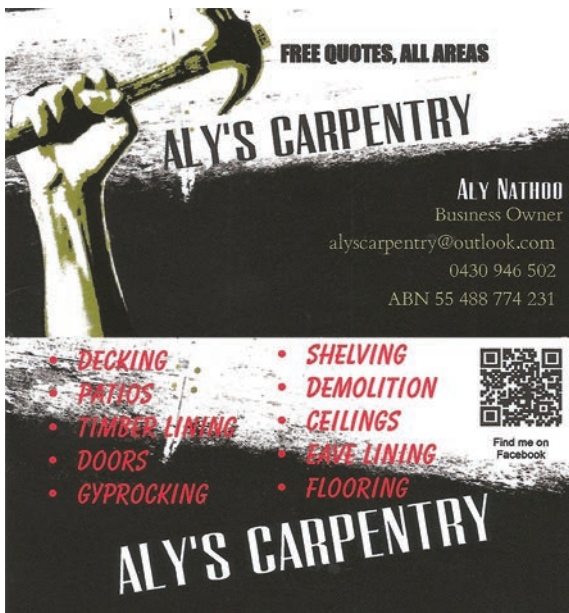


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# ALY'S CARPENTRY

### Do You Have Early Teenage Scooter Riding Sons?

Perhaps they come from the eastern side of Roleystone in a group of around 5 friends, sometimes more, sometimes less, to get to the shops, oval or skate park. Perhaps some of them live in the Hall Road direction & cut through the Attunga Road Reserve.

Perhaps one of the larger lads has a fluro tie-dyed top in his wardrobe. Another might have a very distinctive red topped, white based backpack. Another taller slimmer young man has a penchant to sarcastically give "Yes Ma'am, No Ma'am" type answers when confronted. Perhaps there is a young Shaun who had a mass of sandy hair in December.

Do you have a lad in your life who fills one of these descriptions?

Imagine if these delightful young men took an aversion to your house and decided it was humorous to constantly either ride or run down your driveway and bash on your house and hurl abuse (in very colourful language) as they run or ride away.

I would think that your reaction would be the same as ours - complete annoyance and bafflement. We do not know these young men. We had never seen them before all this annoyance started.

We still have no idea why our house is being targeted. Perhaps we're not the only ones?

They all attend the local college (perhaps they shouldn't come past after school with their uniforms on).

As all this has been happening for a fair while now and it seemed to escalate just before the December school holidays. We were desperate to have it stop. We were actually extremely concerned each time we left for work and were desperate to have something done before the holidays. So we installed security cameras, which the delightful lads noticed the day we installed them (we know, because they hurled their abuse, just out of sight, from the road).

Since we installed the system in early December they had not been back - lovely, mission accomplished.

Well, maybe not! Last weekend they were back, running down the driveway, bashing on the door and hurling abuse from the road. We can only assume that they think the cameras are dummies. If any of these young men seem remotely familiar to you, could you please let them know that the cameras are definitely recording and the last incident very clearly shows one of the young men's face.

What is happening to Roleystone? We have been living here for over 25 years and raised a family here. Having to install a security system was not something we had ever thought we would have to do here. We find it quite upsetting that this is the direction in which the area is heading.

*Name and address withheld*

### Verbal Abuse Causes Concern

I am a resident on Araluen Golf Resort and often visit the Roleystone Shopping Centre to purchase incidentals. As everyone is aware, the local community and council, as an initiative for the young people in the area, have built a skate park arena.

Whilst I am all for this as it provides entertainment and exercise for the children, lately there has been a certain element who use the corridors in the shopping area to ride skateboards, scooters and bicycles.

I was also shocked on Saturday when a group of "almost teenagers" with their skateboards, started verbally abusing two teenage girls because of their weight and size.

I made a comment to them that it was uncalled for and that they should not be so rude.

The response I received was, to say the least, unsettling and quite disturbing. I was told in no uncertain terms to, "F&^%\$ - Off you old C\*\$@ and mind your own business."

Now I am not sure if these kids are actual residents of the neighbourhood but assume they are, and would like to address this as I am sure that they pick on anyone that they think is easy game.

I would hope that the parents of these children would appreciate being made aware of their behaviour and nip it in the bud before someone takes serious offense and does something they may regret.

*Name and address withheld*

### Ignoring New Faces

I have lived in Roleystone for over 30 yrs and know many people. I recently moved into 'town' and have met many more lovely people. However, I have noticed a strange phenomenon. When I go to the Community College to collect my grandson from pre-primary I find that many of the young mothers who collect their children totally ignore 'new' faces that don't fit into their sphere of friends. It must be very hard for new people into the community to feel welcome if they are totally ignored.

So how about turning to a new face today and saying Hi!

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We wish to recommend Angela to other readers, especially for her great customer service, incredible value for money and most importantly because she loves our pets. And they feel the same about her!

Thanks from us all Angela and wishing you every success in the future!  
*From Edith, Ian, Arnie and Primrose too!*

## Visit to the Theatre Brings Back Memories

On the 13th March I went along to the Roleystone Theatre with my boyfriend Tim Kirk and Dad, Kim Bettenay to see Footrot Flats the Musical. It was such fun!

It was so lovely to be back at the old theatre and to see Nona's picture (Margaret Bettenay is a Life Member) and remember being there as a child. Footrot Flats was a musical based around the characters of the Footrot Flats comic strips. I really enjoyed seeing some familiar faces on the stage and at one point I recognised someone I went to school with! The costumes were great and I had a lot of laughs especially at Cecil 'the well hung ram'. It was lovely to see the Roley spirit with all the kids on stage as well. There were some amazing voices in the cast, and one in particular was the lady who played Deloris the pig (Bree Hartley) who managed to deliver a very sexy musical number dressed in full pig costume. Well done! All in all it was a funny show which brought some well loved characters to life and gave me a few good belly laughs.

And I won the raffle!

Everyone should make sure they go along to their local theatre. You will not be disappointed.

*Tessa Bettenay*

## Unightly Mess Near Clothing Bins

Recently I arrived at work to see a horrible mess all around the clothing bins at the Roleystone Shopping Centre. This unsightly mess was caused by careless dumping or vandals getting into the bins and discarding the clothes. Either way we had a mess and the clothes are ruined and of no use to the charities.

People who leave donations of clothes should only do so if there is room in the bins. No other items should be left - these bins are for clothing and small recyclable items; not discarded furniture and the like. Too often I see large items leaned against the bins. These are often 'borrowed', played with and then discarded and broken in the block behind. The bins are clearly marked that the charities will come to households to collect larger items. Everyone needs to just use some common sense!

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## From The Chillies

The 2015 Araluen's Fremantle Chilli Festival was amazing with beautiful weather and huge crowds again flocking in over two chilli filled days with over 17,500 paying visitors attending the event. Even though the event is sited in Fremantle, there is always a strong local presence at the festival.

A wide range of chillies on display had been grown at the Park and many of the festival employees were Araluen staff supported by a host of Roley locals helping on the gate and around the festival.

The annual thank you to sponsors was held the night before in the balmy surrounds of the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle.

So well done to: the organisers, the workers and to everyone who helps with this celebration of Everything Chilli.

*Pictured at right: Melissa and Josh Stokes and below bothers Russell and Mike Moore with Pepper. More photos p36 & 37.*



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## Peppa Says GOODBYE

*Sometimes life throws us a curve ball and you don't see it coming. If you are lucky enough you duck or you face it head on and you pick yourself up and play again. I'm playing again.*

On the 5<sup>th</sup> March, exactly two months to the day, since I lost my best friend and love of my life Mick, we sadly had to put our beautiful Dalmatian to sleep. Peppa was in our lives for nine years and like everyone who has a pet, they play a big part in your life and was a member of our family.

A week before Mick died, Peppa had an aggressive tumour appear on her leg. It was benign and we had it removed. Last month it came back again and more surgery was needed.

I think that Peppa never got over losing Mick. Some days she would sit and look at me and I could see the sadness in her eyes. There were three reasons for this. One she was actually dying, two she missed Mick and three she was saying goodbye.

On Thursday she had to get her stitches out but I knew then there was something wrong. She had gained a lot of weight in 3 days and she was quieter than normal.

After going to the Roleystone Vet and then travelling to the emergency animal hospital, she had an ultrasound. Her spleen had an aggressive tumour which was bleeding and her stomach had

filled with blood. She was slowly dying in front of our very eyes and we had to make a decision to let her go or keep fighting. This wasn't even an option. I couldn't put her through the pain and suffering when she had already been through enough.

To see the pain in my daughter's face when I explained to her that we needed to let her pet go was heart breaking. We were both there through the whole process and we got to say goodbye.

I couldn't believe that this was happening but at the same time I wasn't surprised. Peppa was sick for quite a while and I think she knew Mick needed her more than we did and she knew that we were going to be OK without her.

I am a very proud person and I get up every morning wanting to scream at the world for being so unfair and wondering why us? There is a reason for everything in our lives and we all have a path to tread. I'm in 4WD at the moment but I'm carrying the most precious cargo in the world - my daughter.

At least I have some precious memories. My pet was always happy to see me no matter how late it was and was always happy to have a hug or wake me up in the morning. Peppa was never grouchy. Those memories are what I hang on to and get me through each day.

I want to thank the Roleystone Veterinary Surgery and Waves for all their help and support.

And I want to say thanks to my amazing group of friends who are watching out for me. I'm just waiting for the next curve ball and when it comes I'm going to slam it out of the park and hit a home run.

*Edith Smith*

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## Bogan Bingo

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The Bogan Bingo-ers came from as far afield as Rockingham (no comment!) and Forrestdale and everyone entered into the spirit of the evening and had a great night.

Air guitar enthusiasts took to the stage and displayed their talents and then the models hit the cat walk for the Fashion parade, all to the delight of the crowd happy to watch others have a great time and perhaps go just ever so slightly OTT.

Some of our local identities entered into the spirit of the evening including Kerry Fidock from Jarrah Settlements who strutted her stuff.

The focus for the night was to raise funds and team captain Maggie Munkley thanked everyone for coming and supporting this cause. By the end of the evening the event had raised a staggering \$4700!

For Maggie and her team, including local Maria Ford who was the key organiser of the night, this was a fantastic result. On behalf of Team Boo-Bees thank you to everyone who provided donations for the prizes and a huge thank you to everyone who attended and made this such a huge success.

The Serpentine Jarradale Relay for Life 24 hour walk is on 27/28 March and the results from this event will be a great bonus to the final amount the team raises.

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*Pam Edwards*



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## RCC DDSA Champions 2015

*Congratulations to the Roleystone Community College Interschool Swimming Team who defeated Armadale and Kelmscott Primary Schools at the Dale District Sports Association Swimming Carnival.*

*Students from years three to six selected from our Inter-House Carnival competed in a variety of individual events along with freestyle and medley relays.*

*It was a great day, with some fabulous swimming races by individuals and teams.*

*Well done RCC. A great result!*

*Pictured: Josh Anson, Kyte Knowles, Jessica Moore, Brodie Deacon.*

## Free School Holiday Activities

The City of Armadale will be hosting free school holiday activities in the Jull Street Mall, Armadale. The City is activating the Jull Street Mall and making it a vibrant, inviting space for our community.

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Helpful advice for backyard fruit growers on fruit fly control has been provided by the Department of Agriculture and Food in a short video.

Mediterranean fruit fly (*Ceratitis capitata*) is a serious horticultural pest which attacks a range of cultivated fruits and some fruiting vegetables in Western Australia.

Department Senior Research Officer Darryl Hardie said fruit fly had been established in Western Australia for more than 100 years and it was vital growers continued their efforts in controlling the pest.

"Publication of the video is timely because the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) has banned the use of the insecticide fenthion by commercial orchardists, effective October 2015," Dr Hardie said.

"Once the ban is implemented, it will be vital for backyard gardeners, commercial growers and community groups to work together to control fruit fly populations in their areas."



**Ernie Steiner and his home made traps**

Dr Hardie said there was now no silver-bullet approach to Medfly control.

"Strategies suggested for backyard fruit growers in the video include baiting early and often, trapping fruit fly, preventing fruit fly access to fruit, and disposing of fly-infested and unwanted fruit."

Department Irrigated Agriculture Executive Director John Ruprecht said the video reflected the department's commitment to work with the broader community to prioritise biosecurity issues that threaten the State's agricultural industries.

"By providing Medfly control advice to backyard fruit growers, the video is helping ensure the productivity of the local fruit industry is not unduly constrained by the pest fruit fly," he said.

The department video outlining Medfly control strategies is available from the [department website agric.wa.gov.au](http://department.website.agric.wa.gov.au) and on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) search for 'DAFWA managing Mediterranean fruit fly'.

More information on Medfly and its control is available on the [department website agric.wa.gov.au](http://department.website.agric.wa.gov.au).

## Round 2 of Community Grants Now Open

The second round of the City's Community Grants Program 2014 – 2015 is now open. The City welcomes applications from a variety of non-profit organisations. These include community service providers and groups associated with community welfare, education, arts and culture, youth, seniors, children and families, sporting and other community building activities.

Local community groups can apply for up to \$1000 funding for initiatives which service the residents from across the City of Armadale.

Contact the Community Development Support Officer on 9399 0642 or [info@armadale.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@armadale.wa.gov.au) to discuss your proposed project, confirm eligibility and request an application form.



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*As part of working for a Community Bank we are regularly involved in local events and fundraising activities.*

*As part of a course I am doing for The Bendigo Bank I am involved in fundraising for the RFDS.*

*The group I am working with decided to raise funds for the RFDS as they are an amazing service that has saved so many lives over the years. Many people I have spoken to recently have mentioned they know somebody who has needed the assistance of the RFDS. I have a fundraising tin at the local Bendigo branch in Roleystone and I am extending a request to the people of Roleystone to help me fill it. Please come in and chat to me and share your stories"*

*Helen Gissing*

## The Intensive Crew

*Intensive Crew are a team who are dedicated to raising funds for & awareness of the Intensive Care Foundation funding vital research & training to improve survival rates & quality of lives saved in Intensive Care Units.*

**ATTENTION ALL FOOTY TIPPERS!**

We would like to invite you to join Intensive Crew's footy tipping competition for 2015. Just \$50 to enter. 60% of the entry fees will be returned as prize money. (Amounts will be confirmed at the start of the season) with 40% of the entry fees being donated to Intensive Care Foundation.

To enter, please search for [tipping.afl.com.au](http://tipping.afl.com.au)

Once you have registered & have a login, you can then join our competition by hovering over the Comp Tab, then select "Join a Comp". Enter Comp name: "Intensive Crew" & then Password – Intensive.



**Sharon and Alan Knapp**

Email us at [intensivecrewperth@gmail.com](mailto:intensivecrewperth@gmail.com) for account payment details. We look forward to seeing you in our competition this year.

### Sausage Sizzle

On Saturday 18th April between 9.30am & 1pm, we will be having a Sausage Sizzle outside Fidock & Co Real Estate. The cost of the sausage sizzle & drinks will be a donation to Intensive Care Foundation. We would love you to come on down & say Hi, have a sausage & a chat.

### Perth Oz Comic-Con 2015

Two of Intensive Crew team members - Matt Hill and Adam Knapp - have decided that they will take a different approach to raising the much needed funds for the Intensive Care Foundation.

On April 11-12 at Oz Comic Con Perth they will be wearing Cinderella & Rapunzel costumes. They have already raised \$1,154, however, if they reach the \$1,500 they will shave arms, legs & chest. If they reach \$2,000 they will have professional makeup done so that they look just like the princesses from your childhood (Just taller & prettier). \$3,000 will see them wax arms, legs & chest.

If you are going to be at Oz Com in Perth and want to get your photo taken with the lovely pair in all their glamorous glory they will be available for photographs between 8am - 10am both days. All it takes is a gold coin donation.

To donate to this fantastic cause, help save lives & see Matt & Adam become the Prettiest Princesses at the ball, please just go to - <https://hbfrun2015.everydayhero.com.au/mattadam-65>

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# Scarecrows @ The Harvest Festival



Autumn is here and it's time again for the Bickley Valley Harvest Festival. On the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd of May the Bickley Valley will be a hive of activity with over 18 venues opening their doors.

MyattsField Vineyards on Union Rd in Carmel are no exception. There will be live music from 1pm - 4pm each day, different cuisines: a range of great foods with ice-cream for kids and adults! There will be arts and craft activities for the kids including pony rides on Sunday, not forgetting some wonderful wines for sale.

Don't forget the Muscular Dystrophy Scarecrow Competition!

Muscular dystrophy is a neuromuscular, genetic disorder which results in the progressive deterioration of muscle strength and function. There are in excess of 70 types of muscular dystrophy affecting more than 20,000 Australians. Western Australians living with muscular dystrophy face daily challenges, their muscles waste away which steals their independence, they are confined to electric wheelchairs because they can no longer walk, and in many cases, each day, it becomes more difficult for them to breathe. There are 5 Prizes to be won!

1st Prize (open) - \$500

People's Choice Award (open) - \$300

Awarded to the scarecrow that gains the most votes over the Harvest Festival weekend.

Schools Award - \$300 Themed - "The Hills of Yester Year" Open to all Primary and High Schools and school aged community groups (<18 years of age at the time of judging).

Kids under 13 - \$100 Open to children under the age of 13 at the time of judging.

Kids 13 - 18 - \$100 Open to all children between the ages of 13 and 18 at the time of judging.

The entry forms are due on Sunday 19th April and scarecrow to be delivered between 24th April - 1st May to MyattsField Cellar door. Entries are \$5 per scarecrow or \$20 for 4 or more scarecrows. (Please note one entry consisting of multiple scarecrows will be charged accordingly).

All money goes to Muscular Dystrophy WA. The scarecrows will be on display in the "Scarecrow Walk" at MyattsField during the Harvest Festival weekend. Winners will be announced at 3pm on Sunday 3rd May.

Or if any of this isn't your thing why not book into MyattsField's Harvest Long Table Lunch. Come and relax in MyattsField's VIP area and indulge in an 8 course progressive lunch matched with new release and museum wines.

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The Roleystone Autumn Market held on Sunday March 1st was a great success with balmy weather and a spectacular sunset framing a wonderful concert at the close of the day.

A large crowd enjoyed the 80+ stalls full of temptations and many stayed on to enjoy the talented bands from the RMC who entertained us into the evening. Once again this market was superbly organised and 'hats off' to the committee for the efforts. With the Concert in The Park events folding, Roleystone is now the only one to remain and thanks to The Roleystone Musicians Club for putting this on for us and to the City of Armadale for continuing to sponsor this very valued event. The next market will be held during winter - watch this space for dates and times.

For more information on the Roleystone Markets like their Facebook page or email [roleystonemarkets@outlook.com.au](mailto:roleystonemarkets@outlook.com.au)



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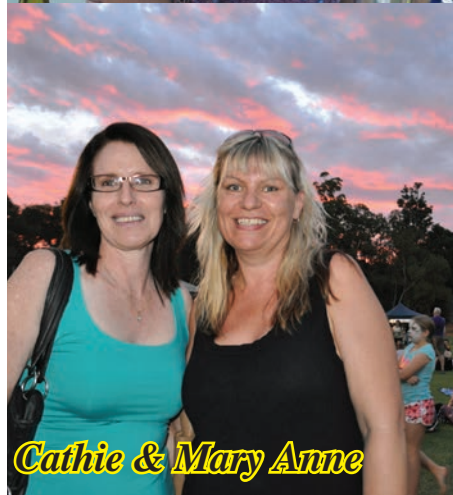
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## AUTUMN ACTIVITIES AT THE MUSEUM

History House Museum will be hosting a range of free, family friendly school holiday activities from 4th to 19th April.

Families will have the opportunity to browse through the museum, look through our collections and learn more about the City's local history.

### Hot Air Balloons

Wednesday 8 April, 10am – noon

Create your own World War One hot air observation balloon. Suitable for children aged six to 12. Bookings are essential.

### Trench Periscopes

Wednesday 15 April, 10am – noon

Trench periscopes were created in World War One. Come along and create your own to take home. Suitable for children aged six to 12. Bookings are essential.

### Museum Trail

Browse through various objects in the Museum and learn more about their stories. This event will be on throughout the school holidays.

### Object Artistry

Create your own artwork based on an object that you have seen in the museum to add to the display at the front gallery.

To book for Hot Air Balloons or Trench Periscopes visit [library.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://library.armadale.wa.gov.au) or call 9399 0670.

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## RCC Enrolments

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- proof of Roleystone or local area address.

If you have a kindy child attending Roleystone Community College in 2015, now is the time to enrol them for their first year of formal education in pre-primary. Please bring with you the above documents.



## Girls On The Porch At The Markets

*Thank you to all who called by the Girls on the Porch stall at the recent Roleystone Markets, and supported us by buying our NBCF merchandise. It was a fantastic day and a great start to our fundraising for 2015.*

*Thanks Wendy and Melissa*

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## CONFLICT AND COMPASSION AN ANZAC TRIBUTE

*The Roleystone Theatre will be presenting an evocative event in May: Conflict and Compassion, an Anzac Tribute. This will be an evening of song and performance - with a focus on the sacrifice of our first ANZACs - especially those who hailed from our own area. This National Trust Heritage festival event is sponsored and brought to you by The City of Armadale, The Roleystone Theatre and Linda's Books.*

The first half of the evening will feature a reading from local author Linda J Bettenay's book 'Wishes for Starlight'. In this extract two soldiers are reminiscing about their Gallipoli experiences on the night of the evacuation - December 20th 1915. This will be powerfully delivered by actor Paul Peacock. A light hearted tone will be introduced with a medley of WW1 songs performed by the Armadale Primary School choir led by music

teacher Bree Hartley. And yes, the audience is encouraged to sing along to tunes like: 'A Long Way To Tipperary' and 'Along The Road To Gundagai'.

This Anzac Tribute will include an original war song written by an Armadale man in 1915. A video tribute will feature many of our local boys and images of that iconic time as a backdrop to performances by Paul and Bree and the choir.

The second half will be the last chance for locals to see: 'At The Going Down of The Sun'; a poignant theatrical performance derived from Bettenay's first book, 'Secrets Mothers Keep'.

This moving event features Bree Hartley and Michael Forman from the Roleystone Theatre, with narration by Linda and live music by Kim Bettenay. The performance features actors reading letters from a sweetheart to her soldier boyfriend in Gallipoli. The audience will be brought to tears as the readings end and Kim delivers a powerful rendition of The Last Post played on his lap steel guitar. This should not to be missed.

This has played to packed houses over Perth and it is appropriate that the Roleystone Theatre will be the venue for their final performance.

'Conflict and Compassion an Anzac Tribute' is scheduled to be at the Roleystone Theatre on May 15th with a 7:30 arrival time for an 8:00pm start. Tickets will be available, for the very reasonable price of \$5 per head. This will include a complementary sherry on arrival and tea coffee and Anzac biscuits at intermission.

Copies of Linda J Bettenay's books: 'Wishes For Starlight' and 'Secrets Mothers Keep' will be available for purchase on the evening. For further details about Linda's Books, go to [www.lindasbooks.com.au](http://www.lindasbooks.com.au) or visit

Linda's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/lindasbookswa](http://www.facebook.com/lindasbookswa).

To book your ticket please head to our website [www.roleystonetheatre.com.au](http://www.roleystonetheatre.com.au) or call Bobbie and Gerry Chapman on 9397 5730. This will be a one-off event so please book early to avoid disappointment.

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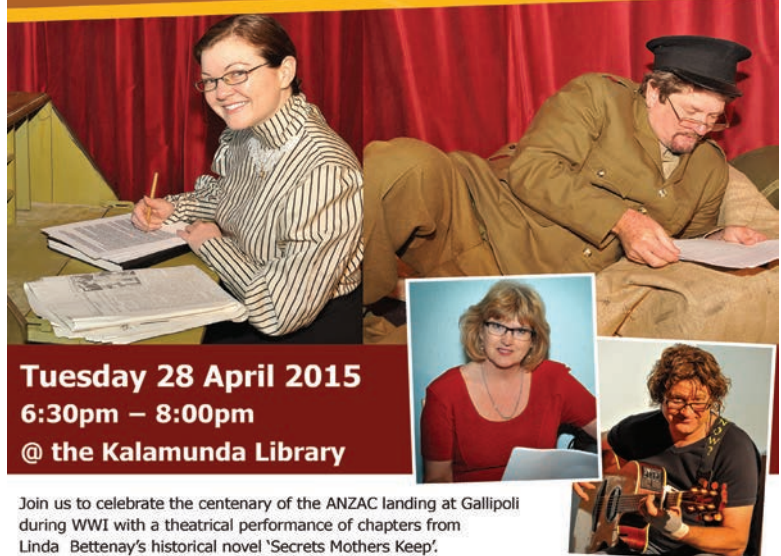


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## Roleystone Badminton Club

Barbara and Tony are the latest recruits at the Roleystone Badminton Club.

Barbara says she had never played Badminton before and thought she would give it a go. Tony says he likes being active in the local community and both agree that Badminton is great fun.

Why don't you give Badminton a try?

We play every Tuesday morning at the Roleystone Hall on the corner of Wygonda and Jarrah Roads. Play starts at 9am and finishes at 10:30am. Anyone is welcome, we even have some spare racquets. The cost is only \$5! You can just turn up or phone Trudie on 93976920 for more information.

*Trudie McCain*



### Cricket Windup

The RKCC is celebrating the end of season and wants to invite folks to our annual windup at the Pickering Brook Sports Club on Saturday 18th April. Tickets are available for \$75 through [www.trybooking.com/HFDU](http://www.trybooking.com/HFDU) or [www.trybooking.com/123510](http://www.trybooking.com/123510). Top quality catered night, beer and wine all night, live performances, red carpet arrivals, photographers and much, much more on offer.

*Todd Bendall*

### ROLEYSTONE GUMNUT PLAYGROUP

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup's AGM has been rescheduled to Monday, 4th May. The meeting will be held at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre, 19 Wygonda Rd and will commence at 7:30pm. All current members are encouraged to attend.

## Charity Dog Wash

Roleystone Animal Hospital will be holding a charity Dog Wash Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of April with all proceeds on the day going to the Australian Animal Cancer Foundation (AACF), a not-for-profit organisation that supports research into companion animal cancers, funds new equipment and helps support animals with existing cancer, as well as the education and training of veterinarians in the latest treatment methods.

To secure your dog's wash by the staff at Roleystone Animal Hospital, please ring the clinic on 9390 4026 – the cost is \$20 with all money raised to AACF, and all dogs get a show bag as well!

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## Roley Scouts



The Roleystone Scout Group has had a fantastic start to 2015. This term has seen new members in all sections, as well as some of our existing Joeys moving up to Cubs and some of our Cubs moving up to Scouts!

Many of our Joeys (6-7.5 years) recently achieved their Buddy Challenge badges, a badge designed to broaden their sense of community and to help them understand that they are part of a larger worldwide movement. To achieve this our Joeys participated in sleepovers, and went on picnic outings and discos!

This term the Joeys also got to do fun activities like learning to tie reef knots using lolly snakes, went on an excursion to Roley Pool and had some lovely gentlemen from Birdlife WA come to visit and take the Mob out to do some bird watching on the Karragullen Oval!

Our Cub Scout section (7.5-10.5 years) has focused on getting outdoors this term, with an

### ROOS AT THE VET

Recently Tiffany at Roleystone Animal Hospital was approached with a bit of a challenge. Eight young kangaroos, being looked after by two private carers, came in for checkups and vaccinations as they move towards their release.

Dr Tiffany's response: 'This is a labour of love by these carers! Marsupial carers are a dedicated bunch, putting their time and care into these guys for months before they are released back into the wild. One of the roos was affected by the recent fires and has healed incredibly well and is doing very well.'

*Well done to all concerned.*



excursion to the Armadale Aquatic Centre, and many outdoor activities including cooking, fitness, games and learning to build bivouac shelters.

The Roleystone Skate Park was the place to be for our Scout Troop (10.5-15 years) at the end of March, with a night spent skating and practicing those scooter moves. This term the Scouts also took their bikes up to the Scout Hall and explored the trails around the Karragullen Oval, and some of our Scouts have taken the exciting step of registering for the 2016 Australian Scout Jamboree to be held in Sydney, next January!

As a group, some of our families travelled down to the Eaton Scout Campground near Bunbury for our annual Family Camp in March. We had a great time getting to know friends old and new, with all our sections represented both by youth members and leaders. Some of our fantastic Scouts took the opportunity to teach our Cubs and Joeys to kayak, with 6 of our Cubs earning their Level 1 Canoeing badge! It was amazing to see how quickly the kids learnt the skills required, and watch members as young as six confidently manoeuvre a kayak unassisted!

We were even lucky enough to see some dolphins carousing in the Collie River, with some of our kayakers getting a closer, more personal experience than those watching from the shore. Some of our Cubs also earned badges in Cooking, Swimming and Fishing - a great result for a weekend! We also enjoyed mini golfing, geocaching, fishing, toasting marshmallows and the kids even managed to build some mattress forts in the dorms!

If you're interested in getting involved with Scouting then please contact our Group Leader Mark Thompson on 0438964441. We have active sections for boys and girls from 6 years upwards.

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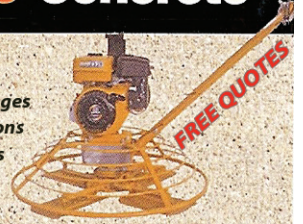
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## RKCC Steal Memorable Flag

Before we get to the good part, let's recap on the final round of the season across the grades.

A Grade needed a victory in the final round to pip eventual champions Ellenbrook to 4th spot but it wasn't to be. A repeat of last year's final was expected to be a close affair and it was but things got off to a shaky start with the RKCC being bowled out for just 53. While the response from our formidable bowling attack showed signs of a comeback, Lesmurdie-Mazenod took first innings points after being bowled out in a slow paced innings of just 73 off 43 overs. A 2nd innings 81 by Patrick Fisher got the RKCC to 9/172 but with time running out there was no chance of an outright win and a disappointing season comes to an end with A Grade finishing up in 5th spot, just 5 points behind Ellenbrook (who managed to win the flag by bowling Swan View out for just 18)!

B Grade also needed a big victory for a place in the finals and were also up against Lesmurdie-Mazenod. A team effort with the ball saw Lesmurdie-Mazenod dismissed for 217, leaving our B Grade boys needing to post their first 200 plus score for the season. Unfortunately we fell short and were bowled out for 148. With time to play and a fired up Greg James bowling Lesmurdie-Mazenod out for 106 with his fantastic figures of 8/31, the RKCC were set a target of 175 but with only 4 overs left to play, the result was foregone. The boys had a quick hit out and finished with 3/36 off the 4 overs but just like A Grade, the B Grade side end their season with a first innings loss. 5th spot also for B Grade, just 3 points shy of 4th.

Matters got worse for RKCC as the club was facing down the barrel of a Lesmurdie-Mazenod clean sweep across the grades with C Grade also being pitched against the boys in yellow. A flurry of wickets at the end of the first days play prevented what was looking like a 300 plus score but instead the visitors finished with 9/248 off the maximum 65 overs. Luke Snadden, the only highlight with his figures of 4/34. The response the following day from our beloved C Grade meant an early finish to the day and a bit of extra time to celebrate the end of the season. Managing to last 48.5 of the 65 overs garnered some respect but having been bowled out for 86, some 162 runs behind meant there was no need to bother playing on and 6th spot was where we stayed.

D Grade didn't seem to fair much better in their final match of the season against Maylands, having already played Lesmurdie-Mazenod two rounds earlier. RKCC won the toss and elected to bat first but only managed to post 139 with Justin Dickenson smashing his way to 45 and Lars Oleson finishing not out on 32. The Maylands response was a resounding one as they made the score having only lost 4 wickets. In the case of one-day games of course the winning side continues to bat the allotted overs and despite this we did not manage to take any more wickets with Maylands finishing the day 4/194. After some good wins in the season, the lads will find themselves unfortunate to have finished 7th on the ladder.

Now to the good part! Perennial battlers E Grade finished the regular season in 2nd spot thanks to a victory over, you guessed it, Lesmurdie-Mazenod in the final match of the season. It was a close match with Roley being bowled out for 181 on the 2nd last ball but found themselves lucky to get there if not for a Jon Stapleton 76 and a captains knock from



Steve Reeves of 41. The wickets were shared in the defence but 3 wickets for both Dan Faranda and Vince Baeli pegged the visitors down to fall short of the target by just 16 runs. A 1 v 2 semi-final was to follow in the next week against first placed Glen Forrest who had only lost one game in the season thus far and were looking the goods. They proved this form in the semi-final by bowling RKCC out for just 99 and losing only 5 wickets in the chase. Having finishing 2nd however we had a second chance against the winner of 3 v 4 which in this case was Maylands. On a rainy Saturday at Cross Park in a reduced overs match, Maylands finished their innings 7/117 (29 overs) thanks to Paul Manning, the man with a million medals, who bowled 7 overs 4/24. The match was called off just 6 overs in to the chase but with RKCC finishing higher on the table it meant a default victory to the old boys and yet another Grand Final berth. Again up against a dominant Glen Forrest side, it was the home side who won the toss and batted first. A decent start from Glen Forrest saw them to 1/63 before Paul Manning and Dan Faranda took to them, finishing with figures of 2/31 and 3/14 respectively. A couple of dropped catches saw a few shakes in the knees but chasing 7/129 off the allotted 40 seemed a do-able task for the RKCC. The chase started well with Matt Faranda giving the bowling what it deserved while Graham Fuller held up his end. The opening stand was broken on 25 but with Jon Stapleton coming in at 3 the innings was rebuilt and was steadied to 121 before Matt Faranda was stumped having made a valuable 67.

The final few runs were scored with plenty to spare and had Graham Fuller not made 3 runs, Jon Stapleton would have also made a match-winning 50. RKCC defy the odds, beating a virtually unbeaten Glen Forrest side by a massive 8 wickets with 10 overs to spare. Brilliant work lads and well done Paul Manning on his 7th flag for the club.

Todd Bendall



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## Roleybushcare April

### PROPAGATION PROJECT

Roleybushcare has just embarked on an exciting new project. Ian Colquhoun, the chair of the Group, said:

'The project is called Local Plants for Local Areas and we have received a \$5000 grant from the SGIO Community Grant Program. Nurseries stock very few plant species that are local to Roleystone so we will grow them ourselves. However, it is not going to be easy because many species that are common in our local forest need to be grown from cuttings.'

The SGIO grant was used to purchase

April 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 the carpark next to the Roleystone Seniors building in Jarrah Road.

Instruction in treating the trees is available from 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.

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Politics is often not what is said, but how it is said, and the intent behind it. It is the job of oppositions to ensure, where possible, that legislation that the government of the day is trying to move through the Parliament is in the best interests of the community, from whatever political perspective they have. Sadly, often, the chance to throw mud at the government seems to take first place in the minds of those opposite.

There was a debate in the Upper House recently that focussed on the work that has been done to improve our rivers and waterways, and I was disgusted in the direction it took.

Labor members for the East Metropolitan Region individually spoke against a motion to support ongoing action to improve the Canning and Swan Rivers in Parliament. They were dismissive of action to date; of the hard work that community groups, Government and local individuals have put into improving the quality of our rivers and waterways.

Then the Hon Sally Talbot MLC went one step further by personally insulting everyone who works with the important oxygenation plants that have been set up as part of the waterways improvement strategy, saying, *“every time a minister, a parliamentary secretary or a member of the government goes out to look at the oxygenation plants, the staff get a memo stating, ‘Turn the bubbles on because the pollies like the bubbles!’”* (from Hansard)

Really, such a slur needs an apology. I would like to think that the Honourable Member can step past her automatic dismissal of anything the government says to offer one, but time will tell.

Recently, the Government have added an additional Oxygenation plant to the Canning River, have allocated \$2 million for foreshore protection and rehabilitation,

and funded 25 groups to the tune of almost a third of a million dollars for 58 landcare projects.



In addition, the introduction of the hugely popular and important River Rangers Primary Cadet program is ensuring that the next generation has a critical understanding on the importance of our rivers.

There is still more work to be done, everyone agrees with that, but with recent a Murdoch university study (The 2014 Fish Community Index) showing that the rivers' health has improved since the mid 2000's, the ongoing hard work is having a real effect, and will continue to do so.

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

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*The crowd at Concert in the Park*



*John and Chris get ready for Concert in The Park*



## March Club Night Report



Ashleigh, Jordenn & Sophia



Gary, Chris, Tim & Albert



Inbreeds



The Ugly Sisters

Our March Club Night included our AGM voting for this year's Committee. Eighty seven people arrived to enjoy the evening and 26 members were there to vote!

The new Committee is:  
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Thanks to first timers the Ugly Step Sisters, Emma, Bec and Nici for their set. We really enjoyed their versions of Feel Good, Royal, & Valerie. This is our first all-girl band in a long time. We hope you come back again girls!

We were also treated to a version of Vance Joys Riptide by Ashleigh, Jordenn with Sophia on ukulele, which brought the house down! These performers are our future! Every month we attract new members. It was great to meet drummer Snowy and guitarist/vocalist Dixie who performed, with backing from RMC members, John, Rob and Dale.

Dave Cooper gave us a solo performance, Gary H brought a new bunch of guys 'The Inbreeds', local teen band Placid were back with their new drummer Tom and the Righteous Few gave us a set with Chris back on drums.

Another great night ended with some of the Bogan Bingo attendees wandering over to the Clubhouse for a look. Roleystone was really jumpin' with nearly 300 people enjoying these two events at Cross Park. So, there's no reason to drive down the hill when we have entertainment right here in Roleystone.

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It is hoped that you are able to attend our ceremony.



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The Roleystone Sing Australia will be performing again at the lovely Araluen Botanical gardens adjacent to the cafeteria on the 11th April starting at 12noon and finishing at 1:00pm.

We are a small group but are always looking for new members so please come along you don't have to be a good singer, we practice every Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 at the Roleystone Community Centre.  
Ray Mason

## For Aubrey

The mud sat  
Day after day  
Refreshed into an unyielding enemy by  
tropical rain

Continuous rice and bully beef  
Hid hunger but provided no comfort  
Fear sat alongside cold tea  
While rustling grasses kept ears alert

Blisters formed from socks that bit  
Stomachs gripped until they yielded  
Each sodden path challenged the spirit  
Night brought no relief

The sky was a place too close  
Splattered by jungle green  
Squadrons came and spilt their fury  
While tracers leapt from grounded  
guns

When combat shook life  
The mud pebbled with youthful blood  
Trodden with desperate boots  
Lest injured mates be left in drowning  
squelch

Arms enfolded lingering lives  
Tears fell for what might have been  
With tribute each comrade was  
remembered  
Anger filled minds as aim was taken

Always one more mile  
The dread of advancing enemy  
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Quietness no less daunting than a  
melee of shouting foe

Far off places where loved ones waited  
Dreams of warmth long lost

Only men with similar pains  
Broke the solitary thoughts each soldier  
held

The mud sat  
Day after day  
Many men fell while knee deep in its grip

for Aubrey Cecil Hannah

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## Gardening Notes with Jean

What a difference a bit of rain makes! Everything in the garden seems to grow and flourish, things we thought might have died all appear again. Even the will to be outside returns. Gardeners are an optimistic hardy breed and they just hibernate when the weather demands, only to bounce back with renewed vigour.

As we look around the garden trying to get just one more flush of the roses we discover the first of the sasanqua camellias coming into flower and the buds forming on the japonica bushes. Some quite large but not yet ready to burst into colour.

Then we look around the district to see the autumn tones starting to come on our deciduous trees. Make a note, we all must slip over to Araluen Botanic Garden in the next few weeks as there are so many different autumn plants growing there and I am sure the roses will still be flowering.

Oh yes! There are probably a few bulbs starting to send up green shoots reminding us not to forget to order our spring bulbs and get them in to chill!

The Open Garden Scheme gardens are once again opening - you can see what works for a garden and what never will. This is the last year these gardens will be open; sadly this scheme is coming to an end.

Luckily 'The Amanda Young Garden' will open again in October, while the "Amanda" roses are in bloom. The owner, Lorraine is asking for donations of plants to sell at their next opening. If each of us can offer something they will once again get a bumper selection of plants. Anything that is building up in your garden and you value it is acceptable. I put in lots of sticks of geranium around Christmas and all have taken beautifully. So this will be my offering this year.

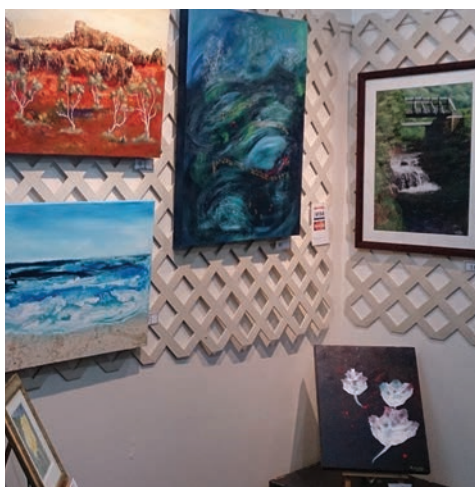
Sue and Joyce from the garden club passed me a lovely bush of Lasiandra and I am hoping this might allow me to strike cuttings of it in years to come. So many things are easy to divide now the ground is still warm and the climate is cooling down.

Yesterday I crushed up a hedge of self-sown Evening Primrose plants. I hope I eliminated them before they went to seed. Yes, I like the tall bushy yellow flowered plants but these were at least as tall as me and as wide. They had protected my camellias and frangipani throughout the summer months but had outlived their usefulness. Occasionally I like to see the plants that I have chosen and planted.

Now I must get out and tidy up the area where they were growing.

For now good gardening - and don't forget to sow your everlasting seeds.

*Jean Evans*



## DOT EXHIBITS @ GENESIS

This month's exhibition at Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant will feature the works of Dot Marshall. Dot has belonged to Armadale Society of Artists since 2002 and has been active on the committee since then. She is currently the President and is enjoying being involved with a great group of like minded people. On leaving school in England Dot attended the Taunton College of Art, where she studied design and drawing but when she married and had a family, art took a back seat. After retiring a few years ago she has been able to unlock her passion for art again. Dot says: "I hope I will never want to stop learning, I feel alive and free when I am painting, I only wish I had the time to have started painting again earlier. My advice to anyone with even the slightest urge to paint and draw is DO IT NOW! I hope you enjoy looking at my paintings, and know that they are painted with lots of love."

Dot now conduct classes and workshops at the Art House, and takes great delight in watching emerging artists develop their skills and their own style. She is also available for demonstrations. She has a studio at the Art House and welcome visits from anyone interested in art.

You can contact her at [dot@dotmarshall.com](mailto:dot@dotmarshall.com) or come and see her art on display over the next month at Genesis.

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## ARALUEN NOTES

Liz Dunn



### Araluen's Fremantle Chilli Festival

The Araluen's Fremantle Chilli Festival attracted another big crowd in near perfect weather conditions. We were very happy with the site plan and feel we have finally got it right. Extending the site to include the Carriage Café gave the festival a feeling of space and shade and worked well.

Over the past couple of years we have seen a big increase in the number of families attending the festival and we attribute this to our pricing structure of having children, 0 – 17 free. We have also moved towards more entertainment for children with Spare Part Puppet Theatre's roving puppets, workshops and Freedom Fairies face painting.

The Bailey's Garden Stage had a variety of entertainment from well known media personalities Verity James, John Colwill, Neville Passmore and Steve Wood talking on 'Everything you wanted to know about Chillies'.

The very talented blues singer Mike De Velta entertained the crowd with his special brand of music. Also on stage were Matt Waring and Sierra Pines, one a talented soloist and the other a duo.

Over on the Ole Paella Stage we had a series of cooking demonstrations with lot of free tastings being given out.

The inaugural Cocktail Gastronomy Great Cocktail Challenge attracted a large crowd. Thank you to all those who took part and produced some amazing chilli cocktails, and to our 3 judges who had the best job - sampling the chilli cocktails.

The on-site broadcast by Mix 94.5 was a great boost to the weekend and the Chilli Peepers were amazing wandering around giving out vouchers and prizes.

### Holiday Activities

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# ROLEYSTONE Theatre

The 21st of March signalled the end of our first production for the year, 'Footrot Flats - The Musical'.

The show was a delight for all ages and performed to several sell-out audiences. This musical was a delight for those involved with many old and new members joining our stage for this production.

Auditions for our next play 'SALONIKA' are to be held on the 19th of April from 1-6pm at the Theatre. Written by Louise Page and Directed by Phil Mackenzie, this production will have its performance season in June 2015.

## ONE ACT SEASON 2015

Submissions for our 2015 One Act Season, to be held on the 11th and 12th of September, are now open. We invite all directors - new and old - to submit their shows for the season. This is a chance for anyone who wishes to get involved in theatre, to have their start. We will also be entering your play under the Roleystone Theatre name in the ITA's Dramafest, also held in late September. Please see the Roleystone Theatre's website - [www.roleystonetheatre.com.au](http://www.roleystonetheatre.com.au) - for our submission form. Applications close end of April 2015.

## BUSY BEE AT THE THEATRE!

It's all hands on deck to get some much needed sorting, cleaning and storing of props, flats and other theatre related paraphernalia at the theatre. Due to increasing costs, we have decided to close the theatre storage unit and relocate several items of furniture and flats to the theatre and we need your help! We have booked this busy bee in for Sunday the 3rd of May from 10am to 2pm. Come along, help your theatre out and enjoy a free sausage sizzle for all those involved. As always, any and all new members welcome!

*Kat Ramsell*



## Kim's@Music in the Mall

Following rave reviews and positive community feedback, the City of Armadale will continue its 'Music in the Mall' series for another month. Local Roleystone Musician Kim Bettenay will be performing for free in the mall on 24 April from noon to 2pm. For information visit [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au) or call 9399 0642.

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## TENNIS NEWS: WENDY TUCKER



### ANNUAL AUGUSTA TREK

Our Trek down to Augusta went very well. The Augusta Club made us very welcome and we enjoyed a lovely afternoon of tennis with lovely afternoon tea and then we had a BBQ dinner on Saturday evening. We had 11 people come down and enjoy the weekend and we had a very nice Chinese dinner on Sunday night and enjoyed the fireworks.

### BUSY BEES

With all the leaves lying around we have a couple of busy bees organized. Thank you very much to everyone who attended - we managed to fill at least 50 bags.

*See photos of our Busy Helpers at our busy bees.*

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our Annual Club Championships have started with the Singles Events and the Ladies and Men's Doubles held on 29th March and the Special Doubles on the morning 11th April



and Under 18 Boy's Singles also on the afternoon 11th April and then to finish up the Mixed Doubles on the 12th April. The championships will conclude with a sausage sizzle and presentations.



## Roleystone Seniors

Over the last month the Roleystone Seniors had a very successful trip to Pinjarra to attend the races and a packed house were treated to Paul Peacock's wonderful musical concert on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our Seniors' markets recommenced on the 8th March and will continue on the second Sunday of each month. Stall holders are welcome and can set up from 7.00am to 2.00pm, buyers are invited from 8.30am to 2.00pm. Please contact Heather on 93976069 for more information.

We now run a sewing club every Monday from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Albert Chambers







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## Our Month In Pictures



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1. The girls celebrate the wonderful success of Bogan Bingo
2. Roleybushcare: Ian, Shelagh and Diane received a SALP grant and were treated to breakfast.
3. The Blues in Araluen was a fabulous opportunity for visiting photographer Debrale Webb to capture Araluen's Pergola at night
4. 'Manno' appreciates the glory of success - the RKCC E Grade's victorious premiership.
5. Music on the Green at the Roleystone Country Club with the Beatz Workin Band.



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## An Evening with Linda

*The women of a Carnamah based book club spent an intriguing evening on the 11th of March with Linda Bettenay, the author of "Secrets Mothers Keep" and her husband Mike. Linda and Mike related the fascinating background history to the novel "Secrets Mothers Keep", which was based on the true story of the murder of Mike's grandfather that occurred not too far from here on a farm at Wubin.*



*From a chance conversation, many decades later, between neighbours over the back fence, Mike and Linda began to piece together a history that had never been told to them. What they found was the reality of a horrific event that had been kept hidden from the family because of the strict morality of the time, in order to help protect the victims from further suffering. The novel also shines a light on the radically different way that mental illness was treated in the past and the changing laws in Western Australia at that time in relation to the mentally ill.*

*Linda and Mike charmed us with their friendly presentation and conversation, happily answering all sorts of questions about this story and about writing and publishing a novel in general. The beautiful women in attendance at the book club meeting hosted by Sandy Brown had a wonderfully enjoyable evening. I would like to thank Linda and Mike for their time and generosity with their story. I am very much looking forward to reading Linda's second book "Wishes for Starlight".*

*Richelle Essers*

## Staying Fit For FREE! – by Anthony Phoenix

*Hello Roleystonians!*

After loads of time away from Roley, I thought it'd be nice to say 'hi' to everyone again with an article on your health and wellness!

Up in Roley, it's easy to get some exercise just by walking or jogging down (or up) to the shops, especially when the weather is as lovely as it has been recently! You probably already know that just 30 minutes of walking or light exercise can be enough to help in the following ways:

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To help everyone out a little, I have added a FREE 24/7 exercise section to my website. I've got exercise videos on there that go for 30 minutes! They are all completely free group fitness classes and can be done from the comfort of your own home on your smart tv, computer, Ipad, tablet, or phone. It's super convenient and if you can't manage a walk or get to the gym, you can still get some meaningful exercise any time day or night! Heaps of my peeps are using the online exercises and are getting awesome results from the training!

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# COUNCILLORS' COMMENT APRIL

The City of Armadale is growing quickly. It is one of the top three fastest growing local government areas in Western Australia, and one of the top growth areas in the nation. Twice the average of Western Australia and almost four times the national average.

WA Tomorrow (population forecasts done by Planning WA) is predicting a population of 79,600 by July 2019 for Armadale although population forecasts calculated on behalf of the City using Census data result in a forecast population of 82,615 by 2016 and 94,271 by 2019. This figure is considered a more accurate forecast and is backed up by actual population growth and future population modelling.

To put this into perspective, an average of 10 people a day move into the City of Armadale, with 30 new homes being built every week, or the equivalent of one new residential street every week.

The South East Corridor has the highest number of new dwellings for the 2013/14 period (6,519) followed by the North West Corridor (6,302), mainly attributable to the City of Wanneroo.

Local jobs are an important indicator of work opportunities in a given area and provide employment as the local population grows. Once again, the South East corridor provided the largest

proportion of jobs, with 246,109 (36.3% of total).

This new growth is also affecting Roleystone with applications lodged for the subdivision of some orchards. This has already changed the face of Roleystone. It only seems a few years ago that we passed orchards on either side of the Brookton Highway approaching Holden Rd.

With the pressures on orchardists from imports, rising costs, med fly and the encroachment of housing affecting traditional work practices such as early starts, bird scarers and spraying, it all becomes just too hard. It will be a sad change to the look and feel of our area but one that I understand.

We choose to live in these areas because of the community, the ambience of waking in the mornings to the mist and the peacefulness amongst the valleys and the trees. Unfortunately these days I get many calls from people concerned about bushfires, or wanting to cut down more trees so they can build bigger and bigger houses, and also not wanting the ongoing maintenance of having to continually rake leaves. It does make you wonder why some people actually want to live in the hills.



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## ANZAC DAY David Bardsley

It's a bit of a puzzle to me how and why ANZAC Day has morphed into something rather more substantial and serious than it used to be. When we first arrived on these blessed shores, the public holiday on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1982 was little more than a day off work with a social footie match in the afternoon and a beery BBQ well into the night. The war memorial reflections were limited to a few ex-Vietnam vets meeting in the morning. Granted we were in Pannawonica at the time – a town with no senior citizens at all - and perhaps events there weren't typical. But it seems that the profile of the day has gradually changed since then. This year is obviously special being the centenary of the Gallipoli landing and the national interest has attained epic proportions.

Whilst reflecting on all this it dawned on me that I actually knew very little about the "Great War" even though I had several relatives from my grandfather's generation who had served in France and Flanders. I knew it was triggered by the assassinations in Sarajevo and that the conflict rapidly escalated to involve just about every nation in the world in the most horrendous and bloody battle imaginable. But how did that happen? Why did Britain get involved in what started as a Balkan issue? How come thousands of men from colonial territories volunteered to fight in what was essentially a European matter? Consequently, I have spent two months reading up on it, two books in particular proving very informative - "The Sleepwalkers" by Christopher Clark, a recent publication tracing the origins of the War in some detail and "A Short History of the Great War" by A.F.Pollard written in 1920 and anything but short! It's all much clearer now.

Many, many points made me stop and think but, of all those, two in particular stand out. Firstly, underlying the Empire building, which resulted in the fear of being left out in the

global jostle for territory, was greed. It was the race for more resources and trade which led to an international state of fragile equilibrium, about as stable as a set of plates spinning on canes. Not much was required to upset the balance and inevitably the whole shebang collapsed into a nightmare of destruction and bloodshed. But that national greed was the outworking of individual and personal greed. The distressing bit is that I don't see much change in that. For sure we have introduced mechanisms to limit the consequences of national belligerence but the underlying human failing remains. When will we ever learn that our society, both personal and global, works best when the tenth commandment is upheld? "Don't hanker after that which isn't yours!" wasn't a spoilsport directive from God. It was a guiding rule which minimised conflict.

Secondly, Britain had no great quarrel with the German/Austrian alliance until Germany trampled neutral Belgium underfoot in the attempt to defeat France in quick time. The violation of a moral understanding led Britain and consequently the British Empire including Australia and New Zealand to defend those oppressed and destroyed through decisions made by greedy, aggressive and immoral national leaders. Furthermore, every man and woman involved in that initial stage of the war – and for many that was a brief and terminal involvement - was a volunteer. Nobody was conscripted until later on. Indeed, Australia and South Africa stand proud as the only nations never to introduce conscription in that war. All those who embarked on the transport ships did so without coercion. They responded courageously to reverse a moral outrage. To say that they didn't know what they were in for belittles the bravery of these people and many like them whom we honour on ANZAC Day. My concern is whether or not we still have the moral fortitude to resist immoral activity as did our forebears. I remain to be convinced and the way we treat underdogs underlines my concern. The Christian mandate to "feed the hungry, clothe the naked and speak for those who have no voice" has been provisioned with the rider "as long as it doesn't cost me anything." I am really delighted that ANZAC Day has become a more responsible commemoration. And I hope and pray that this movement will result in a deeper reflection on how we run our lives and our country. After all, if the edict to "love your neighbour as yourself" had been taken more seriously throughout history, no country would have to commemorate "the fallen".

*Yours in Christ  
David Bardsley*

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## The Araluen Golf Club April Report

*The opening day of the season started with bacon and eggs washed down with champagne but this did not stop local green keeper Steve Abbott who comfortably won the day with a fine score of 41 points.*

The following day saw the final of the Captain's Prize Match Play which saw a young "Teddy Bear Smith" totally out class me - to the delight of the large following. Well done Ted - you were unstoppable.

Congratulations also go to the wining team of the "Stoney Creek Cup". The winning members were: Bill Biffin, Sean Conlin and Red Dog Booth who won by the narrowest of margins. These

gentlemen now go off to the state finals. Good luck boys.

Looking forward, we have the finals of the A, B and C Grade Club Championship Match Play followed by the Anzac Day Cup which will see a dawn service followed by a team golf event. Please see Dave at the pro-shop if you have not already entered.

Good Golfing!

**Ian Pettersson**

*Pictured below:*


1. Steve Abbott with Ian Pettersson
2. Ted Smith
3. Winners of the Stoney Creek Cup: Bill Biffin, Sean Conlin and Red Dog Booth



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**Wild Gossip**  
  
 I have several kookaburras and a lot of magpies that come in every morning and wait on the garden wall, looking at me appealingly whilst I prepare food for my birds, chooks etc. Recently the wall was full of millipedes yet the birds totally ignored them; obviously they taste as bad as they smell!  
 I have been kept quite busy with admissions of assorted wildlife and many phone enquiries and questions. Recently I was in Cottesloe at Sculptures by the Sea when my mobile phone rang. The caller told me that a possum had fallen down her chimney and was stuck behind her fire. I made a few suggestions as to what could be done such as lowering a rope down the chimney to give the possum a way to get out (although this wouldn't happen until dusk) or pulling the fire out to allow the possum to get out that way.  
 The whole call was very difficult as my mobile signal was really poor and kept cutting out bits of conversation. The caller didn't seem keen on my suggestions and then the line went dead. At first I thought the caller had hung up on me

then I realised that I had lost the signal and my mobile phone no longer worked. This continued down the remainder of the beach, obviously I was in a dead spot. A few days later I received a call from the Department of Parks and Wildlife as the lady had complained that I had hung up on her. Obviously I explained what had happened.

As a volunteer carer I spend a lot of time caring for wildlife and cover all the expenses of food, bedding, medication and vet bills. Sometimes I wonder why I continue to do it and then the next phone call comes in for advice, or some wildlife arrives at my door, and I know why I continue. Our wildlife is unique and very precious and sometimes needs help and care so that there will still be wonderful wildlife for future generations to enjoy.

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# The Armadale Wildflower Society Anstey Keane Reserve has been **SAVED!**



**Kim, Bryony, Roger David and Sue**



In November 2014 the Minister upheld the EPA's recommendation to reject the City of Armadale's proposal to extend Keane Road through Bush Forever Site 342 part of Jandakot Regional Park. This is a big win for conservation in general and of a very bio-diverse site in particular. The Friends of Forrestdale are grateful to all our friends and supporters for their support during the six-year campaign to stop the construction of the road.

However the fight is not over - we now have to stop the Water Corporation from constructing a sewer pipeline in the same road reserve. Another common problem in all reserves, including Anstey Keane, is the illegal dumping of rubbish, horse riding, and driving off-road vehicles through the reserve. If anyone spots any of this type of activity please report it to the Ranger or Police.

Over 300 species of flora has been recorded in the reserve, flowers appear all year round. A recent walk through the reserve spotted a spectacular display of *Beaufortia squarrosa*

(Sand Bottlebrush) in flower and many other winter flowering plants coming into bud.

Not only were numerous wildflowers spotted, tracks from a family of kangaroos and bandicoots diggings were also seen on the ground. In the air birds of prey were circling above looking for their next meal, not forgetting the numerous smaller birds and insects.

Work is required now to improve and protect the reserve including sourcing funds to fully fence the reserve. Future plans are to construct all season paths, signage, picnic and barbeque areas.

For more information on this reserve and others in this area or you wish to volunteer, visit <http://forrestdalefriends.com.au/>

Members of the Friends of Forrestdale are also members of the Wildflower Society. Together we help to protect, maintain, educate and enjoy the diverse and unique bushland of the Armadale area.

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

Feel free to attend one of our meetings. The Armadale Branch has monthly meetings and talks at 7:30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month. We meet at the Field Study Centre, Settlers' Common. April Talk : Roadside Vegetation – Life in the Disturbance Zone. Thursday 9th April, 7:30pm.

Field Study Centre, Triton Crescent Armadale.

Gillian Stack from the Roadside Conservation Committee will be talking about conservation of roadside vegetation.

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

*Roger Harrington*

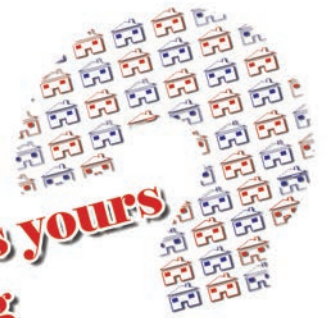


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### Roleystone Tigers' Season Launch

The Roleystone Senior Football Club would like to thank all the sponsors, community members and players for attending the season launch for 2015.

The night was a huge success with well over 100 people in attendance. A thank you goes out to members of the committee who ran around tirelessly setting up for this fantastic night. Thanks also to the Roleystone Musicians Club for providing us with entertainment on the night along with the very hilarious comedians: 'Sam Cribbs' and 'Mike G'. The dinner on the night was supplied by the amazingly talented crew at Café Di Mondo.

The crowd left wanting more and wondering when the next Tigers event would be held.

Apart from all the fun there was also a serious side to the evening. Vice President, Jake Lewis reflected on the 2014 season and what a successful year the club had 'on' and 'off' the field.

We also had a speech from the new 2015 coach Glen Weaver who outlined his high expectations of the players this season. Glen named the Captain and Vice Captain - Robbie Pearce and Gavin Olsen respectively.

Thanks were also given to Leesa Weaver for her commitment to the committee over the past few years and we also welcomed Hazel Martin onto the new committee.

Secretary *Lisa McConachy*

### Roleystone Pre-season Scratch Match

A big thank you to our own Jordan Castafaro and the Pickering Brook Hawk's coach Michael Oliver, for organising Tuesday's combined training and Sunday's scratch match!!

With only one team each it's hard to run big full oval drills. With 45 blokes running around we were able to run full oval set plays and get some good run into the legs.

On Sunday we played out a scratch match at Cross Park with both side showing promising signs for the year to come!! Even though all players were a little rusty it was a great hit out!!

Even better than the scratchy was the surprisingly large crowd who rocked up to watch the two teams play. It's great to see everyone from around the area chatting and having a great time.

It's just another sign of good things to come this year. Follow us on Facebook "Roleystone Tigers" for all updates on games and events.

Vice President *Jake Lewis*

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