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The Grove of the Unforgotten

The Roleystone Courier wishes everyone a safe, relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

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Araluen Park says thank you to all of its Volunteers

On Sunday 7th November, Araluen said thank you to the volunteers, the board, staff and many friends of the Park. On a balmy evening underneath the rose pergola around 80 people were treated to pizzas, wine and entertainment. Araluen Park is lucky to have a range of

volunteers who assist in the gardens, volunteer as train drivers, man the gates, help out with the shop and a wide range of other tasks. They are all very much appreciated.

Andrew & Michelle Wed in Bali

Below: Michelle Bruckner, married Andrew Baylee, in Bali on the 13th November 2010 in the place they became engaged - Bali. A magical wedding day in a very special place for the couple (see page 45 for more details.)



DECEMBER COVER

On the 11th of November our community again commemorated Remembrance Day with a solemn but uplifting ceremony in Araluen Park at the Grove of the Unforgotten. This month's cover shows the Reverend Lesley Borowitzka who conducted the service and Danyon Burge and Jake Fowler of RDHS laying a wreath on behalf of their school.



Lucy Barton Selected for National Science Forum

Local Roleystone student Lucy Barton has been selected to attend the National Youth Science Forum in January 2011. She is a year 11 student at Lesmurdie SHS and has been nurtured in her science endeavours by her teacher, long term Roleystone resident Trevor Coultas.

Lucy will be heading off to the twelve day residential program, held in Perth or Canberra in the holidays. Around 30 students from WA (and over 100 Australia wide) all entering Year 12 in 2011, have been invited to attend.

Lucy said 'I am very excited and looking forward to getting involved in some of the activities. I have already been involved in district selection and completed the orientation and I have met some fabulous new friends.'

Lucy has a history of doing amazing things in the area of science. She entered into the Curtin Science and Engineering Challenge in year 9 and has achieved high distinctions in chemistry competitions over the last two years. She really enjoys both chemistry and biology.

To be chosen, for this prestigious forum, Lucy went through a rigorous selection process that took into account both her Science talent and her interest in pursuing a science as a career.

Her teacher Trevor Coultas said of Lucy: "She is a motivated science student who has excelled in her studies here at Lesmurdie. Along with her excellent leadership skills, she is a talented public speaker, and well deserves her selection in the Science Forum.

Lucy elected to attend the Perth Forum hosted by Curtin University and UWA. She will undertake a mix of scientific, formal, personal development and social activities, from lab visits to sports evenings.

Well done Lucy.

Information from Kathryn Harrington

At right: Lucy is pictured with teacher Trevor Coultas.



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**Those Very Brainy Science Students
Do It AGAIN!**

Each year across Western Australia, the brightest science students enter the Petroleum Challenge.

This year the challenge was to produce an educational display to explain the intricacies of petroleum exploration. The team from Roleystone, once again under the guidance of science teacher extraordinaire Ruby Rajor, entered.

When they were shortlisted in the top 8 they were ecstatic. Their top ranking entitled the students (and their very proud parents) to take luncheon in the

gardens at Government House and the presentation of the final places in the Government House Ballroom. Roleystone District High School came fourth in the state. They now get to travel to Karratha, courtesy of Woodside Petroleum and they will be escorted around the gas plant which includes a trip on the water in the Dampier Archipelago.

Well done to the team: Brooke Gibbons, Jordan Leske, Imogen Kemp, Lisa Salmon, Emily Tucker and Danyon Burge.

Susan Kemp And Wendy Tucker

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Top Educators Recognised

Some of our local educators were recognised recently at the 2010 'Canning District Education Awards' evening. Awards were given to Mrs Verna Splatt as an Exemplary School Administrator, Ms Christine Walsh for Exemplary Service and Ms Ruby Rajor rounded off a great year, with an Exemplary Teacher Award. They are pictured above.

From Roleystone Primary School, Christine Heavey was recognised with an Exemplary Teacher award and Wendy Ruck with an Exemplary Service commendation.



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November 2010

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Your personal touch made all the difference working with both parties to ensure agreed settlement times worked for all. Thank you for doing what you said you would for us, you never let us down in any areas and for this we will have no hesitation in recommending your services to anyone who is thinking of selling their property.

With tears in our eyes as we left our Roleystone home, we now look forward to the next part of our lives in our new home in Chruchman's Brook, Bedfordale.

Kind regards

Craig & Ann Meldrum
Formerly of 13 Trestrail Avenue, Roleystone



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Kelmscott Migrant Camp Celebration



wide range of people attended the opening including the committee, invited guests and former residents of the Park. All members of the original Migrant Camp Park Committee were present for the official commemoration: Adrian and Lesley Choules, Margaret Bettenay, Rosalind Buckingham, Kathleen Coulthard, Kim Fletcher, Bob Noakes and Cr Henry Zelones. The committee is pictured in late 2007 when the commemorative plaque was unveiled on site. Also at the official opening were: Tony Simpson MLA for Darling Range and Don Randall Member for Canning.

Some former inhabitants of Camps 1 and 2 were also able to attend including: Anna Mazurkiewic and family, Willa Janssen and husband (who had travelled from Southern Cross) and Mr and Mrs Andrew Cypelt.

Margaret Bettenay

Just south of the Brookton Valley shops, the Kelmscott Migrant Park once accommodated hundreds of new immigrants in Nissan huts, many escaping war ravaged Europe at the end of the Second World War and into the population explosion happening in Australia in the 1950's. This site has now been officially recognised as a historic site.

On Saturday November 18, 2010 the City of Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds officially opened the Kelmscott Migrant Camp Park. This site now features display boards and a commemorative plaque recording the historical significance of the area. A



**Roleystone
Community
Alive Group**

**Your Opportunity
to Have Your Say**

Many across our community are very aware of the high rates of early death caused by risky behaviours and suicide occurring across the Roleystone Karragullen Community.

A group of concerned people has been meeting regularly to address this issue. The group has recently become known as The Roleystone Community Alive Group. Under the direction of this committee and utilising the recently launched Suicide Prevention Strategy, Centrecare is developing an action plan for our community.

Over the previous decade nearly everyone across our community has been touched by the tragic loss of those who are taken prematurely. This has been felt even more keenly in our region because of the close nature of our community. I have often thought that one of the great strengths of this location is that we know each other and we care – so this is our chance to show that this is true. ECU Director Dr Pamela Henry has been developing a survey

that will gauge the attitudes and feeling of local youth and concerned adults. This will include interviewing a range of young people and talking to those touched by suicide to gather information about the risk factors within our community. These interviews will be anonymous and carried out on an individual basis.

If you want to be involved, or you wish to be included in the survey, please contact Evie Molson on: 0418 956 519 or email:

evie.molson@hotmail.com

Or Roleystone Courier readers may wish to express their views in a public forum. You are invited to address a letter to the editor to make comment about: Where does self destructive/high risk behaviour derive from and what can we, as a community, do better for those at risk?

Please be involved. It takes a village to raise a child and a strong community to keep them alive.

Linda Moore



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**WATER FLOW
 REDUCTION IN
 THE CANNING RIVER**

The Department of Water sent a letter to our household this week.

As a resident of Roleystone, with a block that backs onto the Canning River with pumping rights, I assumed that this letter was the official notification that pumping water from the Canning River should cease over the summer months. But no, I was shocked to see that this letter requested that we only reduce the water pumped from the river this summer! What is particularly concerning is that the Department will be reducing the volume of water released into the Canning River this summer by 50%. This will undoubtedly further jeopardise the multitudes of wildlife that the River supports. I thought it important that the residents of Roleystone should at least be aware that most properties that back onto the Canning River have access (providing that they have pumping rights) to the water in the river. This is mostly used to water gardens.

In addition to this, due to damming of natural springs which would normally flow into the Canning (most notably at Araluen Resort) the very flow of the river is entirely dependent on released mains water. If the Water Department chooses to turn this tap off then the River is dead. I find this outrageous.

Surely the preservation of the River, for the pleasure of all, takes precedence over maintaining gardens, for the pleasure of a few?

Roley Pool and the lovely walk trail that follows the path of the River is a source of pleasure for many residents of Roleystone. It is part of our heritage and it needs to be protected.

If you are as concerned as I am about preserving what is left of the Canning River, please join me in contacting the Department of Water to voice your concern and request that pumping of water from the River for domestic purposes ceases and that the flow of the river is not reduced by a further 50%.

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**COUNCILLOR PAT HART'S
 RESPONSE TO THE
 NOVEMBER EDITORIAL**

As the spring on Irymple Road is in a non proclaimed water area it is very difficult to get real support for this issue as I have tried in the past. There is no legislation that I am aware of that will cover this situation in this or similar areas.

We also have another site in Coventry Road that has approval for extraction; those living around the site believe this has impacted severely on their water supplies as they also have no scheme water.

I will ensure again that Council is made well aware of the situation and I will re-affirm community concerns that they should not consider approving similar applications for water extraction. Also given the current dire predicament we are all in for water, that there should be no increased allowances for anyone that already has approval.

The underground streams that all bores in the hills feed from certainly, from all accounts, have very low or zero flows this year. Many of those still working will obviously go dry if we have no rain to replenish them.

Everyone needs to be aware of how they are using water and the implications it has for other users and for nature's survival. Keep in mind those people with bores located below your property as you may be connected through an underground stream. Be very mindful of how much you are extracting.

The flows into the dams have long ceased and this year has seen the lowest in-flows ever recorded.

I believe Canning Dam is nearing only 30% capacity. With at least 5 months before we can expect any decent rain, we are all facing big challenges. Our only hope is that we have a cyclone come through which gives us a deluge. Who knows – this extended dry period could last for a few more years. We need to accept this and get the best out of a bad situation and take a positive approach to the challenges it brings.

This is a major issue for the whole community. As you would be aware the Canning River is 100% dammed and only flows in summer through environmental releases. This year they are releasing 50% less water than last year into the Canning River as we strive to keep fresh water in the deep pools to sustain fish and other aquatic life over this extended dry period. All licensed extractors along the river have been asked to reduce their uptake by 50%. They are all on scheme water now and have this alternative water supply. All riparian extractors will be asked to cease or only extract twice a week as per current regulations as it is scheme water going into the river.

Cr Pat Hart

COCA COLA AMATIL RESPONSE TO EDITORIAL ON USE OF ROLEYSTONE'S WATER RESERVES.

I wish to clarify some facts in response to your editorial on water use in Roleystone in the November issue of the Roleystone Courier.

Firstly, the efficient and sustainable use of water is a major focus for Neverfail and its parent company Coca-Cola Amatil (CCA). Every water source undergoes stringent hydrogeological assessment processes and CCA has invested \$8million into infrastructure, expert hydrogeologists and technology to ensure all our water sources are sustainability managed.

Contrary to your claims our Roleystone source is subject to a maximum draw limit per annum, as per Planning permission

in 1997. This has been reviewed and re-confirmed since. Additionally we have not increased tanker loads - in fact, we have drawn almost 15% less from Roleystone over the last year.

To put things into context, groundwater used to supply the total bottled water industry in Australia is estimated to be just under 0.01% of the groundwater allocated for use in Australia each year (source ABWI).

We appreciate your assistance in clarifying these facts.

Emma Peacock
External Affairs Manager
Coca-Cola Amatil

A RESPONSE FROM A DOWNSTREAM NEIGHBOUR 'WHO OWNS ROLEYSTONE'S WATER RESERVES?'

Thank you for the opportunity to reply to the letter from Coca-Cola Amatil.

Our property is directly below the water extraction facility in question on Irymple Road. It was purchased by my family in 1955 and has been a commercial orchard for over 50 years. There are other orchards on our road and collectively they generate a strong economic turnover for the district and employment for local residents.

Ten years ago we would be able to irrigate our orchard and our dam would replenish overnight from the underground water supply. We now rely totally on ground water and bores to fill our dams. Already, our bores are struggling to supply water for irrigation.

I acknowledge that our dry winter and the cumulative impact of groundwater abstraction has contributed to this decline. However, many believe, the water table has been dramatically affected by the extraction of water by Coca-Cola Amatil on the property on Irymple Road.

Each week, a total of 14 tankers with a 29,400 litre capacity have approval to remove water. It is stated that since 1997 the water draw has been reviewed and re-confirmed.

This is correct though not for the lack of trying. In 2005 an application to increase water draw to 18 tanker loads per week was submitted to the City of Armadale. This application was withdrawn after strong opposition by neighbouring residents and subsequent refusal by the Department of Environment.

Coca-Cola Amatil would like to put things in perspective and quote the statistics of 0.01% of groundwater is allocated to the bottled water industry. Unfortunately I think it's 0.01% too much when surrounding properties are affected, in particular businesses which rely on that resource.

Scheme water is unavailable here. If necessary I'll source water from other avenues for our domestic use (many others do the same), however, it is impossible to do so for our commercial need.

I have recently been in communication with Emma Peacock from Coca-Cola Amatil. A hydrogeological assessment of the water extraction facility, conducted by SKM Consultancy, will be completed shortly.

Not once in 18 years of operation have any neighbouring residents been consulted or surveyed regarding their water supplies which I believe is critical to establish a sound hydrogeological report.

Roleystone and Karragullen are renowned for their orchards. They grow the delicious varieties of fruit that we all enjoy. The water that we use seeps back into the ground, recycled you could say. Neverfail simply remove millions of litres of water each year.

Water sustainability, justifiably, is a major focus for residents and requires sensible management for the long term. Water availability, however, is the immediate concern.

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A Very Cherry Christmas to All

I was asked to write this for the Sunday Times and I thought Roley Courier readers might like to read it too! (See Fresh food guide on Dec 5th)!

Cherries are one of 'the flavours of Christmas' and can be used in so many ways to add that special touch to desserts and to many a main course. However like all fruit, quality is very variable and the discerning shopper can make a mistake if they are seduced by cheap cherries or cherries that may look

good but the taste just isn't there.

So here are some hints on selecting cherries for your Christmas table.

HOW TO SELECT THE BEST CHERRIES.

Fresh is always best. If the cherries are grown here in Western Australia they are likely to be far fresher than imports from the East. They probably will not have had the time in transportation and refrigeration. Signs of an 'older' cherry: the stalk is often not green and fresh (it may be withered and brown), the stalks fall off easily, the cherry does not have the sheen of a fresh cherry and the cherry may be withered. Some varieties of cherry, like the very flavoursome Lapin, can be picked and stored for some time (in special Long Life bags). These can be kept for up to a month if stored correctly. Make sure you keep your cherries in the fridge and keep them in airtight containers if possible and they will keep well.

If you are seduced by a 'supermarket special' these cherries may have been pawed over and, if they are very cheap, the good ones may have already been removed for sale as 'premium cherries' at a higher price. You get what you pay for. (PS Cherries are often listed per kilogram, if you compare them to strawberries often sold at about \$4 - 200g punnet, cherries at \$20/kilo are still a bargain!)

Don't forget, cherries are picked individually, should have a stalk attached and are often sorted by hand - this is very labour intensive and farmers cannot afford the wages to pick them if they drop to low values at the farm gate!

As much as possible, buy from growers markets or orchard direct - these will be fresher and you will save money - plus you can ask all of the important questions.

We are often asked about sprays and whether our produce is organic. Cherries need very little spray - they are often dipped with a very weak, totally nontoxic bleach solution to prevent brown rot (particularly after rain or if it has been very humid) and generally no other spray is applied after the cherries are formed. We are very ethical primary producers, trying to minimise any inorganic treatments and ensuring we handle our produce and the local environment with care.

It is not always the largest or blackest cherries



that are the best to eat. We grow 28 varieties and some (like Merchant) can be eaten quite red and still taste excellent. All varieties are different and it depends what you like; dark and softer cherries are often sweeter, but if you like your cherries crisp and firm, this goes with a slightly less sweet cherry. Ask the seller and see if you can have a taste first!

For cooking, try to buy 'cooking cherries'. A bird pecked cherry will not keep but can easily be used for cooking (I make cherry jam, 'cherrytanas' (dried cherries) and I use cherry sauce instead of cranberry sauce as an accompaniment for my turkey. Cooking cherries are often very inexpensive and the results are wonderful - but you must process them quickly as cherries with broken skins will not last.

If you can, taste first, as this gives you the best indication of the best cherry for you. Oh and don't just buy cherries at Christmas - get them over the whole season as they are very good for you and taste scrumptious.

We grow cherries on our orchard 'Irymple' at the northern end of the Araluen valley. The orchard was established in 1901 and has always been in the Bettenay family over this time, we have been specialising in cherries at Irymple for twenty years.

Kim Bettenay, is the current owner/manager of the orchard, but my 88 year old father Vern and my 83 year old mother Margaret also work on the orchard every day. It is a 'real family affair' with all my brothers and sisters and their children and spouses, helping out on the orchard as often as possible. (Pictured above, **Brett Moore, in a cherry tree**).

We sell our cherries every Saturday at 'Just Cherries' at both the Subiaco Farmers Market and the Claremont Growers Markets and cherries are 'in season' from mid November - early January. Plus they are available at lots of local outlets too. We also have some very other flavoursome fruit available so give us a call on: 040 9496 282 and we can tell you what is available, fresh and where you can purchase it.

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One such grower that has moved down this avenue is Seb Fiolo (from S & C Fiolo in Karragullen) who is running stalls on Saturday mornings at the Subiaco Farmers Market. Seb was there to celebrate the one year anniversary of the market at a Long Lunch held on the 4th of November. Seb is pictured celebrating with friends: At back: Sam Saffioti, Kirsten Saffioti, Rob Russo. Front Seb Fiolo, Katrina Fiolo and Rita Russo.

MISSING CAT

In late September a family moved into Michael Road and their beloved cat Toby, went missing around the 27th October. 'We really hope that someone has taken him in, thinking that he is a stray. He is very affectionate. His name is Toby, he is about 10 years old, mainly white longish fur with orange markings. He is quite a small cat and very inquisitive, so we also think he may have been locked in someone's garage by accident. He is very much loved and particularly missed by my four year old daughter. We are keen to hear if anyone has seen him in the streets, taken him in or know if he has been injured. Any news would be great. My contact number is 9496 1952.' **Kate**

Year 10 Ball

The Roleystone District High School Year Ten Ball will be held at the Araluen Golf course on Tuesday the 14th of December.

Family and friends are welcome to meet in the foyer between 6.30pm and 7.30pm while the students are arriving.

There will be a professional photographer, Ian Craig, available to take group and individual shots and refreshments will be available for purchase at the bar. This is an evening that the year tens look forward to all year and where we get a glimpse of what wonderful young people our community is producing.

Susan Kemp.

Pictured: Sean Campbell and Rebecca Murray - the Beau and Belle from the 2009 Ball.



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As we march towards Christmas and into a long hot summer, I want to firstly make comment on how many readers respond to issues raised in the Courier and thank them for taking the time to do so. The letters in this edition are an indication of this, as people take

the time to respond to issues such as 'who owns our water' and 'the sale of the Church land'. I am proud to live in a community where people care.

My regular contributors show how common 'caring' is in this community whether it is for: the environment, local sport, the arts, the health and well being of others in the area, our heritage; Roleystone has it covered!

Still this is no time to be smug and complacent - there are still many in our midst who do not feel supported and their voices are not always heard. I hope as a community we can continue to grow, so that these people can be included and feel part of our town.

So while on the concept of caring Last Sunday morning, instead of gentle awakening to the pleasant sounds of our many native birds I was disturbed by a cacophony of chits and squawks as a host of rainbow lorikeets started enjoying the hospitality of our local gum trees.

They darted and flew around, causing great annoyance to my resident nesting pink and grey family and the sound they made was amazing. I estimate that the flock is nearly one hundred birds. They are very attractive little birds and if I was not aware at the damage they cause, I would have welcomed the introduction of these lovely little creatures to our area.

But sadly I do know what destruction they can do. I do not welcome them to the hills and urge everyone to do what they can to keep our area 'Lorikeet free.'

To local orchardists their arrival is extremely serious as they can decimate a fruit crop. To our local birds they pose an even greater threat, our local parrots and cockatoos cannot compete either for food or for nesting hollows.

Sadly this pest was released into Western Australia accidentally in the late 1960's. As a university student I used

to watch them in the early 1970's in the trees near 'The Ref' and think how pretty they were.

For many years in the 1980's and 1990's I would marvel at them outside the airport - squawking hordes of foreign parrots welcoming tourists into our state. It seems to me that very little was done to control them in those times.

Now they have bred up in huge numbers and they have escaped from the metropolitan area to the food growing area of the state. They have already caused extensive damage to the grapes in the Swan valley.

They are now in our area and will cause/are already causing massive damage.

According to the Department of Agriculture and under legislation of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), rainbow lorikeets can be shot on private land in the south-west land division, without the need for a Damage License from DEC.

Although this could be distressing to some hills residents, the threat posed by this introduced pest is serious and serious control measures are necessary.

Local fruit growers should report lorikeets on their properties, when they are first seen and when they are damaging crops. Members of the public are also asked to report lorikeets on their properties, when they are first seen, when they start

to become a nuisance and any negative behavior.

Members of the public are also encouraged to 'be supportive of local businesses in the area being adversely affected and be mindful of the responsibilities placed on all landholders to control the birds.'

You can make a report by telephoning the Department of Agriculture and Food's Pest and Disease Information Service on Freecall 1800 084 881 or downloading the rainbow lorikeet sighting report form and faxing it to 9474 2405 or emailing it to info@agric.wa.gov.au And now to end this editorial on a happier note.

This is my last Courier for the year and I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their continued support. I am still really enjoying putting it together each month; everyone I deal with is a total pleasure and my thanks to you all.

To those who contribute articles, photos etc, to my loyal advertisers and of course to my long suffering family, my heartfelt thanks to you all. And most importantly, to the many readers who continue to give such positive feedback THANK YOU.

This magazine has chronicled so much in our community and will continue to do so for many years into the future.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Linda Moore

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RESPONSE TO: 'SELLING OFF OUR HERITAGE'

In response to 'Selling off our Heritage' and the reply from Robert Locke of the Uniting Church printed in the November edition of the Roleystone Courier.

As an outside observer with no particular religious conviction, I must say I'm astounded by the attitude of the Uniting Church. Not much Christian charity there.

Robert Locke seems to be saying it's our land and we'll do what we like with it. He doesn't even discuss the fact that the only reason the Uniting Church acquired the land was because the local community was unincorporated.

The decent Christian thing to do would be to recognise the history of the land and give it to the local community. All this talk of offering it to the community for sale is just a red herring. The land was acquired by default from the community and it should therefore be returned to the community without cost.

Ken Walker

Jade gets closer to Hollywood

On the 13th of November a Raffle was held at Roleystone Shopping Centre to fundraise for local actress Jade Chamberlain.

Jade has been accepted, by audition, to attend a 10 day Hollywood Immersive Workshop in Los Angeles in April 2011 with Lilly Dawson Casting. Lilly Dawson is a Melbourne Casting Director and is very highly regarded within the Film and Entertainment industry here in Australia and in the US.

Jade and her family would like to extend their gratitude to the people of Roleystone for supporting Jade's fundraising activities. 'I was amazed at how many people bought a raffle ticket to support me. I was even more amazed when some people didn't even want a ticket; they just wanted to give me a donation towards the cost of my trip!'

The raffle was kindly organised by Deb de Boer. Jade would like to thank the Sponsors and congratulate the Winners. 'I am really grateful to all the businesses that provided prizes for me to raffle. I would like to give a special mention to Deb who rallied many businesses to give their support and made the whole day run so successfully. All the winners were from Roleystone!'

The prizes were drawn by Ross from Supa IGA and Brian from Roleystone Family

Meats and validated by organiser Deb de Boer.

- 1st - DVD Movie Hamper - sponsored by Roleystone Antennas - won by Olaf & Jo.
- 2nd - BBQ Meat Tray & Stainless Steel Utensils - sponsored by Roleystone Family Meats - won by Kathleen.
- 3rd - Vegetable Hamper - sponsored by Roleystone Supa IGA - won by Cabbie Craig.
- 4th, 5th & 6th - 50% Discount Voucher for 2 - sponsored by Miss Maud Family Restaurants - won by Sharron, Lorraine & Suellen.
- 7th & 8th - Ornamental Tree - sponsored by The Ornamental Tree Farm Karragullen - won by Mrs van den Dorp & Julie Smith.
- 9th - Make Up Kit - sponsored by Roleystone Antennas - won by Wolf.

Special thanks also to Ross and Joe Anile for allowing us to conduct the raffle at IGA. Again, thanks to all who purchased a ticket or supported her by donating a prize. Jade raised \$562 from the event which is a wonderful injection to her fundraising account. LA here she comes!

Kerrie Chamberlain



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Our Seniors Given a Treat



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'Cilla Black' Makes Lyn A Winner

Lyn Hunt from Roleystone Primary School recently won the competition, run through ABC Radio Afternoons program, to name a newborn female Barnaby Cockatoo!

The rare Black Carnaby cockatoo has been the subject of a documentary being made by film maker Leighton De Barros and Wildlife officer Rick Dawson. The documentary entitled, A Wing and A Prayer, is all about this beautiful rare bird, an icon of our skies in WA and endangered. They used special technology to get never before seen footage as a female cockatoo found a mate, built a nest in a hollow log and finally successfully hatched a chick.

Lyn's entry was to name the baby Cilla (after Cilla Black). *Lyn is pictured at right at Roleystone Primary School - working hard as usual!*



Nicky Says a Sad Goodbye

Nicky Dalbeth, one of the welcoming faces at our local Bendigo Bank is leaving. Here she writes her farewell.

I will be sad to go, but I am moving on to greener pastures – quite literally, as I am off to live in New Zealand, land of rolling green hills and plenty of rain!

Due to family reasons I am heading back across the water after 20 years of being away. Of all the places I have lived around Australia and NZ, Roleystone is by far my favourite, it's a very unique part of the world that will be missed very much. From here I am moving to a tiny little town out in country NZ with only "one" little corner shop! The good thing about that is less impulse spending!

I have lived in Roleystone for 6 years, employed at the local community bank for the past 3 years, and I must say it has been such a pleasure getting



to know so many locals.

I have made some lovely friends both through work and the Roleystone Community Church who have become like a family to me. Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome. I will miss you all.

Nicky Dalbeth.

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I like Roleystone because it has more trees for me to climb. I don't like Roleystone because it is too cold. I like Roleystone because my family is closer together. I don't like Roleystone because it has more spiders and snakes. Since coming to Roleystone I have started at my new school and I like it. I have made new friends. My orchard has lots of cherries for me to eat. My house is two storeys and I have made a new garden at my house. My mum is happy here and my new baby sister Violet will love it too. There are horses to ride and the dog Radar to play with – she is fun. There is lots of gravel to ride my bike on. I like it a lot here and I am staying.

Leigh Ralphs
8 Years old

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The Buildings Take Shape

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block has occurred and the scaffolding for the new undercover area has been erected. The site works have been completed with maximal consideration of the importance of the natural environment to the school. These buildings will keep true to the existing value of nature. It is truly 'a school amongst the gum trees.'

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Laurie Smoker His Artworks are on Fire



Former Roleystone District High School art teacher and local personality Laurie Smoker's exhibition of paintings and drawings recently opened and local friends gathered to celebrate and purchase some art. Here Karen Tretheway and Kylie Bottcher pose in front of the spectacular Spinifex painting acquired by Kylie. Laurie has an eclectic mix of pieces: drawings, watercolours, acrylics, oils and sculpture. The exhibition was held at the Victoria Park Art Centre.



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MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON AT ROLEYS. Firstly, all of the members who sat at our table thought it was a well-organised function - with congratulations to the management! Secondly, everyone at our table of six won a prize in one form or another - two drew the winning horse (Americane); Ron Facius won runner-up best dressed - and the door prize; Linda Spiring for the runner-up best hat (both pictured), Helen Mantle was placed in the sweepstake and Clive Spiring's horse came last! Vyonne Geneive

Sam and Kia off to Germany



some wonderful photos) which we will include in the next edition. Thanks also go to their German teacher, Judy Jackson at Kelmscott SHS, who helped make all of this possible. We wish them well on their German adventure.
Tracy Cogle

Sam Cogle and Kia O'Neill, both local Roleystone residents and students at Kelmscott Senior High School, have been awarded scholarships to travel and study in Germany.

The happy pair left for Germany last week and arrived at Frankfurt airport early on Tuesday morning. They then separated to go on to other areas of Germany.

Kia will be staying in Lubeck in the North, while Sam is staying in Konstanz on Lake Constance right on the Swiss/German border. Sam will be sending us details about his trip (and no doubt

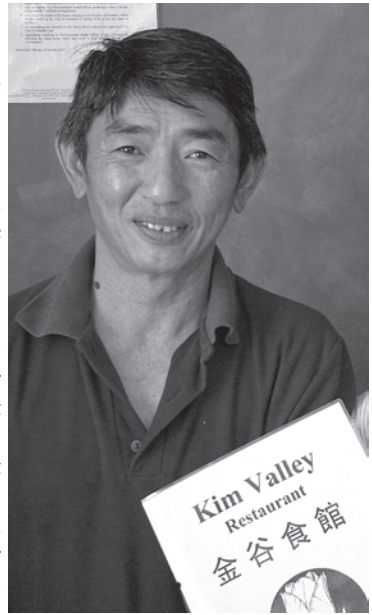


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FAREWELL GENTLEMAN WALTER 'JIM' BULLEN

Long-term Roleystone resident Walter (Jim) Bullen passed away in mid November in his 89th year.

A real English gentleman, many across town will recall him going to the shops in his suit and tie.

Jim leaves his loving wife Norma, his 4 children: Andrew, Reg, Stephen and Mary, 17 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Jim was born and grew up in Bristol in England. He was raised by his mother as his father died in 1928 after injuries sustained from gas on the Western Front in WW1.

Jim joined the British Army (at only 16) at the outbreak of WW2 and initially was stationed in Bristol. While stationed there he met his future wife Norma who was a telephonist and Jim and Norma 'became a couple', marrying in 1945 on his only home leave.

Soon after this Jim was sent with his unit to Burma to assist in preventing the southern movement of the Japanese. When Burma was overthrown Jim was not captured and their unit was pushed to the hilly wild jungle area of northern Burma where he spent the next three years. Following the war, Jim returned to the UK and once again began to work as an accountant. Through the fifties Norma and Jim had four children and life was very pleasant. Jim had a good job and they were very comfortable but decided to immigrate in 1958.



Pictured above: Jim and wife Norma taken on their 65th Wedding Anniversary earlier this year.

They arrived in Perth in the 60's and after initially renting in North Perth for 4 pounds a week they purchased a home in Peet Road Roleystone (the old 'Beales House'). They soon forged many firm friendships. The Bullens soon joined the Congregational Church and Jim has been a stalwart of the church community over the last fifty years.

Once the children were at school the couple began fostering children and thus many children were able to benefit from Jim and his warm loving family. (12 people lived in this original 2 bedroom house from 68 - 72.)

Following the 'fostering phase' of their lives and with their own children all grown up, Jim and Norma then decided to assist in Papua New Guinea at Tari near Mt Hagen. His role was diverse: running the agency, banking, weather forecaster, serving the petrol, running the general store and some support missionary work. Jim loved the time he spent in New Guinea. In Reg's words: 'He went to PNG as a church person and came back as a Christian person'. This experience lasted for three years when they decided to return to Perth and took up more sedate activities.

Jim lived in a variety of locations but was always passionate about Roleystone and returned here to live near his daughter Mary and son in law Rowland for the last 15 years. He was able to pass away in his own home surrounded and nursed by his loving wife and family. So Rest in Peace Jim, thank you we love you.

(Adapted from the Eulogy delivered by son Reg Bullen).

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SPEED UP AND SIT STILL

Martin Whitely's Book Speed Up and Sit Still - exposes the truth about ADHD child drugging.

Martin Whitely MLA for Bassendean was the member for Roleystone for many years and he is well known across the area. Martin is a current member of the Western Australian State Parliament and as a former teacher, he has long been passionate about the expansion in diagnosis and treatment of ADHD in children. He became concerned about ADHD in the 1990's when he was alarmed at the number of boys in his class who were medicated with amphetamines and were unnaturally quiet and compliant.


While other books have been written about ADHD this is the first to outline the science, marketing and politics of ADHD and it is written by a politician. Speed Up and Sit Still follows the money trail and outlines the influence of the American Psychiatric Association and the pharmaceutical companies on Australian psychiatric practice. Speed Up and Sit Still examines the reasons for the massive increase in Australian ADHD drug use. "Prescribing rates have exploded

because it is in the interests of many stakeholders to accept, without proof, the hypothesis that ADHD is caused by a biochemical imbalance. Drug companies profit, busy clinicians get a quick, easy, lucrative diagnosis and treatment, struggling teachers get a compliant child, governments get a cheap way of appearing to meet child mental health demands and parents are fooled into an illusory belief that they have helped their child with a quick and apparently effective intervention. The real losers in the ADHD debate are children who are completely powerless to prevent themselves being 'medicated'."

Mr Whitely is scathing in his assessment of his fellow politicians claiming most leave the controversial issue in the "too hard basket" or do as the Rudd and Howard Governments did, "delegate the solution to the problem of reckless prescribing to those who had created it in the first place."

Speed Up and Sit Still, covers complex material in a easy-to-read format. It is aimed at parents, teachers, medical professionals, policy setters and the community at large.

Speed Up and Sit Still is available for \$24.95 plus \$7.00 postage and handling from <http://speedupsitstill.com/shop> Excerpts of the book can be viewed at <http://speedupsitstill.com/> All authors payments from Speed Up and Sit Still are donated to Drug Free Attention Difficulties Support inc. <http://www.dfads.org.au/home/index.php> **Well done Martin!**



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For more information phone Reverend Lesley on 9293 8273 Christmas Services at St Christophers Anglican Church, 8 Hall Road, Roleystone

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Fiona has studied for over twelve years and is both clinically and university trained. She holds a degree BA in Sociology and a Diploma in Counselling and is completing her Master's in Psychotherapy Counselling at ECU Joondalup.

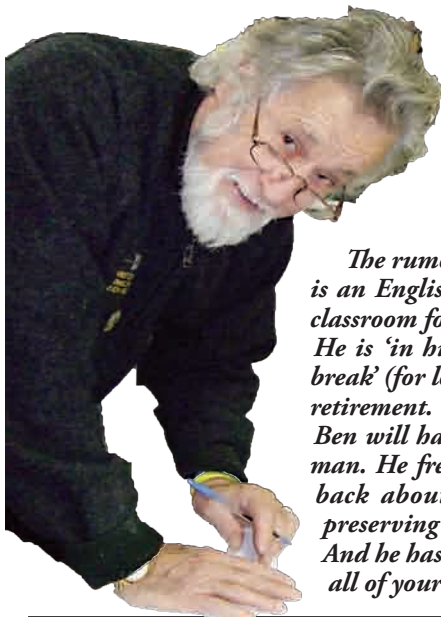
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Ben Seabrook takes a well Deserved REST

The rumour is out - Ben Seabrook just may be retiring. Ben is an English teacher at Kelmscott SHS and has been in the classroom for over 50 years.

He is 'in his mid 70's' and has finally decided that a 'short break' (for long service leave reasons) may then be followed by retirement.

Ben will have lots to do to fill up his time: he is a passionate man. He frequently writes letters to the editor and rings talk back about a range of themes from: the environment, to preserving our black cockatoos, to better deals for teachers. And he has always been passionate about football! Thanks for all of your efforts Ben and enjoy your break!

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Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club



Heading in to the last few games before the Christmas break, the club has witnessed a great start to the season with all five teams in top 4 positions!

B-grade, the clear stand-outs, sitting high and mighty on top of the table some 10 points ahead. Both C and D-grades have had rollercoaster seasons thus far and are hanging on to their respective finals spots. Meanwhile in E-grade, the veterans are narrowly ahead in 1st place whilst the younger guns sit by the skin of their teeth in 4th spot which has made for much banter each weekend back at the club between the two rival sides.

John Lewis has been somewhat of a revelation for the club - capturing 19 scalps for just 122 runs. Patrick Fisher is leading the way with the bat with his 255 runs in 6 innings. Their form has helped B-grade a great deal in ensuring their atmospheric rise to the top of the table where they belong. Another B-grader also requires mention. Ryan Maughan, who played last season in C-grade, has taken 9 catches behind the stumps so far and has showed ability and skill well beyond his years.

Meanwhile, we will take this opportunity to remind everyone that our annual Australia Day activities will proceed as usual at Cross Park next year. All who can swing a bat, and even those who can't, are invited to come and join in the festivities that are guaranteed to be enjoyable! Keep an ear out!

Lastly, a big thank you to all of our sponsors for this season. We have invested in some new equipment and have re-kitted all players with new shirts which look fantastic and have helped us to not just be a winning team, but also look like a winning team!

Todd Bendall

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Welcome to our New Babies

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ASHLEIGH-LOUISE

Bendigo Bank Manager Michelle and husband John Brace became Grandparents on Monday October 18. They now have a bonny baby girl Ashleigh-Louise to babysit.



TROJAN JACK ROBERTS

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Another relatively new doctor referred to as Dr David (Ayodele Mejiuni) has been with the practice for a few months now.

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LEE PENNY AND STEVEN JEFFERIES



Local residents Lee Penny and Steven Jefferies tied the knot on the 5th of November at Araluen Botanic Park. In keeping with the local theme, the reception was held at Araluen Golf Resort. The bride was accompanied by Matron of Honour, Ebony Kain along with the bride's sister, Carly Penny. Luke Scari, a long time friend of Steven's was the best man, along with Aaron Kain as groomsman. After some light showers in the morning, it turned out to be a beautiful day. The highlight for the bridal party was the use of the golf buggies, kindly provided by the Golf Resort. They certainly helped the weary legs at the end of the photo shoot and provided some great laughs as the bridal party drove around to get some fantastic shots on the beautiful golf course. Steven and Lee would like to thank the staff at Araluen Golf Resort for a wonderful evening. Thank you to Jodie and Karolina at Merge Photography for the photo. The newlyweds honeymooned in Yallingup.

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SEAN AND SIANA BROOKS MARRY

Sean and Siana Brooks (nee Claes) were married on Sunday 26th September 2010 at Araluen Golf Resort. Sean and Siana met at Lesmurdie Senior High School in year 10/11. Seana moved in with Sean in 2005 and together they have set up house. In May 2009 they brought their first house in Roleystone. Sean is a local lad from Roleystone and Siana is a Bickley girl. They honeymooned in Thailand for ten days. Sean's brother Josh was best man and Siana's bridesmaids were her sister Maya and best friend Asher.



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Simon will be joined in 2011 by Jocelyn from Mejo Design.

We also thank our amazing photographer, RhonnieBee Photography- check her out on face book, Linda Moore from Roleystone Courier for her endless hard work, our ever helpful business mentors, Shannon and Mick from Lifestyle Carpentry and Lari from the very popular swim school Seadragonz. Their advice has been invaluable.

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Roleystone Primary School News

As we head into the final weeks of the school year, it seems it was only yesterday that we were looking forward to a fulfilling programme for 2010. Recollecting on the items that I have reported on it has certainly been that. If anything, these last few weeks have been busier than previously!

We had a visit from Constable Care, with relevant messages about bullying. The presentation for the older children was really funny and the actors involved did a fantastic job of holding the audiences attention. Luca and Hannah, two year 5 students, helped out by being contestants on a game show; and all the children were given the opportunity to participate with a question session at the end of the show to demonstrate how well they had listened. Their answers were excellent. The teachers appreciated a short 'breather' where they were not required to prepare the lesson. At report writing time the creative juices tend to be spread rather thinly, so thank you to Mary Harvey for organising that.

Mrs Cotter, our Science teacher, organised a Scitech incursion called 'Endless Energy'. The children are learning about energy and its sources. Students experienced different energy types such as chemical and kinetic



and how they are transferred, and some practical applications e.g. batteries for chemical.

Mr Blaker organised a Bunnings incursion for Rooms 13, 14 and 15. Children potted some parsley and then decorated the pot, and some were lucky enough to make a tool box. All the children enjoyed the experience.

During Phys. Ed. lessons, guest tennis coaches came to the school to demonstrate some of the finer points of the game to the children. It was also an exercise in safety and cooperation, because with all those tennis racquets and balls going at once there was potential for damage to be done, but everyone came out unscathed.

The school ran a Technology and Enterprise challenge where every class had to create something using only newspaper, glue and masking tape etc. There were many

different creations from papier Mache pigs to potato carriers. The children had to design their project, make it and then appraise it to see whether it complied with all constraints.

In the realms of civic responsibility the school held its annual free dress day to raise money to sponsor a child. The children bring in a gold coin to be able to wear non-school uniform. As usual, it was very well supported, so thank you to all the parents of children who participated.

In the last week there will be a disco if children have earned 700 Virtues vouchers across the school. There is really no question as to whether the disco will happen because we have such a positive student body!

Grandparents and Volunteers morning tea was held in the undercover area and was attended by many guests who were entertained by the Years 3 and 5 Choirs. The choir members enjoyed performing and they did a lovely job. Mrs West managed to choose a selection of songs to cater for all tastes, and there's always a tear jerker. Staff, students and community contribute to the success of this annual event, so well done to everyone who had a role to play in any capacity.

Preparations for the new school year are underway as we wind down the current one. Prefect nominations for 2011 have been submitted and the students who were nominated have presented their nomination speeches. It was impressive to listen to excellent speeches, as well as witness the courage it took for the Year 4 students to get up and speak to a large group. The interests of our students are in good hands for the new and final year of Roleystone Primary School.

All the best to everyone for the Festive Season. Have a prosperous and safe New Year.

Pat Watson

Pictured left: Cara and Lachlan with their potato basket and Grace Bushby putting her Tech Deck Park through its paces as part of the School Newspaper Challenge.



Above: Hannah and Luca at Constable Care

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Then "The Big Things" came on and we almost had to renail the rafters. A fitting finale to the year! We'd like to thank the Roleystone TeeBall and Baseball Club and the Junior Football Club for sharing Springdale with us. Springdale has proven to be a fine home for the club this year and has helped us grow to be a better community club. Our End of Year bash has had a venue change - it's now on at Springdale Oval.

The evening kicks off at 7.30 with an 80's theme so dip into your imaginations and come up with a costume! There will be prizes for the best dressed. \$10 tickets for adults, kids are free. BYO drinks (please NO GLASS). We'll have a BBQ going for grub. We'll be decorating in the afternoon - feel free to come down and join in. Bring some decorations - 80's or Xmas. If you would like to reserve a ticket, give Chris a call on 0439901932 or email info@rmcwa.com.au. RMC would like to take this opportunity to

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Carol and Chris.

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In October we had a sausage sizzle and raffle outside IGA which was a great success. Thanks to our sponsors Roleystone Meats, IGA Roleystone and the Valley Grower Supermart and Bakery.

In November we had a carwash to help raise some more funds. We washed 40 cars which was very exhausting, but I'm pretty sure everyone would agree that we did a good job.

Many thanks to our sponsors Auto Pro Kelmscott for the donation of carwash and sponges, Brockway's Tank Hire for water, tank and pump use and Matthew Keane from BHP Billiton Worsley Alumina Pty Ltd, Boddington Bauxite Mine for the use of signs, traffic cones and squeegees.

Our next major fundraising activity is a sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Maddington on Boxing Day. We are currently seeking sponsors to support this event, so if you can help please contact us on 0437271934.

In early December, our school is organising a hike and leadership activities. We have had a couple of meetings with the team to decide our expedition and soon we'll decide on what our community project will be.

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GETTING READY FOR AUSTRALIA DAY

Roleystone residents should mark in their calendars that the annual City of Armadale Australia Day celebrations will again be happening on the 26 January 2011.

The event is scheduled to start at 4pm and will be held in the beautiful surrounds of Minnowarra Park, in Armadale.

There will again be a range of entertainment with food vendors, a carnival, amusement rides, circus workshops, Old Macdonald's Animal Farm, live music, and again a fantastic fireworks display!

Those planning to attend are advised by Police that alcohol is not banned, but there will be no tolerance shown if it is abused or people are causing trouble.

Thanks to the City of Armadale for this free event.

Plus on the same day, at the Council Chambers there will again be the presentation of the Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards.

Hay Fever

The Hay fever season is in full swing once again as the pollen or allergen levels rise in the air.

Symptoms: Hay fever is the acute seasonal form of allergic rhinitis. Symptoms can be severe and often very debilitating and include sneezing, runny nose, nasal congestion, intense itching of the mouth, nose and ears and conjunctivitis. The nasal mucous membranes become congested and swollen producing a clear watery nasal discharge. Due to poor airflow frontal headaches often occur. A dry irritating cough can subsequently occur as well as exacerbation of asthma. Many of these symptoms are similar to the common head cold so it is important to check with your pharmacist to differentiate between the two.

One of the common complications of hay fever is Hay Fever Conjunctivitis. The surface of the eye becomes itchy, a watery discharge occurs and the eye surface takes on a red appearance as blood vessels become swollen.

Both hay fever and seasonal allergic conjunctivitis are the result of hypersensitivity reactions to specific antigens. These are usually airborne pollens from trees, grasses and weeds. Symptoms vary often from day to day throughout the hay fever season depending on the pollen levels in the air.

The body responds to these allergens by releasing histamine which causes the symptoms of swelling and itching of the mucous membranes. Because we can't predict the allergen levels from day to day it is often best to block this histamine release constantly by taking

antihistamines regularly.

Treatment: Antihistamines form the main stay of treatment and are divided depending on how likely they are to cause drowsiness.

Generally the longer acting non-sedating antihistamines are used such as Telfast, Zyrtec, Alerius and Claratyne. Side effects with such medications are generally minimal but for those highly sensitive individuals sometimes the symptoms are not fully eased.

Eye Drops: Many eye drops are available to reduce the itching and redness associated with hay-fever such as: Antistine Privine, Naphcon A and Albalon A however burning, stinging and irritation can accompany instillation of these drops. These can only be used short term. Newer antihistamine eye drops such as Livostin and Eyezep not only reduce itchy symptoms but stabilise the eye surface from reacting to allergens. Zaditen also works effectively with a three way action, as an antihistamine, anti-inflammatory and stabiliser.

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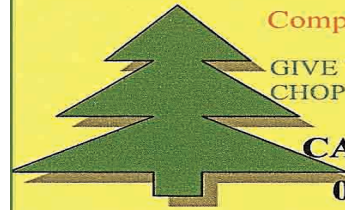
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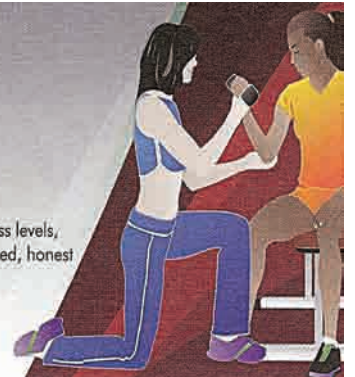


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Dick Wittington - An Update

Following the story of the restoration of Dick Wittington in last month's edition.....

The original statue of Dick Whittington was built by Den Howarth in the late 1970's. Den was a painter and decorator by trade and art was his hobby. He was an Englishman who built the statue to show the distance back to London. He named the block Passing Clouds after an English Cigarette Company (he was a very heavy smoker). Sadly he died of emphysema some years later. Den had to build the statue twice as the first was destroyed by vandals. So this was built to last and anchored firmly into the ground.

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CITY'S CAROLS SING-ALONG A FAMILY FAVOURITE

Ho, ho, ho! It is Christmas carols time in the City of Armadale. The City's annual Carols in Minnowarra event on Sunday 5 December, from 5pm to 7.30pm, is FREE to attend and gives everyone the opportunity to join in a festive sing-along in the lead-up to Christmas.

With musical accompaniment from some of the region's most well-known choirs there is every reason to warm up those vocal cords for some popular carols.

There will be a visit from Father Christmas and this year he will have some elves to help him.

The Armadale City Concert Band, Classic Sounds Choir and Roleystone Theatre Choir will provide musical backing for the carols, ably assisted by students from Armadale Primary School and Pioneer Village School.

Sunday 5 December also marks WA's Thank a Volunteer Day and you can visit the Armadale Volunteer Services tent at Minnowarra Park to find out more.

Carols in Minnowarra is a smoke-free event. Armadale City Concert Band has kindly assisted with organising the event. For more information about Carols in Minnowarra contact the City of Armadale on 9399 0187 or www.armadale.wa.gov.au

Seadragonz Continues to Excel

Seadragonz Swim School is a local business that continues to shine at a national level.

This year, Seadragonz Swimming School has been recognised by the Australian Small Business Championships judges, and the proprietors, Bill and Lari McDonald, are heading to Sydney to lap up a bit of well deserved R & R and celebrate along with other championship finalists.

Seadragonz is West Australia's most awarded swimming school, and this latest recognition will add to that impressive list.

Bill and Lari don't just aim to teach essential water skills. They aim to build an environmentally sustainable business that goes the extra mile to provide a fun learning environment for all ages and a rewarded career for their dedicated team of swimming instructors and customer service people.

It is this extra effort that the awards focus on. Out of 550 applications for the Australian Action Business Coach Awards for Best Start Up Business, Seadragonz was identified as 'highly commended'.

"We're always on the lookout for new

people, new ideas and better ways of doing things" said Lari recently. "We aim to build something special here and every aspect of what we do must reflect that goal of striving for excellence and always being 'a cut above the rest'."

Of course, awards and high standards don't come easily. Lari and Bill see their business as more than just a local employer. They see it as an important part of the community, providing skills that are essential for our young people as they participate and grow in Perth's water playground lifestyle.

Upon their return to Perth, Bill and Lari will implement new ideas they learn from sharing with other award finalists and continue to search for enthusiastic and committed staff to add to their awesome and amazing team as well as reviewing their swimming programs and services to ensure their customers receive the best of everything.

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SYLVANIA PARK RESERVE

After October's field day had to be cancelled due to unsuitable weather, Mother Nature turned on a beautifully mild day for the Roleybushcare field day held on November 7th. The field day was held at Sylvania Park Reserve, a 10 hectare reserve on Chevin Rd and a group of 17 dedicated volunteers gathered to treat vulnerable trees along the western border of the park. The group specifically targeted jarrah trees as the banksias and persoonias had been treated on field days held earlier in the year. As a "thank you" for volunteering their time and energy, the volunteers were once again treated to a lovely morning tea, this time provided by Diane.

HERO OF THE MONTH

John Horgan has been a volunteer with Roleybushcare for many years. A regular attendee at field days, John can be seen performing a variety of tasks - filling syringes, injecting trees and carting equipment to other volunteers in the bush. It's not unusual for John to put in extra time after a field day has finished, recovering the syringes that were left in trees to completely empty their contents. He is also a willing helper at busy bees held to prepare all the equipment for the injecting field days. For about the last five years, John has taken a special interest in Stonegate Reserve and has put in many hours there, weeding and mulching. Anyone walking past can see the results of the effort that he and others have put in.

NEXT FIELD DAY

Dieback Treatment - Sunday 5th Dec and again on the 23rd Jan 2011 between 9.00am and noon in the Midgegoroo National Park up behind the Araluen Golf Course Estate. Meet in Forrestedge Rd. Come along and the Group will show you how to treat your own bush land. If you help us that morning, you will be able to borrow the equipment for free. Check the website or our notice board at the Roleystone Shopping Centre for more details. For a last minute check if it is raining or stormy, look at the website on the day of the field day at 8.15am. Don't forget to buy your Roleybushcare 2011 calendar at the local shopping centre.

Studio Genius Exhibition

Studio Gen-ius at Roleystone has been fortunate to have the services of a bevy of beautiful models during the past year, one of whom, Herma Richards originates from Guyana. All six models have accepted the invitation to attend the Student Exhibition



Pictured: Studio Gen-ius student, Gail Reid of Kelmscott, with her portrait of model, Herma Richards, standing by another portrait of the same model by fellow-student, Maureen James, of Roleystone.

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TRACEY, KEVIN AND MASON - 5 YEARS ON

Five years has passed since Tracey (nee Atkinson) and Kevin Milne had their wedding at Araluen and this photo was published in the Roleystone Courier. They now have a 9 month old son called Mason Kruze.

These days the husband and wife team run Silver Fusion – a business providing an earth moving service with a 10T tip truck and a Bobcat. Tracey does all the admin & Kevin does all the driving. This very

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The company recently became a sponsor of the Dale Hockey Club.

Happy Wedding Anniversary and keep up the great work with Silver Fusion.

Right: Tracey and Kevin on their wedding day - Photo from the Dec 2005 Roleystone Courier. Above left: the family today.



GARDENING NOTES
JEAN: 9397 5547

December already and I now know why there is a ember on the end of the word. We have had a real taste of what is to come.

Each year I like the heat less, but when I look back I realise how well we humans and our gardens cope with each season. As we look around the garden we see so many lovely summer plants in bloom. Bougainvillea is so floriferous when it is not molly coddled and it has very few prickles in amongst the colourful bracts. Unlike roses it doesn't appear affected by the heat. The perfume from the roses though makes all the hard work in keeping them in bloom worthwhile. I find the scent of Cestrum nocturnis (night scented Jessamine) very pleasant, not too strong and it gently lets us know that there is a bush somewhere close. The insignificant flower certainly wouldn't encourage you to grow it.

A very beautiful scented plant is the mock orange (philadelphus coronarius (virginal)). This has a largish soft white many-petalled blossom. It is reasonably easy to grow from cuttings. I found that Daphne grows easily from cuttings too.

There are a couple of new gardenias available, white pearl and the four season's gardenia. These do very well in full sun and you get a lot more flowers. Here in Roleystone, with our acidic soil we do not get such yellowing of the leaves over winter. This is generally the result of too little iron and magnesium.

If you want to please family or friends at Christmas you can give them a lovely hydrangea. This provides a cool and refreshing

plant that will act as a barometer to the garden - letting you know when to water.

Take care with any fruit trees you may have and be sure to pick up any fallen fruit. By putting it into a sealed plastic bag it will cause any maggots to cook in the sunlight, preventing the cycle recurring next year.

We will be visiting Marg's Garden and Irymple Orchard again for our seasonal wind up of the Garden Group on the 16th. We all loved it last year, those cherries straight off the tree were divine. Maybe we can make ourselves useful too. Others are welcome to join us – just ring me on 93975547 for directions and details.

I wish you all a happy and prosperous festive season and all the best for the New Year.

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Good Gardening.
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EXERCISE VERSUS DIET

thunder clap and screeching strings)! "Naughty" food, in general, is so high in energy (calorie) content that it would only be possible to "out-exercise" it if "exercise" were your full time occupation!

As most of us have rather sedentary jobs, we need to be mindful of what we eat and consume the "naughty" stuff in moderation.

Just to give you a little snapshot of how much exercise it takes to "burn off" or "earn" the food you consume, here are a few foods and the time it takes to exercise them off.

A 55g chocolate bar takes about three and a half hours of walking or playing golf to burn! (and yes, golf does burn pretty much the same amount as walking). If you want to speed that up, you could try swimming for two and a half hours!

A 100g packet of chips takes approximately six hours of walking while a small serve of salted nut mix will take about three and a half.

So why bother exercising at all? Why not just eat in moderation and forget about getting sweaty all together?

Because it has been proven time and time again that "dieting" on its own has no long term benefits to weight loss for most people. In fact it almost always ends up having the reverse effect.

As always, the only sure path to success is eating in moderation (and yes, that does include the allowance of occasional "naughtiness") and exercising safely, just slightly beyond your comfort zone 2 - 3 times per week.

Many times I will see clients of mine out and about enjoying themselves in a cafe, eating muffins and drinking mochas.

Don't get me wrong, I don't want anyone to feel guilty for enjoying themselves, you should enjoy yourself. But I almost ALWAYS get a guilty look as they say something along the lines of "I walked the dog this morning, so it's ok, I burnt the energy". I had an extreme case about six years ago where my client would go to the cafe and have a large slice of chocolate cake and a coffee before every session!

Seeing as exercise is commonly used as a way out of eating responsibly, I thought I would clear up the question "Can you out-exercise your diet?"

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COMMUNITY FORUM

At the Roleystone Karragullen **Community Bank** branch forum held on Sept 20th, a list of over 50 ideas to improve and grow our community was compiled. Many of the participants also showed an enthusiasm to be involved in helping to progress these ideas.

Suggestions targeted improvements to social and physical amenities. They included: the development of youth activities supported by a Youth Education worker, a Community Recreation Centre, a Men's Shed, a community garden, a community library, and a community bus. All of the suggestions put forward were ranked at the Forum and by members of the public at

the Roleystone Shopping Centre.

The Community Plan which includes all of the suggestions was publicly launched at the AGM of Roleystone-Karragullen Financial Services Limited. Copies of the plan are available for viewing on the Roleynet website www.roleystone.net.au

The Community Bank Board is actively exploring the feasibility of the top ranked suggestions. Early in 2011 we will engage with the community again to establish what interest there is in developing the ideas. Some of the ideas will require significant funding and will be long term. Other less complex ones with shorter lead times and relatively low costs will be explored through community consultation.

For further information, contact Chris Johnston 08 6396 0756, 0427 462 921 or accesschris@iinet.net.au

FAREWELL JAN (pictured right). Jan and hubby are off to Busselton - but they promise they will be back often to visit their many friends in Roleystone.



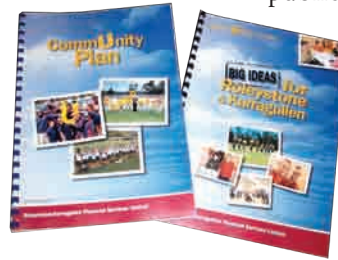
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BOWLING ALONG *With Keith Rinaldi*



It's on again! All the fun and colour of night bowls being played under lights is now in full swing with the first round of Community Bowls currently taking place. Heading the ROLEYSTONE SUPA IGA Community Bowls leader board after two rounds are the undefeated team of Pozzies & Hansen's Environmentals both with an overall difference of +31 shots. Also undefeated are Butchers (+22) and Odds & Sods (+9) and there's sure to be tight competition over the final two rounds to see who emerges victorious

See above: Carolyn Deas gets some bowling tips from Jenny Woodard (both from 'Odds and Sods') and below: The boys from 'Butchers' (Karradale Meats) argue the toss with 'WJKS Autos' lads.

Of course if you missed out on playing in this round of community bowls, the ROLEYSTONE-KARRAGULLEN BENDIGO BANK Community Bowls, starts on Wednesday February 2nd and is only for four weeks.

This is a different series and new teams are welcome. We can only accommodate a maximum of 28 teams on our greens, so you are urged to nominate early. Nominations will be taken from January 20th on a first come basis. Forms will be available at the Roleystone Country Club from mid-January.

In Club championship news, the

Divorced Pairs was won in a tight contest by Eileen Green and Charlie Brookshaw over Carolyn Deas and Mel Stokes. The plate was won by Wandie Mitchell and Tony Meaney.

The Men's Pairs was taken out by the combination of Ric Shinnick and Phil Deas who triumphed over Dave Locke and Bill Mitchell. Winners of the plate were Malcolm Clements and Wen Sawada.

Merry Christmas from The Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre

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.

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Hannah Wins Scout Medallion

On Monday November 1st Hannah Meuli got presented with her Scout Medallion award.

The Scout Medallion is the highest award that can be presented to a Scout and comes as a result of many months work, not only learning many new skills but passing on those skills to younger Scouts.

To gain the award Hannah had to plan and carry out a 30km hike on the Bibbulmun Track – this was done on the wettest weekend in the middle of July this year, down in Dwellingup. We ended up changing her planned route because the Ranger in Dwellingup really didn't like the idea of us going where we had originally planned. This is all part of the learning process.

All those who participated learnt a great deal about themselves – including how steep the hills are down there and how having the right gear to do such a hike is really important.

Hannah also completed her Environment Badge – she got us recycling household batteries and

printer cartridges plus we had a visit to Mundaring Weir and learnt all about its importance to WA's history as well as to the Goldfields.

To gain her Citizenship Badge Hannah got us all involved in a 'dress red for Red Cross' night and we raised money for the Red Cross Haiti appeal.

Hannah also gained 10 achievement

badges these vary from Abseiling to Multi Media – something for everyone.

Hannah has now moved on to the Venturer section of Scouts and looks forward to more great adventures.

If you'd like to learn more about Scouts phone Joanne Meuli on 94960290 or 0437271934.

Hannah is pictured with Vern Casey - Branch Commissioner for Scouts WA.

Joanne Meuli.



ARALUEN NOTES

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our Remembrance Day Service on Thursday 11 November was very well attended by school students, veterans and the general public in perfect weather conditions. Thank you to the Reverend Lesley Borowitzka from St. Christopher's Anglican Church in Roleystone who conducted the special service.

Our thanks must also go to Karen West and the students from the Roleystone Primary School who sung so beautifully. A special feature of the service was the emerging talents of Abbey Thompson and Jessica Ferguson who sung 'Angel' and Hallelujah'.

BENDIGO BANK'S CAROLS BY TORCHLIGHT

Come and join in the spirit of Christmas in the picturesque setting of Araluen Botanic Park on Sunday 13 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", "Harvest Harmonisers" and the Victoria Park Brass. We were so impressed with Abbey and Jessica who sung so beautifully at the Remembrance Day Service we has

invited them back to sing again. Fruit mince pies, tea, coffee, soft drinks and a sausage sizzle will be on sale.

We greatly appreciate the support we receive from our principal sponsor, the Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank.

VOLUNTEERS EVENING

Araluen is very fortunate to have a great team of dedicated hard working volunteers who help in the garden, drive the train and help in the Roundhouse Gift shop. As a small token of our appreciation we hosted a cocktail evening under the Mary Hargreaves Memorial Pergola on the Centenary Lawn on Sunday 7 November.

The weather was perfect and of course the venue would have to be one of the best in West Australia. The view from the Mary Hargreaves Pergola is simply stunning, looking down across the Centenary Lawn and over to the western side of the Park. Judging by all the laughter and chattering, a great night was had by all.

Liz Dunn



Stop and Search Powers

Helen Morton MLC

Member for East Metropolitan Region



The proposed "Stop and Search" Bill has been a hot topic in the media lately. While it appears that the laws will not proceed at this point in time, you may wish to know the background of the current powers held by police and the changes proposed by the Bill.

The police are currently provided with powers to stop and search people pursuant to the Criminal Investigation Act 2006. The Act provides two separate sets of circumstances in which the police may stop and search people, without the need to obtain a search warrant. Firstly, a police officer may search a person if they reasonably suspect that person is in possession of an item connected to the commission of an offence. Secondly, the police may conduct a search of a person or vehicle within an area which has been prescribed or declared under the Act. Unlike the first mentioned power, the police may conduct a search for any reason and do not require "reasonable suspicion". However, a person must first consent to the search taking place.

The Stop and Search Bill was introduced in response to community outcry regarding increased incidents of violence and the proliferation of weapons. It sought to provide the police with greater powers, so that they would be permitted to stop and search people without their consent. This power, however, was to be limited in that a search could only be executed in specified areas. Further, police officers would only have been permitted

to conduct a basic search, similar in nature to that undertaken by airport security. For example the search could have involved: the use of metal detectors; the removal of a person's outer clothing; and a pat-down.

Providing greater powers to the police is always going to be a controversial issue. It is important for any government to ensure that a balance is achieved between any reduction in civil liberties and the protection of citizens.

From all of us at the office, I wish you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year and every success for 2011. If you would like further information on this, or any State issue please contact my office: 9452 8311.

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ART ON SHOW

The Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre ARTS GROUPS will again be holding their exhibition and display of their work on Saturday 11th December 10.00 – 5.00pm. All are welcome to attend. We are privileged to have such awesome talent in our midst.

NEW OPENING HOURS.

Our local IGA is now open every weeknight until 7pm for the extra convenience of shoppers. This includes Saturday and Sunday evenings. Owner Ross Anile believes that this increased opening time will better suit many busy locals – especially over the summer months. Local shoppers are also reminded that the extended closing time of 8pm still remains on Thursday evenings.

Another Tale from The Archives: A Tale from the Past

The Death of Goldie

An avid Roleystone Courier reader, Mollie Connole was prompted to re-tell another sad story of our area that occurred when she was a young school girl. She recalls catching the bus with the little girl who was nicknamed Goldie, who was going off to school every day in Perth. The young girl lived on an orchard behind the current Migrant Park in the Kelmscott Hills.

Mollie clearly remembers the shock that went through the community when the little girl was discovered - murdered. The mother, who was charged with the murder, was treated for a mental disorder. The father was working away at the time.

As reported in the Western Australian, in August 1941:

... **KELMSCOTT TRAGEDY.** Arrangements were made yesterday to hold an inquest on Thursday into the death at Kelmscott on August 4 of Colleen Marigold Ellerby (6). The girl was found in bed with her head battered.

The mother, Marion Ruth Stern Ellerby (35), who was arrested on a murder charge, is undergoing treatment for a mental disorder.



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Our last production for 2010 "NINE"

was an outstanding way to finish a fantastic year. The strength & dedication of the cast was something to behold. The entire female cast presented cohesion and strength and emotion to sensitive plots. The Theatre committee has to be congratulated for their support of an unknown musical as many Theatres prefer known works or the classics. In fact this year we have presented two World Premiers



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(One Weekend in Dallas & Nine.) with great response from our audience. With this in mind we have great pleasure in announcing our season for 2011:
 Roleystone Theatre 2011 Season

- Waiting for Godot (Play, by Samuel Beckett) March
- Influence (Play, by David Williamson) May
- Grumble Bum and the Tricky Witch (Panto, by Linda Roads) July
- One Act Season (Plays) September
- Little Women (Musical) November

I would like to thank all of our faithful followers who still, after many years, turn up in droves in support of our productions. We would not be able to continue what we love doing best, entertaining the people of Roleystone. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year. See you at the Theatre in 2011.
 Kindest Regards
Zyg Woltersdorf
 Theatre President.

Tramlines Tennis Club News Wendy Tucker

The club held the annual Fuller Cup which concluded on Mnday 22nd November. This is an annual event on the tennis club calendar to honour the Fuller family who have all been terrific supporters of the club. We had a very successful event and a big thank you to everyone who participated and helped out. We had four teams of four people and played this event over three nights. We had three sets of tennis followed by supper each night and our winning team was: Brendan Diss, Judy Smith, Lesley Roser and Ann Rowe who were helped by Barbara Stidwell and Martin Shearwood (who filled in for one week each). Special thanks to Taryn Boase of Sports Star Trophies for our lovely medals which proudly display our club logo and look fantastic.

SOCIAL TENNIS AT THE CLUB
 Wednesday morning social tennis from 9.00 am (members \$2.50 & Non-members \$5.00). Please come along and enjoy a fun morning of tennis. Alternatively on Friday mornings the family centre run social tennis which has

a crèche provided. We also have afternoon social tennis on Sundays from 2.00pm or Monday night social tennis from 7pm till 8.30pm (members \$2.50 & Non-members \$5.00) Newcomers are most welcome. Contact Tracey on 9496 0053 for more information. We will be holding a junior Tennis Workshop during the January school holidays on January 11th & 12th 9am-11am (the cost is \$20.00 per day). There will be a small competition with prizes & lunch included and on Wednesday the 13th the workshop runs from 9am-12 noon (the cost is \$15.00 for this day).

COMING EVENTS
On Sunday 12th December the Club will be holding **an Xmas Tennis afternoon and BBQ commencing at 3.30pm.** If you are interested in the tennis coaching workshops and the junior competition please contact our club coach Cameron Fenner on 9457 9704 or 0439 960 629.
Merry Christmas to all.

Fuller Cup winners: Ann, Judy, Lesley and Martin hold the Fuller Cup.



Roleystone Scouts Get New Leader



The Roleystone Cub Scout Pack has been steadily growing to now have 22 members over the past six months.

This has put an extra load on our current Leaders – Baloo (Neil Munslow-Davies) and Kite (Georgina Johnson) so we started to ask for parents to consider becoming a Leader and after a little persuasion managed to recruit a new leader to help them out. He is our new Akela (Drew Myers). We have also managed to sign on 2 parent helpers – Wally McWalter and Toni Myers.

Drew is now going through the paces of becoming a Leader which involves 3 weekends of training and getting to know the Cubs and their program. The schedule is very diverse but gets the Cubs thinking about the world around them and how they can challenge themselves in a safe, controlled way.

To help with the costs of getting our new leader we received a sponsorship deal from the Roleystone -Karragullen Bendigo Bank. This will help pay for Drew's uniform, registration fees and training costs.

We would like to thank the bank for their support of our Group and how it has helped the young members of our group and community to become strong and helpful citizens.

Scouts is about to wind-up for this year but if you are interested in joining in 2011 we have

- Joeys (6-7 year olds) on Monday nights 5.00pm till 6.00pm,
- Cubs (7 ½ - 11 year olds) on Wednesday nights 6.30pm till 8.00pm,
- Scouts (10 ½ - 15 year olds) on Monday nights 7.00pm till 9.00pm
- and Venturers (14 ½ - 18 year olds) Tuesday nights 7.00pm till 9.00pm.

Wild Gossip

How delightful it is to see and hear all the young birds out and about, begging for food and practicing flying skills with proud parents

busily attending!

The young birds seem so demanding and noisy yet the parents continue their care. Sometimes the adult birds do leave their young for a while to look for other food sources and experiences to share with them but will return shortly. Please leave young birds alone to continue their learning and enjoy their young lives in their parents care.

Occasionally you may find a young bird on the ground in a dangerous situation eg. dog or cat around – if the predator cannot be removed or contained then the only option is to gently pick up the young bird and place it safely on a nearby tree branch or similar.

If you find a young bird that you think is injured or seems to have been abandoned please contact a Wildlife Carer or Shelter for advice and if instructed to remove the bird please be sure that you know the exact location for future return.

There is one circumstance when intervention is usually required, this is when young bird has been late returning to the nest and been caught outside its time zone:

A day bird (diurnal) eg magpie,

honeyeater, parrot etc. caught out at night.

A night bird (nocturnal) eg owl, tawny frogmouth etc caught out during the day.

Both situations require intervention as the young bird is likely to be attacked by birds in their correct time zone and also the young bird is inexperienced with the different predators around at the time.

Nocturnal birds also have the additional danger that the branch or rock they are resting on which looked quite good at night might not be the best location when the sun comes out, especially on a hot day! The best solution is to gently pick up the bird, using a towel for protection from beak and claws, place it in a box, keep in a quiet dark place and return to original place at the appropriate time dawn or dusk – if unsure in anyway please contact your local Wildlife Carer or Shelter. We can all help our wildlife throughout the summer by providing fresh water in shallow containers both on the ground and above, bird baths would also be appreciated and well used – I have 3 bird baths and there is often a queue!

Finally a reminder that whilst everyone is busy and services are limited during the festive season our wildlife will still need help and care.

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

*Merry Christmas,
Syl*

*Syl Cooper
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If you are interested in signing up as a Leader you end up with a Certificate III in Business and Leadership – which could look good on your resume. On top of that you have loads of fun.

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1. BUILDING STATISTICS
 During September 2010, a total of 256 building licences valued at \$30,589,172 were issued, compared to 181 valued at \$22,388,412 during the previous month. The total from July 2010 to the end of September 2010 was 639 licences valued at \$82,444,851. The total for 2009/2010 was 2606 licences valued at \$345,892,800.

2. SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS – CONSEQUENTIAL ACTIONS
 WA Planning Commission has confirmed Council's recommendation of approval for the creation of 2 lots from Lot 701 Heritage Drive, Roleystone, and the creation of 2 lots from Lot 13 Locke View, Bedfordale.

3. 2011 ORDINARY COUNCIL ELECTIONS
 Council declared the

Western Australian Electoral Commissioner to be responsible for the conduct of the 2011 City of Armadale ordinary elections together with any other elections or polls which may also be required between now and the 2013 ordinary election; and declared the method as postal elections.

4. LEASE BETWEEN HILLS ORCHARD IMPROVEMENT GROUP AND THE CITY OF ARMADALE
 Council requested that via the November 2010 City Strategy committee meeting it be provided with a report which addresses, in the context of the Management Agreement, a more formal arrangement of setting aside an area within the Lance Morgan Pavilion for local community use.

5. CROSS PARK
 Council was advised a further meeting was recently held with representatives of the sporting clubs to progress the development of a strategy for sustainable use of playing fields in the Roleystone area, and that clubs are supportive of investigating the potential use of the Roleystone High School oval for community sport as a way of reducing some of the load on Cross Park. With declining water supply from the existing bore at Cross Park, the City



Cr Pat Hart
 9496 1634



Cr Caroline Wielinga
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is still awaiting the results and likely yield of test holes put down at nearby Taree Reserve.

6. ANNUAL REPORT AND AGM OF ELECTORS
 Council accepted the 2009-2010 Annual Report for the year ending 30th June 2010, and will hold the Annual General Meeting of Electors on Thursday 2nd December 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Function Room at Council's Administration Centre.

7. ROLEYSTONE SKATE PARK PETITION
 Council noted the consultation initiatives underway in the Roleystone community, both community-led and City-led, with particular reference to potential youth-focused projects, including an upgrade to the existing skate facility at Cross Park, and supports a communication strategy that informs the Roleystone community of the petition received by the City and of the ongoing work being undertaken to determine how the skate facility at Cross Park could be improved for the benefit of the Roleystone

community.

8. COMMUNITY PLAN FOR KARRAGULLEN
 Council requested an assessment of the needs of the Karragullen community in respect to community infrastructure.

9. BUSH FIRE CONTROL LOCAL LAW
 Council resolved that the CoA Bush Fire Control Local Law continue in operation without amendment.

10. REVIEW OF LOCAL LAW RELATING TO DOGS
 Council agreed to amend the CoA Local Law Relating to Dogs, with details of the proposed amendments be the subject of a further report to Council.

11. REVIEW OF PARKING AND PARKING FACILITIES LOCAL LAW
 Council agreed to amend the CoA Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law; and noted that the effect of the proposed amendments will reflect a range of penalties consistent with current road traffic requirements and operational practices.

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Reflecting back over 2010 for the Roleystone Karragullen community I realise for some families the year has brought great sadness and much joy for others.

Out of adversity we see strength with the Roleystone Community Alive Group being formed to address social issues with the support of the State Government. A real highlight was the Bendigo Bank's Big Ideas Forum to ask you all what you see our community needs for the future.

Our community has so many outstanding people, spending many hours to run organisations for the benefit of us all and so many other positives occurring in our community.

I have enjoyed my role over the past year as a City Councillor assisting you where I have been able to and thank you for your support.

I am sure you would all concur with me when I say a big thank you to Linda Moore for her support of our community through the Roleystone Courier; it is very much enjoyed and appreciated. My best wishes to you all for a very peaceful and happy, Festive Season with a wonderful year to follow.



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- Sunday 19th December 7.30pm Carols by Candlelight at Roleystone Community Church
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Roleystone Friendship Quilters' Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party, on December 8th, will be a buffet catered by the Roleystone Country Club. The cost for the day will be \$20 which includes entry and lunch, morning and afternoon tea. Everyone is welcome, new and old members. Please phone Shelagh 9397 6892 or Helen 9397 5145, for catering purposes if you would like to attend.

Merry Christmas

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Pro Bono: "Dander Up" David Bardsley Minister Community Church



Dear Friends

The match was finely balanced. Scores were more or less even. A penalty was awarded – a successful kick would secure victory for the home team. Rob Andrew stepped up to the mark, lining up the oval ball carefully... and the phone rang. "It's for you. It's Jo – she sounds upset and says it's important." Reluctantly I left the sofa and went to the phone in the hall.

"Dad! Dad! What will I do if we lose? He's taking the kick now..." Click. The line went dead. By the time I'd dashed back to the TV the action was over and I had missed the seminal event in the history of the Rugby World Cup. Anger left me speechless. It takes quite a lot to get my dander up but my daughter Jo has developed an almost unique capacity to do just that. I rang her back and was greeted with howls of laughter from a room full of students. It took me years to see the funny side of it.

My dander's up again right now! I don't often get angry and I'm glad to say that, contrary to the name by which my grandchildren know me – "Grumpsie" – I don't think I'm becoming more of a grumpy old man as the years flash past. But there are some trends in life which get my juices flowing and raise my ire to volcanic proportions.

The increasing commercial arrogance of major financial institutions is one such trend. But the one which has prompted this particular surfeit of dander is the secularisation of Christmas. Along with just about every other Christian I know, for years I have been banging on about getting the real reason for Christmas back into the season.

But every year advertising moguls take it a few steps further away. I believe they may well have achieved the nadir this year with the advent of "Foxmas". When I first saw it, my face took on the colour of the advert's background fill. Never mind the marginally blasphemous insinuations of the text, is this low life drivel what we really want as a society?

Do we really respond positively to these inane encouragements to buy a particular product? If we do, then perhaps we deserve all we get and I'll go and find the desert island that beckons from time to time. If we don't, then don't buy stuff from the commercial yobs who seem intent on degrading all that is admirable in our culture. If their adverts don't do the biz, then they'll stop them. I think they have at least that much sense!

And if anybody thinks fuming like Mount Etna is un-Christian, consider the anger Jesus displayed at the equally despicable commercial traders in the temple of his day. The baby in the manger grew to be a man who was capable of expressing himself better than anybody else before or since and he aimed some of his sharpest verbal darts at those who profited from sacred activities. So what about those who replace Christ with Fox...?

Yours in Christ,

David

PS Having got all that out of my system, may I genuinely encourage you to recover the reason for the season personally and have a wonderful time celebrating the birth of Jesus. It is Christmas when all is said and done!

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Guess who turned 40 in November.
Happy Birthday Anne Marie Bailey
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Sacha)

NOVEMBER WEATHER STATISTICS

Weather Statistics provided by David Elliott (retired!!!)
Your Official Roleystone Weather Site.

November Rainfall

NOVEMBER AVERAGE: 34 MM ON 7 DAYS
NOVEMBER 2010: 14.2 MM ON 4 DAYS
RAINFALL SO FAR THIS YEAR: 539.6 on 70 days (UNTIL 30 Nov)
AVERAGE RAINFALL: 999.9 MM ON 111 DAYS (1 JAN - 30 Nov)

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If you have a child between the ages of 6 months to 4 years old and would like to meet other mums with children then why not come and join our playgroup. You can have a cup of tea and a biscuit while the children are able to play in a safe

environment. You get to make some great friends and there is always someone you can talk to if you need advice. Contact Robyn Dawson on 9397-7116.

On Behalf of Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup committee, I would like to wish all our members and the community a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. We would also like to thank our Playgroup members for all their help this year in making our playgroup a great success.

Lorriane Hine

Assisting Pets- Christmas Kittens and Puppies Judith Congrene

Only a few short weeks until Christmas Day and the fantastic family excitement of present giving and receiving. This is a very popular time of year for the new kitten or puppy to arrive, sometimes as an impulse and often without enough consideration of all the aspects involved in this "easy gift", especially as far as the suitability for the recipient beyond the pleasure of giving on Christmas Day. There are so many gorgeous, irresistible kittens and puppies available in our local pet shops, from friends and through other forms of advertising.

I have to detach and be very tough myself to resist them when I go to the home or pet shop to do the first vaccinations – not easy that's for sure! It is very important to seriously consider the suitability of a pet as a gift. A child will always love a cute, playful kitten or puppy but their interest often wanes once that new pet is starting to chew their toys and want

their attention. Learning how to look after a small living creature is often the intended benefit that parents think will be a great learning aid for their children, but let's face it, how often are the parents left to look after the new pet when there are other more interesting activities to do. This is where the crunch comes – remembering that pets can often live a very long time, giving a pet as a gift may outweigh the interest that the recipient has in that new gift. The new pup or kitten cannot just be stored in the back of the cupboard or under the bed when they lose their cuteness or playfulness.

Unfortunately many discarded pups and kittens end up needing to be re-homed via animal shelters or are euthanased – this is the harsh reality that can be reduced if an "easy" gift is given more thought. Wishing a very happy and safe Christmas to the readership and their pets.



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Their marriage was held on the 13th November 2010 with the couple once again returning to beautiful Bali. It was a hot afternoon under the scorching Bali sun, overlooking the rolling waves of Tuban Beach in Bali. Andrew and his two groomsmen, his brothers Steven and James, waited patiently at the edge of the alter as Michelle and her two bridesmaids, sister Lisa and her future sister-in-law Ioanna (fiancé of James Baylee), slowly walked past the lush tropical gardens and up the frangipani flower isle to the soothing sounds of the traditional Balinese

Rindik music. It was a brief but beautiful ceremony, finished with the newlyweds walking through a flower shower thrown by their 20 guests consisting of immediate family and closest friends. After many beautiful photos were taken by the beach, the couple and their guests enjoyed a romantic candlelight, three course, French cuisine dinner at Ma Joly restaurant and lounge.

After growing up in Roleystone, Andrew decided that one day he would like to move back up the hill, so he and Michelle moved up to Roleystone to live with his brother James, while they are in the process of building a house right around the corner in Chevin Woods Estate.

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The month with the longest days is upon us again: Christmas is nigh. Why do the years keep whizzing by like this?

About 25 years ago I thought it was funny when someone said that once you get over the hill, you start to pick up speed. Now it doesn't seem very funny. Speaking of speed, contemplate for a moment the fact that if we, or all life for that matter, just disappeared from the face of the Earth, the planet would continue belting around the Sun at about 30 km per second.

And that's what a year is: one belt around the Sun. We're poised to start another lap.

I'm sure that Christmas is a leftover from long-ago northern hemisphere solstice ceremonies. Not the dancing naked variety: we're dealing with the northern winter. The solstice will occur on the 22nd.

In Perth, official sunrise on the 22nd will be at 5:08am and official sunset will be at 7:22pm. So day length at the solstice will be 14 hours and 14 minutes. Longer, if you're further south. In Hobart, it would be 15 hours 22 minutes.

The Moon's waning crescent phases start the month: morning crescents, leading to new (no) moon on the 6th. On the 7th, the thin new crescent moon will be setting about an hour and a half after sunset.

The waxing crescent phases will lead to first quarter on the 13th. From that point, it's the waxing gibbous moon, the half-moon with a hump, until full moon on the 21st. Then the waning gibbous phases. Last quarter on the 28th. Then waning crescents again, leading to new moon on January 4th next year.

Jupiter will continue as dominant evening planet throughout December. Early in the month it's very high in the NNW at dusk, and setting in the west around 1:15am.

In mid-month, it's high up in the north-west at nightfall and sets just after midnight. By the end of the month Jupiter's prominent well up in the WNW in the early evening, setting around 11:20pm. It's a good target for Christmas telescopes: the four big Galilean moons can be seen to change position day by day.

Venus is starting a stint of several months as "morning star". If you're up and about at daybreak, i.e. around 4am, you can't mistake Venus: it's brilliant and dominates the eastern sky at morning twilight. Saturn's a morning object, too, rising in the east around 2:40am at the start of the month, 1:40am mid-month, and 12:50am by month's end.

It's a fine target for Christmas telescopes, located high in the NE sky at first light.

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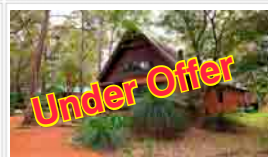
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