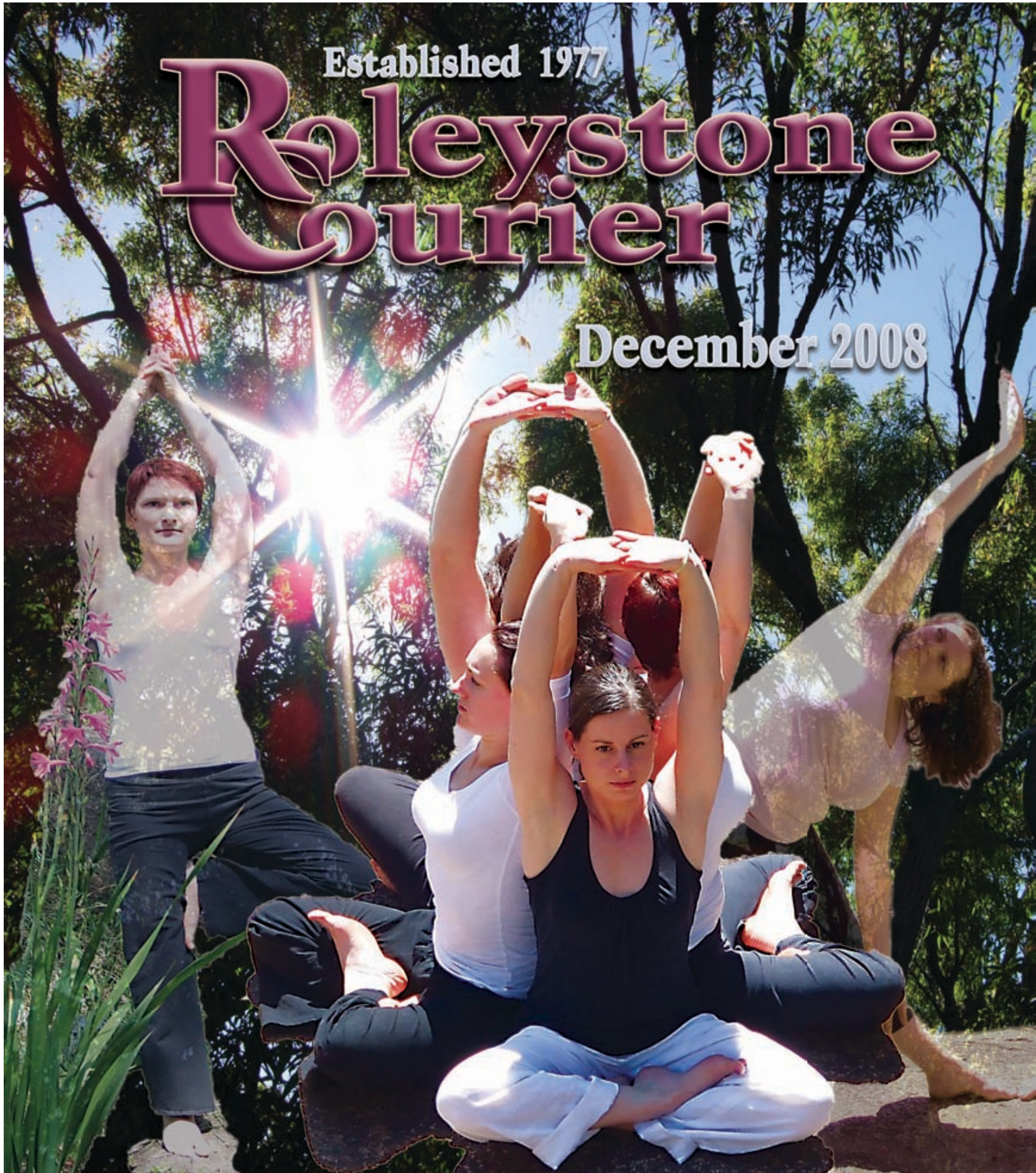


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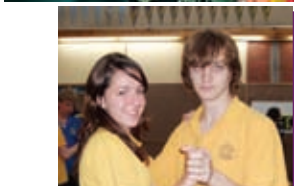
**Remembrance Day
Grove of the Unforgotten
Araluen 2008**

90 years on and our community is still recognising the significance of the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month. This year's Remembrance Day took on a reverent and breathtakingly beautiful tone in the ceremony held in the Grove of the Unforgotten at Araluen Park.

The Grove was originally set up as a memorial to the 88 Young Australia League members who were killed in the Great War. Cyprus Pines and steps numbering 89, one for each soldier and one for the Unknown Soldier, still stand in enduring testament to their sacrifice. It now stands as a peaceful shrine to those long gone but never to be forgotten.

This year's ceremony was conducted by the Reverend Dr Lesley Borowitzka, The Anglican Priest of Roleystone. The Roleystone Primary School choir, under the expert guidance of Musical Maestro Karen West, sang a range of patriotic songs: ANZAC, Aussie and our own National Anthem. Kelmscott SHS student Cassie Skinner accompanied by Jake Lehman, sang 'And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda'. Cassie's exceptional voice was hauntingly beautiful in this location. Returned Vietnam Veteran Len Copley representing the RSL recited the Ode. A range of individuals were involved in wreath laying again this year – placing the wreaths in the reflection pool.

2008 has seen a resurgence of commemoration of events other than Gallipoli and this day, signifying the end of hostilities in the Great War, has become even more poignant. Congratulations to Rod Ross, Liz Dunn and all of the staff at Araluen for the organisation of this event. A special mention must be made of Grant Nixon and the gardening staff who again had the Park looking spectacular.



Practicing for the Year 10 Formal. With the big event only weeks away Roleystone students are in 'learn to dance' mode.



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Phoebe**



Talented youngster Phoebe Nicola Wainscoat from Durnford was recently awarded first prize at the Opening Evening for the new Commonwealth Bank at Armadale.

Nicola Wainscoat from Roleystone was also a finalist and won \$50. Well done Phoebe and Nicola.

Phoebe drew a picture of "Bank of the Future", won \$150 and was invited to the Opening on Wednesday 12th November. She received a Goodie Bag as well as having her picture framed and hung on the wall of the bank.

Summer is Here!

Shannon Beech's Yoga Class welcomes in summer. Pictured: Sue, Elle, Gemma and Lorna strike a pose at Roley Pools.



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EDITORIAL

DECEMBER



The beginning of summer always brings early stone fruit. These are the tastes of summer that I look forward to the most. Our local orchardists produce a wide range of produce and I encourage all Roleystone Courier readers to 'buy local' whenever they can. It's fresh, orchard direct and often cheaper.

I have been helping out with cherries at my family orchard and I know that fruit grown here is far and away tastier than anything purchased elsewhere. We have recently become involved in the Armadale Producer's market as 'Just Cherries'. What a great concept this is. Come down on Sundays and give it a go.

This month I would like to extend a warm welcome to two new business owners. John and Ann have purchased our Roleystone Newsagency. They have some great plans and their friendly welcoming ways will certainly strike a chord with Roleystone locals.

The Rock Inne Tavern is also under new management – with Neil and Raelene taking over the reigns. I recall some excellent nights at the Rock Inne and the new owners are keen to explore the concept of 'live music' nights. Hopefully the locals will support this concept.

Talking music, December is promising to be a feast of musical opportunities. There is the Musicians Club Big Bash on Sat the 13th Dec (tickets need to be pre purchased from the video store). Or how about Carols? Many of the churches are having Carol Sessions and the 'big one' at Araluen on Sunday 14th will be awesome.

This month sees the launch of Paul Peacock's new venture as he branches out into Peacock Entertainment. Anyone who has heard Paul's voice will have no doubt that he will be successful.

If you fancy other forms of 'the arts', experienced with a 'wine chaser,' I suggest you might like to try the absolutely free Bickley and Carmel Wine trail on the 13th and 14th Dec. This spectacular valley is just on the edge of Karragullen and grows some excellent wines! Each venue is hosting an artist – who needs to travel to the southwest or the Swan Valley?

On a sombre note, Roleystone has again lost one of 'our young' in a horrific bike accident. Adara Cleva was spirited and enjoyed her life to the full. My sincere condolences to the Cleva Family on their loss.

My congratulations to the Roleystone Theatre for being awarded a big arts grant this month. This will enable them to do some badly needed refurbishments. They have had a wonderful 75th anniversary year as the sell out season of Sound of Music proved.

This month is my last Courier for 2008, as we do not produce a January edition. I would like to wish a heartfelt thankyou to all who have been associated with us over this year. To the many people who have submitted articles, photos, our distributors and of course my family and friends who have been roped into lots of Courier related jobs. You know how much you mean to me! Special thanks go to our supportive advertisers who were so patient with me as I learnt my craft. A huge thankyou is extended to Deb and Peter Hopper who helped us heaps and taught us everything we needed to know. So to everyone, Merry Christmas and have a safe New Year. I hope you enjoy the December edition.

Lucretia

Howzat
Could this be the unidentified fan who was so keen to get a photograph with Andrew Symonds?



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Roleystone Personality: Heather Baskerville Dancing Her Way into Roleystone's Heart



Local Roleystone identity Heather Baskerville is well known 'around town', mainly for her involvement with all aspects of Dance and for her long-term involvement with the Roleystone Theatre.

young dance hopefuls.

Heather's early life was in the hills at Mundaring. Her mother had seen the famous dancer Pavlova and this inspired her to introduce the young Heather to dancing at the tender age of 5.

This was to be a lifetime passion. With the separation of her parents, Heather went to live with her father in Nedlands and progressed to the Linley Wilson Royal Academy of Dance School where her first teacher was a Roleystone girl – Margaret Powell. (Now married, Margaret White is still a Roley resident).

As a young teen, Heather met Les Baskerville at St Margaret's Anglican Youth Fellowship and it was a case of instant attraction. Les owned a little red MG and took his girlfriend for drives up to the haunts of her youth – Araluen was a favourite, having spent many days there participating in YAL camps.

When Heather married Les Baskerville in 1960 she married into the 'Baskerville Dynasty'. They are able to trace their lineage back to Norman times and have numerous linkages to the Kings of France. The name was later made even more famous by the fictitious 'Hounds of the Baskervilles' penned by Arthur Conan Doyle.

As Les worked for the railways, Les and Heather were then sent to a 'range of country towns' across the wheat belt. They had three children: John, Peter and Leon, but motherhood did not stop her dancing. She could see the need for dancing and the arts in these towns and set herself up as a RAD teacher – and the children went with her to every class.

This progressed to her completing her qualifications to become a schoolteacher, with Heather teaching Grooming and Department, Dance, Speech and Drama at Merredin SHS.

Les and Heather had always dreamt of returning to the Hills (the site of their courtship) and purchased a block of land on Hall Rd from the deceased estate of the distinguished WA Poet Griffith Watkins – formerly owned by the Powell family. They started to build in 1973 and moved into their dream home 'Baskerville Hall' in 1974. As soon as she came to town she joined the Roleystone Theatre and appeared in countless productions over the next twenty years.

By 1984 Heather changed careers and moved into promoting, facilitating (and being the chaperone for) the Miss Australian Quest, which raised much-needed funds for children with Cerebral Palsy. She is sorry that public opinion 'anti beauty pageants' in the early 1990's closed this down as the money raised made a significant difference to research about this horrible affliction.

Heather then moved to the role she currently holds: Regional Organiser for WA for the Royal Academy of Dance. This organisation is one of the largest training organisations in the world and there are 45 schools in WA. In 2008, 1300 student sat exams from schools from Karratha to Manjimup. Heather organised the exams and the examiners who come from interstate and overseas.

Heather's other passion besides her job is travel and she often gets to marry the two together. Last year she travelled to Japan on the Australian Ballet tour.

Heather is very proud that her own love of dance is seeing a new lease with her granddaughter Kaitlin studying dancing at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts.

All the best into the future Heather and thanks for your contribution to Dance and to your community.



However her real impact has been with the Royal Academy of Dance where she has been the State Regional Coordinator for over 14 years.

This involves facilitation of the dance schools across WA and organisation of exams for all those

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Jake Anderson Star of the Ball Game

Young teen, Jake Anderson of Roleystone is already displaying great talent in his 'Field of Dreams' - Baseball.

His dream is to go to the United States and play baseball in the major league - hopefully with the LA Angels.

Jake started playing T ball for Roleystone at 8 years old and moved through the ranks locally until he progressed to baseball. He is now playing with the 16's first team at Swan Districts Baseball Club. His talent has also meant that he is the reserve for the 18's firsts - not bad for a 14 year old.

His dedication to the game enables him to travel daily to South Fremantle SHS where they run a speciality baseball program at the school. This involves almost three hours of travel daily!

Jake is an excellent reader of the game. This skill enables him to play shortstop - a key



Pictured above: Jake Anderson at full stretch takes a catch.

position in any baseball field.

He also enjoys the role of second baseman where his skills in fielding especially 'double plays' come to the fore. Jake has also accepted the challenge of being the lead off hitter for his team and in his own words: 'My success as a batsman is improving all the time. My coach at South Fremantle is Andy Kyle, the Perth Heat switch hitter and he has given me some great advice.'

Jake has recently returned from Adelaide where he competed in the Australian Schools Baseball Championships, with the South Fremantle SHS Junior team.

They were undefeated through the whole competition, playing 6 games in 5 days, but unfortunately they lost their grand final game.

Jake returned to his next challenge, the WA year 8 and 9 interschool competition for juniors. His school team won this competition comprehensively.

We expect to see Jake's name appear as a star player in future Ball Games - perhaps even playing for the LA Angels. 'Go get em Jake.'

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Preserving Roleystone's Views

I refer to Mrs Mary Drew's letter to the Editor appearing in the October 2008 edition of the Roleystone Courier, in which she stated that the housing estate off Brookton Highway, previously Borg's Orchard, is "...a total eyesore and has detracted significantly from the beauty of Roleystone."

Whilst I do believe that everyone is entitled to their own opinion and others in the community may well share her views, I do believe that she could have made her point just as clearly without being so insulting to the families' homes to which she referred. I was quite shocked to read her comments about my home, and my neighbours' homes in such a manner. Mrs Drew

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might take a few moments to consider how she would feel to hear someone talking so rudely about her home, never mind printing such comments for all in the community to read.

I do, however, appreciate that at this point the homes to which she referred are quite obvious; mainly due to the land being totally cleared prior to being sold. We have planted many trees & shrubs in our yards and the City Of Armadale has planted trees along Brookton Highway – of course these will take time to grow. Driving through Roleystone I note that there are quite a number of beautiful pole homes; most of them however are surrounded by lovely established gardens and large graceful trees. In time this is what my family hopes to achieve with our pole home.

Mrs Drew; I would like to assume that normally you are a much more tolerant and understanding member of our lovely community, and that your comments come from a deep love of Roleystone. Perhaps next time a little more thought into your choice of words would be wise.

Mrs Jaimie Henderson
Garland Road
Roleystone

Some of the Mystery of Alice Reserve Unravelled

In an article in last month's Roleystone Courier entitled 'Who was Alice' it was announced that the City of Armadale was searching for the origin of the naming of Alice Reserve. I can partly explain this mystery.

In the early 1980s, when the reserve was first proposed by local councillors and the original trees planted by the then Roleystone Primary School, it was proposed that it be named 'Slab Gully Reserve'. We lived near this reserve and I felt that it would be better to name it after the road adjoining the reserve – Alice Road.

The roads in this area are all named after first names Alice, Norman and Trevor. In order to research where these names came from, I contacted the developer however we had no response. I also reviewed the DOLA records to see whether these names were those of any of the former owners of this land (or their children). There were no records that related to these names. Thus we decided that they were not linked to anyone of 'local historical significance' and probably just developed on the whim of the developer or relevant council employee.

This doesn't totally explain 'Who Alice Was' but I feel it does show why the reserve is so named.

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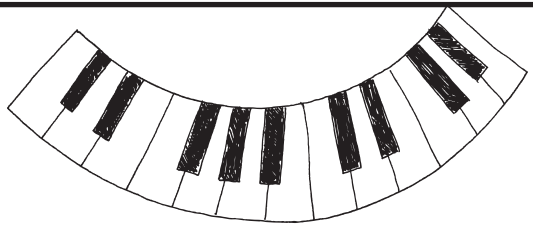
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Nicole has learnt music herself since the age of 6! She learnt piano 'the traditional way' until she was 16 and then she shifted to Double Bass. Her music took her all the way to performing with the West Australian Symphony Orchestra.

Reflecting on her own musical career, Nicole recalls 'When I started piano lessons there was a lot of theory and learning simple, quite boring tunes. A lot of music practice was scales and it was very tedious. It seemed to take ages before I could play something that was worthwhile listening to.'

When her own daughter at 5 years old, wanted to learn the piano, Nicole was determined not to put her through the same ordeal. So she did some research and found out about a new Australian method created by Neil Moore called Simply Music. 'Students are able to draw on their natural musical abilities (which we ALL have) to PLAY the piano with both hands from their very first lesson. It is a natural process that therefore is easy (not arduous) and allows students to feel successful very quickly. Everyone involved, including myself, enjoys the learning process and the variety of musical styles they learn to play including blues, classical, popular and accompaniments.'

Nicole is running private and shared classes and currently has some vacancies for new students of ALL ages. If Courier readers are interested in learning how simple learning the piano really is, Nicole will be running FREE INTRODUCTORY SESSIONS in January - 10th 2-3pm and on the 11th 2-3pm.

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Roleystone's very own stand-up comedian Laura Davis is going from strength to strength. She is flying off to Melbourne as the Courier hits the streets to perform at the pre-festival 'New Talent Showcase' that the Melbourne International Comedy Festival puts on each year.

Talent scouts have selected her as one of the 10 most promising 'new' comedians across Australia and she has been invited to perform at the showcase in Melbourne for an industry crowd.

'It's a really good opportunity to make contacts and get your face out there,' Laura said.

If locals want to catch her act she is still performing regularly in Perth. Perth boasts a quality range of stand-up venues with comedy running at the Brass Monkey on Wednesdays, The Charles Hotel on Thursdays and The Brisbane Hotel on Tuesdays

and Fridays. There is also an excellent FREE comedy show at 'Little Creatures Loft' that runs towards the end of each month.

Ladies **Bowling Along**

pennants games are going along nicely at the moment - apart from the inclement weather. We all had to share the points one Tuesday because we got rained off.

Division 2 are at the top of their list at present. Great playing ladies. Division 3 are sharing top spot but third on percentages - still a good effort.

Some of the ladies entered the state championships with varying degrees of success. Most agreed that it was a worthwhile experience.

The men have struggled a little and unfortunately had to give up last Saturday in the rain when they were ahead. Better luck for the rest of the season.

Wednesdays have not been very well attended lately. I do hope a few more players will start to show some extra interest as the weather improves. *Jean L*



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Karragullen Hail Storm wipes out much of this Season's Fruit Crop. Pictures Tony Arena's orchard.

The unseasonal November weather has brought heartache to many of our local orchardists. A widespread severe hail storm wreaked havoc on orchards from Springdale Park to Littley's Orchard. Some orchardists reported 80 - 90% of their crop was destroyed. Above: Tony Arena shows his hail damaged stone fruit.

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Last month local Liz Dunn climbed to the Base Camp on Mount Everest. Below: Liz is pictured setting off after the lead sherpa and sitting with cairns developed as shrines to killed climbers and sherpas. This sure puts our hills into perspective!



ARALUEN NOTES

Liz Dunn

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Remembrance Day
 Our Remembrance Day Service on Tuesday 11 November was very well attended by school students, veterans and the general public.

The Reverend Lesley Borowitzka from St. Christopher's Anglican Church in Roleystone conducted a very special service.

Over the years we have had to be content with all

types of weather from extremely hot to cold, wind and rain and this year it was close to perfect.

Thank you to the students from the Roleystone Primary School who sung so beautifully. Our thanks also go to the very talented Cassie Skinner and Jake Lehman who performed the very moving 'And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda'. There were quite a few people moved to tears as she sung it with such feeling accompanied by Jake on the guitar. What an amazing talent!

Carols by Torchlight

Come and join in the spirit of Christmas in the

picturesque setting of Araluen Botanic Park on Sunday 14 December. You are welcome to come early and enjoy a picnic tea before the Carols commence at 7.00pm.

We have put together a very special program this year featuring the "Roleystone Primary School Choir", "A Kappella Munda" and the Victoria Park Brass.

A special guest appearance by Kelmscott Senior High School students Cassie Skinner and Jake Lehman will complete this very special program.

Fruit mince pies, tea, coffee, ice creams, soft drinks and a sausage sizzle will be on sale for those who like to travel light.

We are very pleased to welcome the Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank as the new naming rights sponsor of this event.

Children's Activities

The very popular activity fun days will be held each Thursday during January 2008 commencing on 7 through to 28 from 10.00am - 2.00pm. The program is designed for children 3-14 (accompanied by an adult) to explore their creativity in the setting of the beautiful Araluen Botanic Park. The activities are supervised by Park volunteers and include activity sheets that will take the children on some interesting and fun walks where they need to answer questions or find objects. The afternoon craft activities will have a creepy crawly theme which all children will find interesting and fun.




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Roley students have their Poems Published

Three Year 10 students from Roleystone District High School, Shula Bayley, Hayley Sharp and Janica Milroy, were recently honoured to have their poems published in the respectable annual journal of poetry, *Primo Lux*.

Teacher Virginia O'Keefe said: 'Their writing is of high quality and they were invited to read publicly at the launch of *Primo Lux* at Clancy's Tavern in Fremantle. The audience was very enthusiastic and consisted of literary academics, poets and of course their families.'

Two of the students Shula and Janica were able to attend.

'The poetry night was a huge success and I was thrilled to have my poem published in this year's edition of *Primo Lux*. I was happy to have my poem acknowledged as the competition was for the whole state and what makes it even more special is that I am only 15,' said Shula.

Janica reported: 'The night was meant to start at 7 o'clock but even getting to Clancy's Tavern early, the place was quite full. Veronica Lake came on and introduced herself and launched *Primo Lux* and the evening flowed.

She had the authors read their poems. What talent! I was amazed at the level of writing these year 11 and 12 students produced and I felt quite inadequate when called up to read my poem. I was so nervous as I stood feeling their eyes on me... Aaaagh. I stood with my eyes down on the book Ms Lake gave me, my first published work in my hand.

The poems were read by a range of different students and the mood changed with each voice. Awards were handed out as well. It was a great night. Even reading in front of the crowd could not kill the pride I felt of being published and thinking that I would probably do it again.'



Pictured above (l-r): Janica Milroy, Shula Bailey and Hayley Sharpe. Well done to all three students and congratulations too to Virginia O'Keefe for getting the students to enter their work.



The Rock Inne is Rocking Again!

The Rock Inne Tavern Karragullen opens its doors on the 14th Dec bringing the community together with live music and a fresh new look and feel.

The New Licensees Neil & Raelene Parsons, are very happy to be here.

'We would like to extend a warm welcome and invitation to all the community, friends and visitors to come back to the Rock Inne, and enjoy the bright new venue' said Raelene.

'Our aim is to maintain a family friendly environment bringing to you live entertainment, delicious meals, warm friendly atmosphere and a place to catch up with old friends.'

The new owners believe that with local support the Rock Inne can continue to grow, entertaining audiences with many styles of music & entertainment, including supporting local industry & community groups.

Part of the Rock Inne's agenda is to 'give back' to the community in a family-welcoming environment, by means of supporting the local

Pictured above (l-r): New Licensees Neil and Raelene Parsons

Rock Inne Tavern Darts Team and the Roleystone Football Club.

Raelene and Neil want to encourage sport lovers back to the Rock Inne. They have purchased Fox Sports and all the major sporting events will be on the big screen.

They also aim to bring live music back to the Tavern. Some dates to mark on your calendar include:

Sun 14th Sunday Session: Duo 'Contradiction' are two young ladies singing folk and blues followed by The West Coast Blues Club House Band *Loaded Denim* bringing you Rocky Blues.

Sat 20th Dec: Come celebrate Xmas with *Indigo Duck*. This group mixes standard blues tunes, with rock and roll.

The New Year's Eve Bash: Come Celebrate on Wed 31st Dec.

The last word comes from Raelene: 'Come on out and meet us. The Rock Inne is a perfect location where all the family, community and visitors to the area can come and enjoy the bush surroundings in peaceful Karragullen.'



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Carols by Torchlight

Sunday 14 December at Araluen Botanic Park
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Come and join in the spirit of Christmas in the picturesque setting of Araluen Botanic Park. Be early and enjoy a picnic tea before the Carols commence at 7pm.

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LandCare Awards 2008 What an Event

We were immensely privileged to attend the National Landcare Awards in Canberra during October as the Western Australian Education Award representatives. It was only for a day and a night – but what a wonderful time we had.

After a greeting lunch, we joined fellow Education Award winners in a session of sharing our programs and aspirations. This was absolutely inspiring as we all had been selected for quite different programs. Irene Treacy, Fiona Walker and I were selected for our Discovering Dieback Program for primary schools and apart from sharing our 2 year journey we were also able to pass copies of the program to other states. Dieback is rife all over southern Australia!

Other projects ranged from revegetation, bringing birds to the suburbs to whole school sustainability programs.

Exhilarated, and honestly believing everyone deserved to win, we joined 500 other award winners and sponsors at Parliament House for cocktails and the academy award style presentation dinner. The MC for the evening was Dr Paul Willis from Catalyst. Peter Garret was a major award presenter as he popped in and out of a crisis cabinet meeting somewhere else in Parliament House!!

Luckily our award was the first presented – and we were absolutely delighted when Camperdown College Environment Group won – they deserved the accolades – and it meant we could relax for the rest of the night (unlike others on our table). Awards for River care, Landowners, Bush Care, Coastal Care and many others were presented, each displaying a highlight of the groups' achievements on a huge screen. We felt honoured to be among so many other fantastic Landcarers.

Another highlight of the night was an opportunity to meet Jack Thompson. Jack is a major worker for Landcare between his movie commitments. He graciously posed with us as you can see. This picture has been on our school staff notice board ever since!

Dr Paul interviewed me during the evening as an emailed question came in about Dieback. This gave me an opportunity to let people know about the problem of dieback as well as the solution!

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Above: Mady, Fiona and Tracy 'getting to know' Jack Thompson.

We sincerely thank the Dieback Working Group who saw potential in our school program and nominated us for this prestigious award last year. We have been able to spread the dieback message much further than we ever imagined, thanks to the generous sponsorship of ALCOA to produce our program in a stunning file and DVD format to go to schools.

Finally – when we arrived back at school on Monday, minus our cocktail wear, we headed straight out bush with our current year 6 class and spent an exciting and productive session injecting trees in a bush reserve. Our work is still going on!

By the way – have you treated your trees and shrubs yet?

Mady Colquhoun





Tiger Talk

By Bob Stevens

The committee of the senior football club has a diary full of projects required to be achieved in the off season.

Meetings with Armadale Council in relation to improving the facilities of the Clubrooms at Cross Park and the implementation of a management agreement for the facility have already taken place. Approval is being sought to carry out some minor renovations inside the building in the coming weeks.

With all the projects being related to one another it's become a juggling act for the committee to make sure deadlines are achieved. The club has recently joined Clubs WA and with their assistance

the revising and updating of the club's constitution is underway so that it meets recent changes to the liquor act.

Club President Rodger HAWKINS has completed an approved manager's course whilst Trent NEIL and Jared STEVENS have completed the Responsible Service of Alcohol seminar presented by the Alcohol and Drug Unit.

Our application to move competitions has been well received by the board of the WA amateur football league. The interest being shown by young men throughout the community of having a Reserves football team has been overwhelming.

The AGM for the club is to be held at 6.30 p.m on Friday December 12th at the clubrooms followed by drinks to celebrate Christmas and season 2008.

Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club Report.



This season we have four senior sides competing in the Swan and Helena District Cricket Association, A Grade (captain – Peter Maxwell), D Grade green (captain – Craig Wilkinson), D Grade gold (captain – Bruce Fraser) and E Grade (captain – Lyndsey Stewart). All sides have had their share of success so far and we will certainly be looking for some finals appearances next March.

A grade playing a mixture of one & two day cricket have completed four games; outstanding performances have been Andrew Pastides 105, Tim Winter 90 and 4/63 & 4/25, Peter Maxwell 58 & 59 with best all-round performance by recruit Gillam Jones who has made eighty runs @ 26.7 and taken ten wickets @ 10.1 from his three games.

D and E grades play only one day cricket. The better individual performances with the bat have been Darren Brown 91no, Matthew Halls 72, David Start 59, Steve Reeves 51, Isaac Coultas 47, Matt Garske 44, Gavin Hodge 44, Graham Fuller 42 and Paul Manning 41. Bowling – Matt Garske 4/12, Liam Rigby 4/14, Lars Olesen 4/28, Justin Dickenson 4/39 John Flanders 4/43 and Corey Mears 4/51.

To find out more information on results or fixtures go to: <http://shdca.wa.cricket.com.au/>

Training nights are Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30pm each week and there is a game played at Cross Park so if you are interested in coming down for a game or just a social visit you are most welcome.

This year's Christmas Party will be held on the 20th of December at Cross Park with food and drinks are available at the club. Father Christmas will be arriving at 7:30 pm.

Contact the club on 0400 195 061 for more information.

Mystery Car Tour Silly Answers

Graham Pound

The chimney in Peet Road was never part of a building. What was it used for?

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The annual Highland Gathering at Minnowarra Park on Saturday 15 November had lots more than just bagpipes and kilts and some had a very Roleystone flavour. The popular Celtic-themed event attracted the largest crowd of local residents and visitors for several years keen to experience traditional Scots activities and entertainment.

Along with the pipe band and highland dancing competitions, patrons were treated to exciting, costumed Gaelic battle re-enactments staged by the pageantry group Grey Company and demonstrations from the Dark Sun. Throughout the afternoon the Bad Piper, dressed in a black-leather kilt, played his eclectic mix of bagpipe and rock music. Local Roleystone girl Rowan Henderson performed with the Scottish dancers on the day.

Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds wore a traditional kilt for the official opening and stayed to enjoy some of the entertainment. 'As always, the strong men competing in the heavy events, such as putting the stone, the Armadale stones and tossing the caber, were impressive,' Cr Reynolds said. One of the day's highlights was the Armadale Cycle Classic and State Criterium Championships, featuring the winner and dual Olympic champion, Graeme Brown, along with elite Perth riders Adam Semple and Ben King. **Roleystone Cycling Identity**

Henk Vogels was very pleased with the event, which was organised and run by the Southern District Cycling Club.

'The winner was double gold medal winner in the Sydney Olympics Graeme Brown.' 'It was a very successful day with approximately 10,000 spectators all well behaved and seeing lots of attractions,' Henk said.

Many raised a toast to the haggis with obligatory ale or feasted on traditional Scottish sweets while wandering among the craft stalls.

The Highland Gathering is a free community event, staged and funded by the City of Armadale.

Above: Riders take off in the Armadale Cycle Classic. At right: Roleystone dancer Rowan Henderson and Ellie. Photos taken by Marcel Palacois.




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Shannon said: "This is such a fantastic opportunity for the continued growth of Inner Calm Yoga and the service we provide for the residents of Roleystone."

"Our classes are going to be operating in the New Year from one of the charming older restored buildings within the Centre and move later to the new purpose Yoga Tai Chi room when the Centre opens in Spring 2009."



Above: Shannon's Yoga class at Roley Pools

"This inviting room is set in the most ideal location, overlooking both the river and a luscious Avocado orchard, all this adjacent to what will be an organic restaurant."

As part of the expansion to the new venue, Shannon plans to introduce Seniors/ Restorative Yoga, Children's Yoga and Yoga Therapy, which will form part of a rehabilitation program for her clients.

Shannon has been conducting Yoga classes during term four 2008, at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre and in the Uniting Church Building off Croydon Road in Roleystone. Her class times in 2009 will continue to stay the same but the location will move to this most beautiful of sites. For more information, readers are invited to contact Shannon on 0421 255 074.

Inner Calm - Yoga to Roleystone, the popular program run by Roleystone resident Shannon Beech, has recently been invited to join the newly created Natural Health Centre being built on Canning River near Buckingham's Bridge.

The Natural Health Centre, formerly 'Sereaglio Park', is being created by long time resident, James Mclean who, together with Shannon,

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The growth of Pterygium or Farmer's Dusty Eye Cataracts

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However unless a conjunctival graft with dissolvable sutures (Biosorb) is used to replace the lump, the pterygium can grow again. The removal then would need an expert ophthalmic surgeon.

For people living north of the 32° parallel (anyone living from Mandurah to Kununurra) wearing a hat from an early age can prevent 47% of pterygium. Wearing U.V. sunglasses prevents more than 88% of pterygiums growing. Although eye drops also help prevent them, very few sufferers bother until the pterygium become red, itchy or dry. By then the growth often needs steroid drops. This needs to be prescribed by an Ophthalmologist, as steroids cause Glaucoma or Cataract.

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Wednesday, 24th December 11.30 pm Christmas Holy Communion

Thursday, 25th December 9.00 am Christmas Holy Communion

Christmas Carol Service

There will be a traditional Christmas Carol Service at the Roleystone Community Church (Cnr Croyden Road and Brookton Hwy) on Sunday evening, 21st December.

As some of the service will be candlelit, we will be starting at 7.30 pm.

Do come and celebrate the birth of Jesus with us – all are welcome.

MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cross Park - A Dump(ing) ground

There have been previous letters and, I believe, moves from Council to ban residents from exercising their dogs on Cross Park justified by assertions that said residents are allowing their dogs to "Dump" and are not removing the offending faeces.

As a member of a group of regular walkers, I strongly dispute such assertions. We, the responsible dog owners, always collect the residue left by our dogs. That there are faeces left there, I do not dispute, however there are often unattended dogs running on the park and such occasions have been reported to the appropriate departments It hasn't stopped the dogs being there.

To ban all such (dog related) activity would be akin to sacking the Armadale Council because Wanneroo misbehaved some time ago.

Now, should the issue continue with bans heralded, perhaps we should consider all park users.

Footballers, for instance, leave used dressings and bandages all over the oval, (groundstaff wear gloves??), ditto at the dugouts along with electrolyte-replacement bottles. The skate park is a disgrace with bottles (plastic and glass), packets, wrappers and uneaten foodstuffs. Broken glass abounds. The carpark at the rear of the hall is used as a meeting place for the motoring younger set and regularly covered with a large volume of trash, similarly with the barbecue area.

The area gives meaning to the line "Rubbish bins are provided to throw trash alongside."

By comparison, the dogs "Dump" is rather slight when compared with the human's propensity to trash a substantial and well used facility.

Banning dogs and therefore their ratepaying owners is not the solution to a much wider issue.

Terence Dawson
Roleystone

SHOULD CROSS PARK CONTINUE TO BE USED FOR DOG EXERCISE??

Once again the issue of dog faeces being left on Cross Park has been drawn to my attention.

It is not right that prior to their training or playing that people who use Cross Park for sport should have to walk around picking up dog faeces that have been left there through irresponsible dog walkers.

Cross Park is a heavily used sporting Park and for many years footballers and cricketers have had to share it with dogs. Given the continual issue of dog faeces not being picked up by some dog owners, one has to ask the question "Should dogs continue to be allowed on Cross Park?"

Cross Park is heavily used for sport and dog walkers must understand that they are privileged to be allowed to use the oval to exercise their dogs.

I acknowledge that most people who do walk their dogs there are responsible but there are enough irresponsible owners to really make one consider that question.

Please consider your responsibilities when walking your dog on Cross Park and respect the right of those who use the grounds for sporting pursuits.

Cr. Pat Hart



Gemma wins Harry Barker Award for Inclusion

Gemma's parents were also very proud. "It is an honour to receive this prestigious award. It is also humbling to be acknowledged by our community. As parents we would also like to acknowledge and thank Gemma for her quick thinking and timely response, as well as the selfless and mature manner in which she conducted herself. We are very proud of you Gemma!"

The Harry Barker award for Access and Inclusion was awarded to Gemma Maxwell from Roleystone Primary School on Friday 21st November.

The award is designed to further awareness of access and inclusion for children with serious illnesses and disabilities.

The winner showed bravery and awareness when dealing with a medical emergency at home.

In awarding this Mr John White, Principal RPS commented: 'Gemma was confronted with a situation when her mother collapsed at home. She had the presence of mind to immediately call on a relative for help and then called for an ambulance.'

'Her mother needed to be hospitalised with a serious ailment and Gemma's actions certainly assisted greatly to ensure her recovery. Gemma displayed admirable calmness and maturity in dealing with a very distressing situation and is a worthy recipient of this award.'



Harry's mother Tracy commented: 'Roleystone resident Miss Cheryl Bettridge, Student Services Manager of Yule Brook College in Maddington, presented the award on Harry's behalf. Cheryl and Yule Brook College actively promote access and inclusion for all young people and Harry, as well as many other students, have been fortunate to have their support.'

The award is named after little Aussie battler Harry Barker (see insert) who has been battling serious illness since his birth. Harry battles bravely and maintains his happy disposition even though he has been very ill over the winter months this year. He had to have 2 induced comas in July / August and was forced to stay in ICU in September due to the seriousness of his condition. Despite this he keeps on smiling.

With the changes to the warmer weather Harry's health has improved and his parents are hoping he has stabilised for a while.

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At right: John Thorpe and Ann Horne pictured in the Roleystone Newsagency. Story next page. We all wish them 'Good Luck' with their venture.





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Vale Adara Cleva

Adara Cleva was taken tragically in a quad bike accident in late November 2008. We extend our sympathy to her family and many friends on the untimely passing of this beautiful, talented and unique individual. At left Adara is pictured at her year 10 ball RDHS in 2006. Adara had designed and created her own gown

Adara was a student for five years at Roleystone District High School. Staff remember her with affection as a girl of great spirit and independence who was highly creative and excelled in Art and English studies. She was always drawing, her workbooks were filled with cartoons and sketches. In year ten Adara stunned the class arriving resplendent in an authentic reproduction of Elizabethan costume as part of the Shakespearean feast day.

She was a girl who enjoyed life. I can remember her tuning up one day with lime green hair and she designed and made her year 10 ball gown in the same colour.

Despite ankle problems, Adara would also have a go in sport, notably netball. Sometimes she pushed the boundaries but always with a positive objective. She also had a strong caring streak, often going into battle to champion the cause of the underdog.

Adara lived her life to the full, she was not a student to sit around and complain of being bored. Her philosophy at school was to fill the time creatively and to make the most of what life had to offer. This was an inspiring attitude from a girl who will be truly missed by her teachers and peers from this school.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to her bothers: Nathan and Aaron and to her parents, Tracy and Julian.

Virginia O'Keefe

*We would like to offer our grateful thanks for the overwhelming community support received on the death of our cherished Adara. She enjoyed every day of her far too short life and will not be forgotten.
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Roley Newsagency Changes Hands

Locals John Thorpe and Ann Horne are the new owners of the Roleystone Newsagency. They are excited with the prospect and very keen to provide all of the newsagency, Lotterywest and post office services to Roleystone - Karragullen residents with a smile and efficiency.

John and Ann have both lived in Roleystone for over 25 years. They already have a lot of friends and contacts in the community and are sure that owning and running the newsagency will mean that they will soon make a lot more.

Ann has been working in the newsagency since May and will be well known to many customers already. Ann has completed a series of training courses to ensure that she is 'up to speed' with the intricacies of the business. As in any new business there is a lot to learn but Ann and John are keen to take on the challenge.

A background in teaching and nursing, makes Ann eminently suited to a service industry where positive interactions with people are so important. John has had a career firstly in the RAF then in "hands on" engineering and sales. Having been involved in business and sales and marketing for many years. John is also well used to dealing with people. Undoubtedly this background will prove to be an asset in their new venture.

They have lots of new ideas to enhance the business - starting with the layout of the shop. 'We are certain customers will notice many subtle changes, we are doing things gradually at first' John said.

Both Ann and John are very pleased that current staff are to stay on; their expertise and rapport with customers will not be lost.

'Please come in and meet us, Ann said 'We are keen to hear your suggestions. This is your community, we are your community newsagency and we intend providing good customer service.'

I am sure the community will be wishing them all the best. Taking over a newsagency at Christmas time is no mean feat!

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Above Market Organisers: Sue Sheperdson Project Officer, Shelley Pike Chairperson and Lilith Furlonger Market Manager.

Right: Paul Darwin and Tim Ashton getting their stall ready to sell locally grown Roleystone Fruit.

Below Right: Brett Moore picks orchard fresh Cherries ready for sale at 'Just Cherries'.



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Armadaale Producers Market

The Armadaale Producers Market has only been going for a few weeks, however it is already a real success story.

From the very first week, locals flocked to the markets keen to be part of 'the market experience'. Some stallholders sold out of produce early in the first few weeks but now readjustments have been made and the process is working well.

Every week sees new stallholders coming on board. Local Karragullen Fruit Growers S&C Fiolo, are joining in now that their stone fruit are coming into production. 'It is a great way to get local people to be able to pick up local fruit, at good prices' reported Seb Fiolo.

Local Roleystone orchardist Kim Bettenay who farms the 106 year old Irymple Orchard, has rarely sold his produce direct to the public. Kim sells his sweet, new season's cherries at the stall Just Cherries.

'Often locals buying fruit from a large retail store think that they are getting WA fruit. Currently our markets are being flooded with South Australian cherries.'

'If you buy your cherries at the markets we can guarantee that the cherries have been picked, sorted, chilled and are available for buyers with a turn around of 2/3 days not a few weeks. Plus they are grown here.' Kim said.

This market is truly authentic. All the sellers have been involved with the production of the produce. This means that the produce is fresh, farm direct and that no 'middle man' is involved in the transaction. This cuts the big chains out of making profit and is a win/win for the producer and the consumer.

Shelley Pike, Chairperson of the Armadaale Producers Market said: 'We are hoping that this concept is really embraced by locals allowing buyers to 'slow down the buying experience'.

Vegetables, eggs, fruit, meat and seafood will need to be sourced from different stalls. This is a more traditional way of shopping and we hope will be very enjoyable.'

'We are currently promoting that sellers and buyers join the cooperative by purchasing a membership. This is only \$45 and grants membership valid until December 2009. With a membership card you get a 10% discount off everything for sale at the market.'

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allows the market to be sustainable – not relying on grants and sponsorships. The money goes into promotion and the running of the market.' said Shelley.

The Armadaale Producers Market now has a new market manager Lilith Furlonger, who brings enthusiasm and a sense of dedication to the Producers Market concept. New stallholders are welcome and should contact Lilith on 9399 0000.

The market runs every Sunday morning in the Council Car Park off Jull St Armadaale and due to strong public demand will now be opening even earlier with an 8 am start and finishing at 12.00 midday.

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This year's occasion was very relaxed, inviting guests to picnic on the lawns surrounding the wonderful homestead. A slippery slide down the hill formed a major attraction especially for the numerous youngsters (and those who thought they were still young!)

The house is a fascinating structure, using the steep slope and great views

into the valley with great effect. The home also has a very interesting history. Built as a 'Hills Retreat' it has had a range of roles over the years. As a Boarding House, the author Ernestine Hill lived in one of the flats. She wrote 'My Love Must Wait' (the story of Mathew Flinders) while living in the home.

Darjeeling is purported to be the world's largest jarrah built house and Patrick and Maggie have lovingly restored and maintained the home. They have a wealth of historical documents that revive great memories about the many events that have occurred in this wonderful home.

Cubs Go Camping to Manjedal

Day one: We arrived at 7:00pm on the 7th of November, pitched our tents and chose who we wanted to share our tent with. Later on in the evening we played games and organized patrols. Patrols are a group of scouts and they have jobs assigned to them like patrol 1 is on washing up duty. The patrol names were: Super Ninjas, V.I.Ps, Amazing Outback Kids and the Bushrangers.

One of the activities there was crate stacking. In crate stacking, you have to wear a harness and you climb on top of them and stack them. I got to nine with seven being the cub record! I was the first one to beat it but some certain cub beat me! I won't mention that person's name but.....

Day two: We went on the Arial Runway and one of our leaders (Kite) got a little bit scared going up there but she did it in the end. She had such a great time she ended up going twice!

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We celebrated in fine style throughout the year with a picnic, Anniversary Ball as well as our recent concert.

Our shows over the year were outstanding with every performance a near sell out. We are encouraged by the support we get from the community. It's what keeps us going. Early in the New Year the Theatre will be refurbished with new seating, improved air conditioning & heating as well as a much needed paint job for the auditorium.

We have already planned our season for 2009 & you will love what we have on offer. I would like to personally thank all of our patrons for supporting our shows throughout the year, and look forward to seeing you all in 2009. May I take this opportunity in wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

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When the new subdivision bounded by Brooks, Heath and Chevin Roads was under construction, the family applied for and was granted to name the new road off Chevin Road, TENHAVE Place.

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Slap on the Sunscreen - But Which One to Use?

Greetings once again. Seasons greetings to all the residents of Roleystone and Karragullen from myself and all the staff.

With another hot summer coming up, I thought it important to remind everyone of the importance to protect from the harmful effects of the suns rays. Skin cancer is still a major problem in WA.

Two thirds of those born in or who spent their childhood in Australia will have a skin cancer sometime in their life. 374,000 Australians are diagnosed with skin cancer each year. Between 1200-1300 people die as a result of skin cancers.

Choosing a sunscreen for the whole family is not always easy, especially if some family members have allergies or eczema. Other factors which may impact on sunscreen choice are age of user, length of coverage required and physical activity levels. Remember also it is not only water/waves that wash off sunscreen but perspiration also.

Classification of Sunscreens

Sunscreens are classified either as broad or narrow spectrum or according to it's Sun Protection Factor (SPF). A broad spectrum sun screen protects from both UVA and UVB radiation.

The SPF factor however measures how good a sunscreen is at providing protection from UVB rays. SPF 30+ simply means the sunscreen will give you 31 times your normal protection. In reality an SPF 15 blocks about 94% UV, and SPF 30 about 97% UV.

Sunscreen Ingredients Sunscreens contain both chemical and physical agents to block UV radiation. Essentially only two physical agents are used, Zinc Oxide and Titanium Dioxide.

These agents reflect both UVA and UVB rays away and essentially form a physical barrier against the radiation. These agents are not broken down or chemically altered by the radiation therefore can be used long term. An example of this is cricketers plastering

their lips thickly with white Zinc Oxide cream.

There are many different chemical absorbers, some which absorb only UVA or B and some that do both. It is important to remember that these agents are broken down as a result of the UVA and B rays hence the need to reapply sunscreens every 2-3 hours.

Sunscreens will often include combinations of these chemical absorbers to maximize protection and minimize skin reactions to them.

Application of Sunscreens

The following points are important to remember:

- Apply 15 minutes prior to exposure (sunscreen will bond to skin).
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Here we are celebrating another festive season. Time to think of loved ones and work out what they probably would like most as a token of our love.

It doesn't have to cost a lot of money, just a heart-gift, something they probably wouldn't buy for themselves. Think too of those whose families are not near and those that may be suffering the loss of someone dear. A bunch of hydrangeas or roses, fruit from your garden, cherries from the orchard, are all great gifts.

Talking of great gifts, one of my recent purchases was a pair of Garden Guru secateurs. They came complete with their own clip on pouch, are easy to clean and light to use. They are also very sharp and have a good rounded end so that they don't cut you accidentally when you are using them. Books are also great gifts for gardeners. Soon this season will be over and we will all celebrate 2009.

A reminder now that summer is here: if you have fruit trees in your garden, clean up any fallen fruit so that you do not run the risk of having fruit fly. Spraying is expensive and the less our orchardists have to contend with wild birds and fruit fly the happier they will be.

This Tuesday the Roleystone Gardening Group had a lovely relaxing time with Wendy in her beautiful purple garden. With her husband Patrick, they have cleverly surrounded the house with vegetation, thus cooling the area and reducing the need for artificial cooling. The gardens are watered by recycled water from the bio-system. It is unnecessary to fertilise either, as the water is full of beneficial nutrients, and with a \$10 water bill each time, this is indeed cheap environmentally friendly living.

Next month we celebrate our Christmas party at Jill and David's rammed-earth home in Simons Drive. This water-wise garden is a credit to the owners and was one of the first gardens in Roleystone to be entered in the Open Garden Scheme.

Jill and David have decided to sell and move to a smaller home so perhaps this is the last chance for us to all enjoy their creative and delightful home and garden.

As this is a luncheon occasion, we all take a plate to share amongst each other, 11 a.m. 16th December. Also bring a gift of about 5 - 10 dollars value, something for the garden or gardener. If it is something you have grown yourself, all the better.

A few years ago I was lucky enough to get an *Abutilon megapotanica*, this is a very special plant in the garden and I was able to move several layered plants to a bare mound the other day still leaving a lovely clump in the original spot where I planted it.

All the best, health and happiness to you all.
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Roleystone District High School wins State Championship in the Science and Engineering Challenge 2008

On Wednesday 26th November 32 Champion students participated in the State Finals of the Science and Engineering Challenge.

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It was a most exciting day for the students and their teachers. Words cannot express our emotions as the students battled other top teams in 8 different challenges like building - Hover Crafts, Helicopters, Air Ships, transported water etc.

Our team was determined and worked very well, encouraging each other and demonstrated excellent behaviour and attitude.

At the end of the day we had the most nail

biting Bridge Building competition. As the results were announced - Roleystone District High School - State Champions WA, we screamed, shouted, hugged and jumped. It was extremely thrilling to realise that we will represent WA in the National Championship.

So, we won the title of the State Champions, \$2000.00 for our school and a chance to go to Victoria to participate in the National Championship in October next year.

Thankyou team, your parents, teachers, friends and members of the community are really proud of you.

Mark Tarnowy and Ravila Ruby Rajor

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Above: Tegan, Jacinta and Jenny figure it out.

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Ins and Outs Roleystone Junior Cricket Club



The season 08/09 is now well underway, with 29 in2CRICKET juniors who have started playing for the first time. On Sunday mornings the Roleystone Primary School oval is blessed with an enthusiastic crop of wide eyed youngsters who have just begun their life-long love for the game.

There is red ink all over the juniors Christmas wish lists, and now Santa's workshop has had to put on more helpers, and work double shifts, just to keep up with the demand for cricket bats and the like. It's great to see a strong turn-out for the entry level cricket program, encouraging to see many of the dads keen to help out.

All seems to be well for the future of junior cricket in Roleystone Karragullen.

Our new Roleystone U10's team has graduated from last seasons in2CRICKET program and has come together well.

Debutante coach Tim Clarke remarked: "The boys turned up for their first match dressed in full length cricket whites, all standing a good 6 inches taller

and looking proud as punch - ready to take on the world." They even won their opening match, which is always a great way to start the season.

For the second match the opposition were bamboozled by distance and daylight saving so failed to field a full team. Karragullen isn't that hard to find!

The boys enjoyed a scratch match against an undermanned opposition to while away their Sunday morning.

There have also been a couple of narrow losses but we'll have their measure next time. Stick at it boys, we are all proud of you.

Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered for the various roles that keeps the team running smoothly.

Our two Roleystone U12's teams had a derby match recently, with only 8 runs separating the teams after their respective 26 overs.

As coach John Newman put it, his U12's (Roleystone White) didn't lose; they came a close second, to the much more experienced U12's team, (Roleystone Green) coached by Bruce Fraser.

John noted that considering only four of his players are experienced cricketers, and the other seven are of the fast learning still finding their feet variety of cricketer - it was a highly credible performance.

That's right folks they only have eleven junior cricketers. If you are 10 -12 years of age and would like to play cricket for Roleystone, sound out John Newman at the Cross Park nets on a Friday night. New players at discounted fees are still most welcome.

Bruce's Roleystone/Karragullen Green, 12s, has commenced the season very well. Two wins and two narrow losses is a great start.

Each week the boys have averaged a team score in the mid

70s. Captain Daniel Schonderwoerd is leading the way with 70 or so runs from his 4 innings.

Cameron Speight is contributing his 14 or 15 runs weekly and is developing good cricket sense and maturity, and has already taken a couple of 'blinders' in the slips area, including one which deflected off the keeper.

Mark Fraser and

Billy Bowe would be the pick of the bowlers so far with tight and accurate medium pace bowling. With a few debutantes there have been many firsts; Adrian Lackner took his first catch last week and it was a great one.

Twins Jimmy and Josie Bird played their first game against the other Roley team and both showed some promise with the ball and in the field. This weekend the team has the honour of playing on the turf wicket at the Gosnells Cricket Club. What an experience!

You have all heard of Don Bradman's 1948 Australian XI "Invincibles"; well some 60 years on let me tell you about coach Dave Start's 2008 Roleystone U14 "Unstoppables". They have had a cracking opening to the season.

Brodie Smedley hit his first half century for the club with a classy knock of 58. Tom Baker has also had good form with the bat; he made a solid contribution with a knock of 25, and followed this up with a patient 39 in his very next innings. The U14's memorable start to the season has not just been limited to wielding the willow. Doug Scoble has shown leadership in the field by taking a blistering catch at square leg, whilst Ben Horsman rattled the opposition with a 4 for 37, bowling his offspin. Good cricket boys, keep it up.

Sunday October 26th was a special day. Three of our junior coaches attended the "Coaching the Coaches" training session run by the WACA. Senior WACA coaches were on hand at Thornlie Oval to demonstrate ways of teaching young kids the arts of Wicket Keeping, Spin Bowling, Throwing, Fielding, Pace Bowling and Batting.

A valuable learning experience for any aspiring junior cricket coach, and a credit to the WACA, even if it did mean an 8am start and 9 hours in the sun on the very first day of daylight saving.

Till next issue - Remember to keep one eye on the ball when it's in the field, run the first one hard, and don't forget to ground your bat.

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'Patrick had worked very hard over the past four years to achieve this award. He has gained a great deal of knowledge and learnt a variety of valuable skills along the pathway' Scout Leader Joanne Meuli said.

Alyssa and Nicky were presented with their Grey Wolf Awards. This is the highest achievement possible for a Cub and these two have worked extremely diligently over three years to gain this recognition.

The awards were presented by Branch Commissioner Vern Casey and Assistant District Commissioner Pat Smith. The remainder of the evening was spent with games on the oval followed by a sumptuous supper. All had a great time. Congratulations to all concerned.



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Studio Gen-ius Exhibition of Work

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During the year, focus on perspective and visits to the Grace Crowley and Frank Hinder exhibitions at the Art Gallery of Western Australia have influenced some of the artworks on show. One of the allotted projects given was to include "faceted patterns of colour in the rendering of a built structure", which inspired Linda Glover's



Above: Linda Glover's *Perspectives on High*

"Perspective on High."

Although some of the work has explored abstraction, the exhibition also includes life drawing, portraiture, still life and landscape.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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Dear Friends,
Recently, I was in the shower, revelling in the generous cascade of wonderful warm water. Anybody who has spent any time where such a facility is not available would know what I mean when I say it's something to thank God for each morning. It's also a great time and place to daydream. This particular morning I was lost in aimless reverie and must have been there longer than normal. Suddenly the warm



Pastor David Barnsley

gentle stream became an icy deluge, completely taking my breath away. Before I could respond, it changed again into a boiling flow, which would have cooked a chicken faster than our microwave! I finally leapt out; gasping for breath with skin mottled blue and pink and sat down quickly before I passed out. (I have been known to exaggerate the effects of discomfort!)

Unbeknownst to me, my wife Hilary had been having her own daydreams whilst pottering in the kitchen. She had turned on the hot tap to wash a jug and then rinsed it in cold water. The interconnections in our plumbing system ensured that the temperature of the water supply to the shower followed an inverse relationship to the temperature of the supply to the kitchen - hence the freezer/cooker effect.

It's not hard to draw a spiritual lesson or two out of this domestic crisis. Someone once said 'No man (or woman) is an island.' Whenever we say or do something, it has an effect elsewhere and sometimes we are totally ignorant of the influence we have on others. This can be either positive or negative. It's really delightful when somebody comes to you and thanks you for some words spoken or something you have done which has helped them on their journey. But we can also do a lot of damage when we are thoughtless in what we say and do. It's not that we set out to hurt somebody but, by effectively day dreaming instead of stopping to think how our words and actions might be received, we can have that effect. Unfortunately it's hard to undo things that have been done.

One of our main purposes in the Christian Church is to build each other up. We try to give more thought to the things we say and do so we intentionally edify others and avoid throwing freezing or boiling water over somebody, even if they do need waking up! As a returnee to the community, I believe care and concern for each other is really evident as one of our particular strengths - let's build on it and revel in building up the Church, the Body of Christ here in Roleystone.

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Working together to solve our issues

Each day we sit in Parliament, we commence the day with a prayer, which in part reminds us to "deliberate upon affairs affecting the well-being and good order of society in Western Australia."

For me this raises the question of what affairs affecting the well being of our fellow West Australians rise above party politics and deserve our bi-partisan solutions.

One such issue is evident in our lives every day.

It would be difficult to find a West Australian who has not been affected in some way by drug and alcohol abuse. The implications of this abuse are evident in every corner of society: the anti-social behavior we witness at the foreshore on Australia Day; at Scarborough and Cottesloe Beaches on the first warm day; at school leavers' sites around the state; at sporting events, pubs, clubs, in hospitals, in our neighbourhoods and in our homes.

Drug and alcohol abuse, and binge drinking with associated violence has reached epidemic proportions. It crosses all socio-economic, racial and ethnic divides. It impacts us all in many ways.

For example, everyday in WA police remove 17 violent people during domestic violence call-outs. Often drug and alcohol abuse is behind the violence.

A man was sentenced by a Perth judge for driving his car the day after a night of binge drinking, killing a baby. And how many more drunken-and fatal-one punch assaults will happen?

These events do not happen in far-away places to people different than us, but here in our own neighbourhoods.

People who are struggling with the effects of drug and alcohol abuse and binge drinking don't care who is Liberal, who is Labor, who is National, Green or Independent.

If you could choose one issue affecting the wellbeing and good order of society in WA, is drug and alcohol abuse the one you would choose? Or



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Comments accepted until 12th December 2008. The relevant documents can be viewed via the City's web site at www.armadale.wa.gov.au/your_council/out_for_comment/.

It has been a busy time at Toy Library with out committee meeting in October and a very successful stock take in November. Thank you to all members who attended and helped out.

Toy Library is open for the last time this year the week of 8-13 December and we will reopen in February next year. Toy Library is a fantastic way to reduce boredom for the kids and cut costs for parents and carers. It is well worth your time to come and have a look. For all information please visit roleystonetoylibrary@yahoo.com or you call Natalie on 9397 7604.

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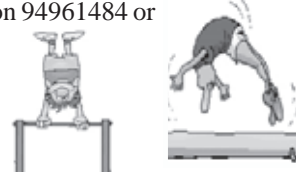
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Justin Parker Junior Enduro Champion

Congratulations to Roleystone's own Justin Parker who has won the 2008 Junior Enduro off road riding, for the 125/250cc class. This is an Western Australia wide competition which makes Justin's achievement all the more impressive.

The competition involved six events held in different locations. Justin finished the six events on 147 points, which was 56 points ahead of his nearest competitor. Justin also finished on equal points for the Trail & Enduro Club, club overall champion. He is now looking forward to competing as a senior.

Justin would like to say 'Thank you' to local business owners Michael & Jodie Hansen of Hansen Environmental, who purchased some new tyres throughout the season. Also thank you to Brad of Causeway Yamaha, whose help this year was invaluable.

Good luck with your riding endeavours in 2009 as a Senior Justin.



Roleystone Primary School News

It's almost the end of fourth term and the beginning of a chaotic season for most people.

Time goes quickly and there is so much to do. The year fives and their teachers went on a five-day camp to Busselton in week two and we returned as changed people. Well, some of the adults did. I have a new sense of admiration for Mrs Bullock who led me through the responsibilities of camp. At times it was like a housekeeping course with ENDLESS piles of dishes to wash, dry and put away. My hands aged twenty years in those five days. Then there was helping the kids to sweep, mop and tidy the dorms. Imagine your child's bedroom times six. Horrific isn't it!

Some of the boys got a lot of exercise while away. After all, the boys' dorm was some distance from the girls'. However, we might appear old but can certainly remember some of the 'naughty' things we liked to do as kids so we were prepared. If only the boys had realised that because they ran like startled gazelle when an adult was sighted, they were easily spotted.

I certainly slept well on return and enjoyed a luxurious eleven hours sleep. Some children told stories of sleeping fourteen hours and I know many were pleased to escape the snoring of their fellow dorm mates. I could have made a big profit from selling earplugs to many of the kids! There was a rumour that the snoring of Mr White and Mr Shaw could be heard from some distance but cannot vouch for its truth.

On return from camp, Mrs Tompson entertained us in the staff room with her morning tea. She brought a banana in a bright blue container, which she had purchased via the Internet. She claims it was a banana protector but many might question this. Which website had she been on I would like to know. After much laughing and teasing by staff members (I don't think I was involved) we never saw it again. If you see her around school or even at the shops you might like to ask to see it.

Fourth term continued with a visit from the Constable Care team whom performed a play with the theme of coping with bullying as its main focus.

There was a question and answer session afterwards with some children receiving a drink bottle as a prize. There's always a lot of participation when there's the possibility of receiving something in return.

On November 20th the school held its annual 'Grandparents/Thankyou' morning tea. As always, Mrs West had the choir performing beautifully. I caught some of the action but the possibility of washing and drying up was too much. I had to do it! It was lovely to catch up with many faces that I don't always see and we were thankful for the many helpers that day.

Enjoy the remainder of the year and look forward to spending some more time with your children. I know we are looking forward to holidays and recharging ready for next year.

Sue Bosley



Above: Rhianan and Mia with Constable Care Drink Bottles.



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Having started the month side by side in the western evening sky, Venus and Jupiter will then steadily drift apart.

In a case like this, with one object much brighter than the other, we tend to think that the brighter object is staying put and the other one's moving.

From time to time the Observatory gets a call along these lines: "Last night that bright star was next to the Moon, but now it's moved!"

No, the Moon has moved. The Moon's close to us, actually orbiting around us, and moves its own width every hour, as compared with the stars. That's 24 times its own width, every day! Generally a brighter object is nearer and therefore its motion is more apparent. Use the backdrop of the distant stars as a frame of reference.

You'll find that Venus, being nearer to us, is moving very noticeably against the stellar background compared with Jupiter, which moves very little.

Why, then, is Jupiter setting earlier and earlier while Venus holds position? Because Jupiter's going with the stars and the stars are

slowly scrolling west. If you watch the stars day by day, at the same time (say 9:30pm), you'll find that those in the west set a bit earlier each day. Those in the east rise a bit earlier each day. About 4 minutes earlier. This slow scrolling is due to the Earth's movement around the Sun.

In the first days of December, Venus and Jupiter are setting together in the WSW around 11pm. Soon, however, it becomes plain that Jupiter is setting earlier: around 10:15pm in mid-month and 9:20pm (end of evening twilight) by New Year's Eve. Venus will continue to dominate the western evening sky until late February.

The only other planet of note is Saturn, which rises just to the north of east at about 2:30am in early December, 1:30am mid-month, and 12:30am at month's end. The Moon begins the month in waxing crescent phase, leading to first quarter on the 6th and full moon on the night of the 12th, when the full moon will be rising as the Sun sets.

After the 12th - 13th the Moon goes on the wane, with last quarter on the 19th and new moon on the 27th. Then the wax-

ing crescent phases will take us into the New Year, with the Moon near Venus on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

The summer solstice will occur on the 21st: the time of longest day and shortest night. It's the time when the Sun's as far south as it can go, from our earth-centred point of view. For more detail on the solar system phenomena described here (and much more!), you should consider investing in a copy of the Perth Observatory's Astronomy Almanac 2009, available now. Also, if you want to go to an evening of stargazing at the Observatory, you'd better book now for the school holidays. Phone 9293-8255, 9am - 4pm weekdays.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the staff at the Perth Observatory!

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Wild Gossip

Summer is here bringing long sunny days for us all to enjoy with BBQs, parties and celebrations for the festive season.

Roleystone's abundant wildlife is also enjoying summer: quietly basking in the sun, ambling across the road, flitting between trees and teaching survival skills to their young.

Our Wildlife doesn't have a clock but uses basics: light or dark, hot or cold, hungry or thirsty, safe or frightened etc and so during our long summer days there is likely to be more activity at unexpected times, though especially at dawn and dusk.

Wildlife hot spots continue to be:

Bandicoot / Quendas - The top end of Urch Rd is a continuing slaughter place for these delightful creatures.

Kangaroos - Heritage Dr continues as the main slaughter place for kangaroos but at least they get some

revenge by car damage.

This recent incident on Heritage Dr. is a typical example:

I received several calls regarding a small Joey standing by / trying to drink from / get into pouch of, a road kill mum. I attended but was unable to locate the accident site and so returned later with another wildlife carer to assist.

We eventually found the dead mother and soon after located the poor little Joey. It was too small to survive alone so my colleague stayed to watch the joey (about 2 meters into the bush), whilst I returned to my car, parked about 400 metres away, for the capture equipment.

I was close to my car when a vehicle, travelling, very quickly, down Heritage Dr, hit a kangaroo crossing the road. The animal flew through the air, narrowly missing my colleague, and disappeared into the bush.

The sounds of movement, pain and stress could be heard from the injured animal for a short time. Unfortunately even after a relentless search we were unable to locate either injured animal or the poor little Joey.

It is time for us all to enjoy summer and the festive season and TO SLOW DOWN!!!!

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1. Building stats.

During September 2008, a total of 220 building licences valued at \$20,598,950 were issued, and in October 145 licences valued at \$24,048,487, compared to 207 valued at \$28,690,886 during the previous month. The total from July 2008 to the end of October 2008 was 728 licences valued at \$98,342,562. The total for 2007/2008 was 2297 licences valued at \$273,452,917.

2. Subdivision Applications – Consequential Actions

WA Planning Commission has confirmed Council's recommendation of approval to the creation of 2 lots from Lot 210 Brookton Hwy.

3. Annual General

Meeting of Electors

Council accepted the 2007-2008 Annual Report, and will hold the Annual General Meeting of Electors on Thursday, 27th November at 7pm in the Function Room at Council's Administration Centre.

4. Active Sporting Reserves

Council received the Active Sporting Reserves Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study reports, and will request officers to further research and provide additional information on the implementation of the various recommendations of the studies.

5. Christmas and New Year Business Hours.

Council Administration offices will close at noon on 24th December, and will be closed for Christmas, Boxing and New Year's Day, and 2nd January. Libraries will close at noon on 24th December, and will be closed for Christmas, Boxing and New Year's Day.

6. Council Meeting Dates

Council has approved for local public notice purposes, the Ordinary Council and Committee meeting dates,

times and places for the period January 2009 to December 2009 inclusive.

7. Strategic Waste Management Plan

Council endorsed the Strategic Waste Management Plan to the Rivers Regional Council for adoption, noting that State and Federal legislative responsibilities are required to bring about zero waste outcomes, and City of Armadale only controls the municipal waste stream which comprises 20% of the total waste to landfill.

8. Araluen Progress Association AGM

Council was advised the Mayor, with Crs Scidone and Hart, attended the Araluen Progress Association AGM.

9. Rezoning Lot 20 Robinson Rd

Council adopted, with modifications Amendment No.42 to TPS No.4 to rezone Lot 20 Robinson Road, from "General Rural" to "Rural Living-2", and adopted the proposed Structure Plan subject to modifications.

10. Local Law Amendments

Council intends to adopt the Environmental, Animals and Nuisance Amendment local law to increase the penalties for commencing site works

without an approved Air Quality (Dust) Management Plan, and for failure to prevent the escape of sand from a site. It will also create an offence for not complying with an approved Air Quality (Dust) Management Plan.

11. Road Naming

Council will approach the Geographic Names Committee seeking approval for the name "Weelarra Heights" for the new road reserve within the subdivision of Lots 6 and 7 Carradine Road, Bedfordale.

12. Lot102 Waterwheel Rd

Council adopted Amendment No.41 to TPS No.4 to rezone Lot 102 Waterwheel Road, Bedfordale from "Rural Living 4" to "Special Residential".

13. Councillor's Items

Cr Scidone requested that the matter of a footpath on Raeburn Road between Holden and Peet Roads and continuing along Peet Road to Brookton Highway, and the matter of street lighting on Andreas Road be referred to Technical Services.

Cr Hart queried when the illegal Real Estate signage in Roleystone would be removed.

Cr Hart requested that a report be prepared on the land on Chevin Road, Roleystone known as Sylvania Park with a view to its reservation for Parks and Recreation under the City's town planning scheme.

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Armada Free Meditation Group	9390 1188
Badminton: Laurie Blundell	9397 6202
Child Health Nurse	9397 5813
Cr Laurie Scidone	9496 0445
Cr Pat Hart	9496 1634
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Roleystone Community Church: Gerry	9397 5730
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With the end of the year in sight, I wish to thank all those in our community who have given so much of their time to manage and support the many organisations we have in Roleystone Karragullen. It is not that easy at times taking the various roles on. They however have the commitment and belief in their various organisations and hang in there and work through the issues. Without this really great community spirit our community would indeed be a lot poorer. Thanks to all involved your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thanks also to all those businesses in our community who continually give financial support to the many local organisations. Your support is critical to many of the groups and is a wonderful acknowledgement of your belief in our community. My best wishes to you all for Christmas and the year to follow.
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Well, here we are again at the end of another year. I am sure that everyone is getting into their Christmas stride – shopping, Christmas cards, concerts, parties and functions. The Staff and Management Committee had their Christmas Dinner on Saturday 29th November held at the Family Centre.

The Family Centre ran another successful Mystery Car Tour. Fifteen cars took part, ranging from 2 – 5 occupants. First place was a \$200 voucher to The Grape Gallery, which the winners Sue, Ian, Shelley and Dave have already enjoyed. Their comments were very favourable and recommend it for their food and service. The voucher was sponsored by The Grape gallery and the Family Centre. Second prize was a voucher from Hairrods and third place a bottle of wine donated by Cellarbrations in Karragullen. Everyone ended up at Cross Park for a BBQ, thank you to Mike and Ron for the sausages and entertainment. One fascinating historical fact stands out and that is the chimney in Peet Road was built for the workers who were building the water channel in the depression. They used the chimney to dry their clothes. There are lots of people to thank for making the Mystery Car Tour a success, just to name a few – Chris, Mike, Linda and her Mum, The Grape Gallery, Hairrods and Cellarbrations in Karragullen.

Term Four is coming to a close and the Family Centre would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous
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Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank® Branch continues to pay dividends to the local community, recently providing sponsorship to the Roleystone Toy Library to purchase new stock.

After many years of wear and tear on their existing equipment, the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre approached the local Community Bank® branch for a small sponsorship grant to buy new games and puzzles.

President of the Roleystone Toy Library Natalie Cirillo said she was ecstatic that the Community Bank more than doubled the amount they requested.

Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank® Branch Chairperson Anne Johnston said this is

Right: President of the Toy Library Nat Cirillo receives her cheque from Director Tom Stokes.

Left: Jacob Cirillo enjoys the new toys.

exactly the kind of community project the branch supports.

“It is great that we are able to assist local organisations, such as the Toy Library, who provide such a wonderful amenity to the families in our area,” Anne said.

“It gave us great pleasure to immediately make the funds available to the Toy Library and provide more games and puzzles for the young people of the community.

“The Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank® Branch has just celebrated its 18 months of operation and the business is still growing steadily at about \$1million a month.

“Although our support is small at this time, as the business grows the amount of money we have to give back to the community will also grow. “We are looking forward to our long term commitment to help grow our community,” Anne said.



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David's back from holidays to bring us the November stats. We would like to acknowledge David's efforts in bring us the weather from our own location each month.

Temperature Extremes in Nov

Lowest Min 7.1 (7th)
 Highest Min 15.0 (11th)
 Lowest Max 16.9 (5th)
 Highest Max 30.0 (19th)

Total Rainfall

Nov average 34.0 mm on 7 days
 Rainfall from 1st Jan to 30th November
 1008.8 mm on 123 days.
 Average Rainfall 1st Jan to 30th Nov
 999.0mm on 85 days.

Average Min Max Temperatures for the month

2003	12.3	25
2004	12.2	25.9
2005	9.6	23.5
2006	13.4	25.6
2007	n/a	n/a
2008	11.8	23.6

Yearly Rainfall for July

2004	67.2	in 9 days
2005	22.8	in 17 days
2006	21.6	in 7 days
2007	0.4	in 1 days
2008	75.0	in 10 days

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