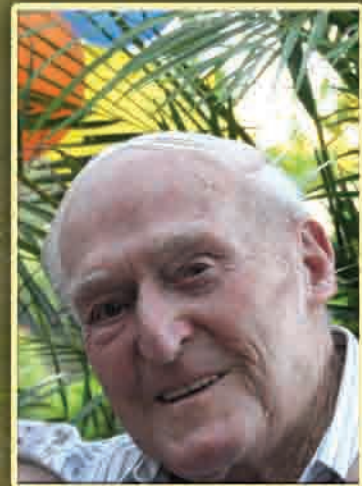


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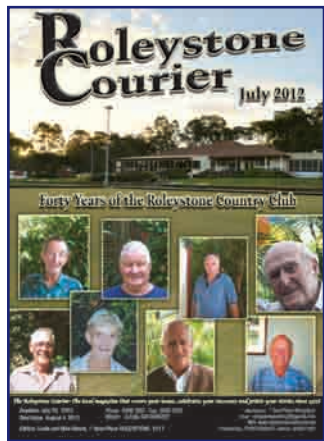
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July Cover In 1972 various meetings were held and actions undertaken that led to the establishment of the Roleystone Country Club. Thus this year the Club is celebrating forty years in our area.



The cover shows the spectacular Clubhouse sited overlooking the wonderful valley. We also celebrate 8 of the Life Members who have given years of dedication and effort to ensure the success of the club. Pictured top left to right: George Martin, Rob van Uden, Charlie Brookshaw and Vic Every. Bottom left to right: Geoff Savage, Gwen Every, Ross Meadows and Bill Mitchell. NB One other life member Bill Pearce (dec) is not pictured.



40 Years of the Country Club

Above: The Country Club Homestead at purchase forty years ago and at top the Club today. For the story on the establishment of the Club turn to page 8 for Founding President Geoff Savage's account of those first days.

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Emily Little Off to the Olympics

Roleystone Courier readers may remember when we reported the wonderful story of Emily Little who came back with a gold and a silver medal from the Commonwealth Games.

Now after four years on the Australian team Emily has now been selected to represent Australia as part of the Artistic Gymnastic Team at the London Olympics and her very proud sister, Roleystone's Leesa Weaver (nee Little) is 'over the moon'.

'Emily was born in Armadale and had her first introduction into gymnastics when she was only 2 years old after watching it on the TV. Not long afterwards, Emily packed her bags and told her mum she was going to the Olympics to be a gymnast!' Leesa recalls. 'She started out at the Armadale PCYC and the family moved to City Beach to be closer to the Institute of Sport when she was 9.'

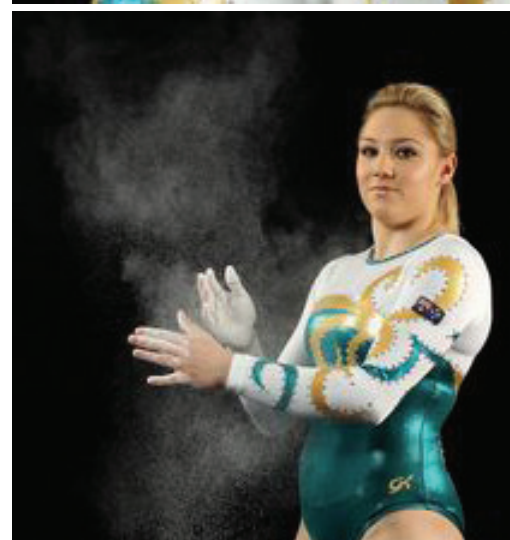
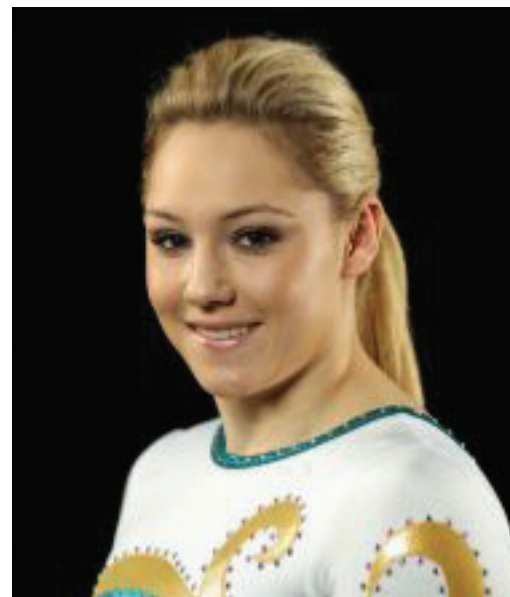
Since the Commonwealth Games, Emily has gone on to further success. She was on the 2010 and 2011 Artistic World Championship team that finished 6th and in her first senior Australian Championship in 2012 she won three silver medals: in the all round, vault and floor. No wonder she made the team!

She is an all round specialist and now has been chosen to lead the team off - a true pressure position.

Emily's parents, Roslyn and Brian Little have supported her all the way and adjusted their lives significantly to be able to work in with Emily's training.

'They have always been there for the early drop offs and pick ups on a daily basis. They are truly devoted parents.'

'We are all so proud of Emily, not only for



her success but the years of hard work and dedication and the way she approaches her sport.' said Leesa.

So we wish Emily and all the team the best of luck in her efforts to bring back medals from London.

Minnawarra Art Awards

The City of Armadale's Minnawarra Art Awards are coming up next month.

This event is a premier art exhibition that features the works of some incredibly talented artists across WA. Artists will vie for cash prizes and acquisitions worth \$26,000.

The exhibition will be open from 17 - 25 July with all works available for sale.

The image shown is one of last year's entries by Julie Fearn Pheasant, the Art teacher from Roleystone Community College.



Happy First Birthday to the Conscious Conception and Birth Centre!!!

Congratulations Terence Barritt OAM

In the June Queen's Birthday Honours list, Roleystone resident Terence Barritt was recognised for his service to Rotary both locally and internationally, being awarded the Order of Australia Medal.

Terry and Joan Barritt have lived at their family home in Butcher Road, since 1979 while also maintaining strong ties to their family farm, based at Katanning. Terry and Joan's daughter Fiona and her husband Laurie Scidone and their four children are also resident in our town.

Terry's award was for service to the community through Rotary International and reading through his impressive resume of activities it is easy to see why he has been recognised. He has had many years of service to Rotary both in Armadale and in Katanning serving frequently in high office positions and being involved with numerous worthwhile projects.

Amongst his many activities he led a very successful project in the Philippines aimed at harnessing the monsoonal rivers to provide water for irrigation projects across the nation.

Most pertinent to local readers in Terry's recent history is his strong commitment to the local area with regard to arranging the reconstruction

of the "Shrine of Resemblance" at Araluen Botanical Park. In 1994 he applied for a \$500,000 grant on behalf of the Rotary Club of Armadale to reconstruct the neglected and structurally damaged WW1 War Memorial at Araluen Botanical Park. This also provided essential employment for unemployed youth and Terry oversaw the work.

This beautiful and serene place does not look like a modern monument - rather it is a series of rock waterfalls in the middle of the small valley bordered by the pines planted to commemorate the boys from the YAL who died in World War 1.

The couple have been recognised by Rotary with Joan awarded a double sapphire pin by the Armadale Rotary Club for her service. Terry is the recipient of The Rotary Foundation Meritorious and Significant Service Awards and a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow. He has also been awarded the Rotary "Service Above Self Award" by the President of Rotary International.

Terry reflected that: 'My work with Rotary has given me a great deal of satisfaction over the years. I am really thankful to my wife Joan, we have always been a team and she has always been supportive.'



Terry Barritt pictured above with his wife Joan and below 'The Shrine of Remembrance' at Araluen. The waterfall memorial was overseen by Terry, one of the many projects he undertook for Rotary that resulted in his nomination.



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Kindy Kids Plant Native Plants at their School

World Environment day (Tuesday 5th June) was celebrated with the Roleystone Community College Bush Cadets and Kindy kids joining members of Roleybushcare to plant native plants in some of the degraded areas around the school. The path adjacent to the kindergarten, travelled by many primary school students and their parents every day, had been partially cleared during site-works and was one of several spots chosen for this year's revegetation planting.

Roleybushcare (along with a private donation from Councillor Caroline Wielinga) donated 450 local native seedlings to kick start revegetation works at the College this year after the recent construction activity. All of the plants are hardy, local to the area, dieback resistant and will complement the beautiful bushland gardens the local College is renowned for. The Kindy kids were very keen and needed little instruction on how to dig the hole, place in the plant and water in each seedling.

Roleybushcare and the Bush cadets look forward to more plantings with students in the years to come at the Roleystone Community College.



Pictured top: Caroline Wielinga, Jessica, Kiara, Charlie and Paul Mutton. Above: Ryan Baptiste - watches his plant grow.

Patricia's Gifts

The roundhouse gift shop at Araluen has a new manager.

Patricia Derrett started as manager of the gift shop in early June. The shop has been reorganised with a different range of giftware and knick knacks and new stock is arriving every day. One room is reflective of Home and the adjoining room is more in keeping with Garden.

Patricia has been a resident of Roleystone for over six years and she is extremely happy to have started to work at the Park. 'I am very happy to be able to spend my work life in this unbelievable beautiful place.' she said.

So when you visit the park over the spring time drop into the shop and view some of the unique and impressive pieces for sale.





Laura Is Born in Roleystone

This June I had the privilege of being asked to be there to support Esther and Tim Carpenter during the birth of their first baby, along with Esther's mother Jean Brockway, her sister Heather Hight and Tim's mum Joy Beaumont.

Esther had a homebirth, attended by Linda, a midwife from the Community Midwifery Program. Linda was Esther's primary caregiver since Esther's first appointment when she was 16 weeks pregnant. Linda will continue to visit the family for a month after the birth.

Laura Joy Carpenter was born into the heart of her family, in a warm pool in the living area of her home, on the 11th June. Esther and Tim were surrounded by a team of some of the people who love them most. The house, lit by the glow of masses of candles and a cheerful wood fire, was a cosy nest full of expectation. During the early stages of Esther's labour, cups of tea were made constantly, and everyone chatted and laughed together in the kitchen.

As her labour progressed, Tim read Esther

relaxation and visualisation scripts to help her relax through each contraction. It was incredible to witness the bond between husband and wife as Esther lent on Tim's strength and received everything she needed from him. It was a powerful testimony to marriage as God designed it to be.

The entire labour was lovely. It went smoothly from start to finish and little Laura was ushered into this life with prayers, music, singing and so much love. She was born at 6.52pm, strong and alert, stretching her neck to gaze at her mother's face as Esther and Tim lifted her from the water. She had a single little cry then immediately started searching for a feed! I am encouraged to have seen firsthand that birth, while it is hard work, need not be feared. It is beautiful, well designed, natural and normal.

Having seen the beauty of the most precious event in anyone's life, the three months till my own baby comes seem unbearably long.

Hannah Naley

(Now I hope the builders don't tread all over them.)

Too often we have asked advice at some of the big chain nurseries and the advice they give is a bit suspect. I think we are often steered towards the latest hybrids that the stores just want to sell. Plus I think we all need to be aware of planting things that will not succumb to dieback.

So thanks and my compliments to the Roleybushcare group for the good work you do in the area.

Sue and Roger Plowton

Soon to be Roleystone residents

This wildflower spread was designed and coordinated by Cr Caroline Wielinga who is an avid native plant enthusiast, so full credit goes to her. Ed.

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In 2012 the Roleystone Country Club celebrates 'turning forty'. There is no exact start date so the 40th celebrations will be recognised over the whole year but with a formal event later in the year.

Here is the story of how 'The Club' was established.

In late 1971 the Club's foundation President, Geoff Savage floated the idea of establishing a Country Club utilising a property: 'Magic Mountain' off Wygonda Road that had recently come up for sale. The property was owned by a London based banking family that had agreed to allow access to a group of interested people for the purpose of promoting the idea of a Country Club in Roleystone. The property consisted of a large spacious house and caretaker's cottage on 6 and a half acres of land with some of the best views in Roleystone.

(This property had important historical significance as the early homestead and farm owned by the Parkin family and the site of the original Roleystone Cricket pitch. Geoff Savage is a descendent of this pioneering family).

A concept plan was developed and this was followed by a public meeting (held in Feb 1972) on site at Magic Mountain. As a result a 'Promotions Committee' was established to float the club. The original members of this group were: Geoff Savage, Murray Vernon, Peter Coxon, Ken Rose, W Verrall, R Fraser, D Kane, P Weir, P Bettenay, I Cresswell and H Koldenhoven. Their first meeting was held on the 5th March 1972.

At this meeting it was confirmed that they would make an offer to purchase the property for \$65 000. As the club was not yet incorporated the option of \$100 was taken out in Mr Geoff Savage's own name. Other actions at this first meeting concerned banking arrangements and application for property rezoning. Committees were established to arrange Finance, Buildings (to organise the necessary renovations) and Constitution and Public Relations.

During the next 18 months a range of things were organised:



- the property was purchased (the final price was \$57, 500)
- a debenture system was established allowing the community to get involved
- a bank loan was applied for and granted
- rezoning was organised
- the Roleystone Country Club was incorporated
- a liquor licence was applied for and granted.

On an open day held on the 22nd April, \$6000 was raised towards the project; this was a significant amount of money in those days.

At the inaugural AGM held on the 23rd September 1973, President Geoff Savage gave an address that included the following sentiments:

'Since our first committee meeting, the club has grown from an idea to a moving force of 340 members.'

Geoff concluded: 'the progress of the Club now depends on the support and enthusiasm expressed by members. Please endeavour to make the effort and help in the progress of this community project - a development which in years to come you can look on and use with a feeling of pride and achievement. Progress is in your hands!'

Over the last forty years, the club has gone through many ups and downs. However it has survived. Currently the club is inviting all locals to 'join up'. The membership is currently lower than it was at establishment forty years ago. As Geoff Savage said all those years ago 'it's in your hands'.



Pictured top an early busy bee.

At left: life members at the Country Club's 21st Birthday celebrations in 1993.

Gwen Every, Vic Every, Rob van Uden, Geoff Savage (at back), George Martin (blowing out the cake) and Bill Mitchell.

Year 2's & 3's Help Out Araluen



On a wonderful blue sky day in late May the students from Roleystone Community College visited Araluen Botanic Park to get involved in planting.

The students from years 2 and 3 planted their tulips (and some poppies) then had a wonderful morning tea on the lawns at the park. They are all very keen to return at Tulip time, bringing their families when the plants are in flower.

The trip was organised by long term Roleystone teacher Unnur Hermannusson:

'It is wonderful to bring the students to the Park. They all love to be here and it is such a beautiful place. They are all very excited about seeing what their plants look like when they come back at Tulip time.'

The students were accompanied by some enthusiastic parents and the garden staff were more than happy to assist the little fingers in ensuring that each plant was put in the right way up.



Pictured at Araluen
 1. Briony Tulip Planting.
 2. Jacob and Blake show the tools they were using.
 3. Jay Rushworth and Callum Bond of Year 3 carrying the jackets - tulip planting was warm work.
 4. Cameron O'Brien with teacher Lara Gory and Jake Muller enjoying morning tea after all of the hard work is done.



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POSTCARD FROM DANNY GAERTISER

After a serious diagnosis of bowel cancer Danny Gaertiser (of DMS Danny's Maintenance Services) along with his wife Nathalie and young daughter Erin relocated to their homeland of Switzerland where they had family and could take advantage of a strong health system. Danny shared part of his story with his Roleystone friends through the Roleystone Courier in August 2011 and here, nearly a year on, is another instalment. We are now hoping for his complete recovery.

Hello everyone,

It has been a long and so it seems, never ending story, since I was diagnosed with bowel cancer early in 2011. The shock was deep and some of the consequences will not be easy to live with.

Leaving WA wasn't an easy decision, but we had no choice. Financially and socially, we would've not made it unfortunately. For Nathalie and Erin I think, the move was easier. I found it hard. The sickness and its cure was put before everything else and has always been present with me!

I miss the wide, big, warm land, our friends and my little business that I had set up, and which started to become more successful every day (thanks to RRE) until that devastating diagnosis. A diagnosis that resulted in immediate radical surgery to save my life. And I was very lucky that it hadn't developed any further at that time. I have to again thank Dr Barwood and Dr Wallace for their great efforts.

It all happened in such a rush. I could not really say goodbye to Australia. The chemo knocked me out completely after two cycles and then I was back into hospital for four weeks with life threatening dehydration after losing 12 litres of fluid a day!!!

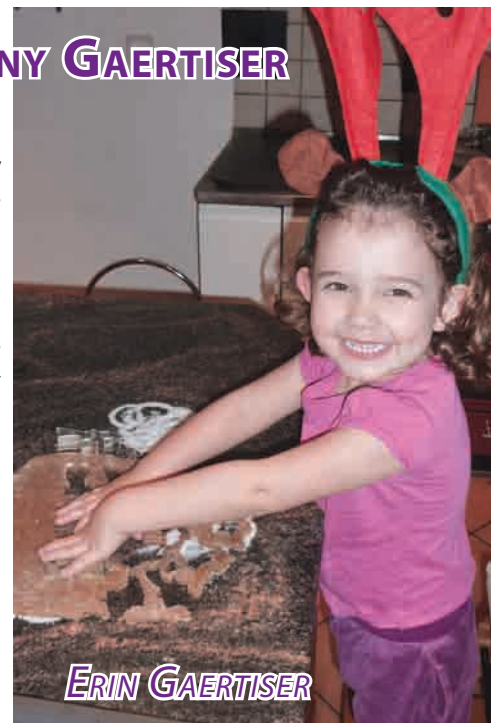
Coming out of this, I had to go through radiation for 6 weeks. I just made it, with one day off in between. Again, I lost lots of fluid through that process.

When I finished the radiation, they gave me a one week break and then back onto chemo again; it was reduced but it was still pretty hard to cope with. The doctors told me, they haven't really seen anyone reacting this strongly to the treatment.

I finished chemo under close surveillance at the end of 2011, instead of October as planned.

Then I had a break of a few weeks and in that time I started to feel better and better, until I had the first colonoscopy, which they stuffed up! He couldn't see anything, due to insufficient 'cleaning' so I had to do it all over again a week later. After that, the problems started. I had severe cramps and the hospital told me that there was nothing they could do, just take buscopan, which didn't do anything thank you very much!

Then finally at the end of March, after I had 'passed all the tests,' I went back to hospital for the routine surgery of the reversing of the ileostoma. The excepted stay of 4 - 10 days in hospital blew out to six weeks.



ERIN GAERTISER

Above: Danny's daughter Erin 'all smiles', at Christmas time.

It was just too much for me this time, physically and mentally! I had had no food for 4 weeks. I had endured 7 stomach tubes and a lot of other tortures! I've lost heaps of weight but as my variety of food intake is very limited at the moment I am not putting much back on yet! It will take a few more weeks/months until 'everything' will be back to normal.

I also 'picked up' a second thrombosis, because I was not given any blood thinners after I went home after this big surgery. I have now been told I will need to take blood thinners now for the rest of my life!

All this has been really exhausting, physically and mentally. I know, I am still here, but my life has been very, very limited throughout this time and it will still be for some time before things are back to normal.

It is also pretty hard for Nathalie, who has had to work full time and the pressure on Erin who has had to see her Dad go through such an illness.

Winter is gone (thank God) as it was pretty cold at times. Spring was quite crisp and wet too, but then again, I am cold, even if it's 20 degrees. Since the weekend we have good summer weather which makes life a lot more comfortable as I can be outside and move around.

In a week's time we will have friends from Roleystone with us for 10 days. I believe that my health will improve from now on, so I will be able to come back to WA for a visit. For now, best wishes to all of you, and take care everybody.

Danny Gaertiser
Former resident of Roleystone.



Jo's URBAN DESCENT

Jo Meuli recently took part in the Urban Descent by abseiling off the Woodside Building in Perth's CBD. This is a 125m abseil – that's very, very high. To participate in the event she had to fundraise at least \$500 for Princess Margaret Hospital. Jo and Emma (her work colleague) raised the money by selling morning teas – fresh scones and muffins and hosting a lunchtime get together at Jo's

Left: Jo Meuli and Emma Heagney are all smiles after their big Urban Descent!

place. Between us we raised nearly \$1500; a great effort. When the day came to do the abseil the weather turned fowl on us, it was rainy and windy and really quite miserable. We were booked to descend at 4.30pm, all our families and several work mates were there to cheer us on – but they spoke of postponing. So we headed off for a coffee and our luck changed; the weather improved and up we went. The actual descent was one of the most amazing things I've ever done even though it only took around 3 minutes; the adrenalin rush lasted for days. We are both very proud of our achievements and Jo has proved that being nearly 50 should not hold you back from trying new things.

Jo Meuli

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On the last weekend in May, Sharon Knapp set out to run 14 km in the hbf run for a reason. Sharon's reason was to raise funds for The Intensive Care Foundation. She and her family are indebted to this organisation for the huge effort they put into saving their son Dwayne's life when he was in an horrific road accident. Dwayne lost his legs but he has retained his life, and his will to live to the maximum. A spirit he may well have inherited from his Mum.

Hi all
When I first decided to take this journey to raise funds & awareness for the Intensive Care Foundation, I thought, "If I could raise the awareness of this fantastic organisation & raise \$500, I would be extremely happy".

Well, little did I realise the amazing people I have in my life, let alone all the wonderful caring people I have met along the way.

I am very proud to announce that my final total reached at the end of my run yesterday was \$4,756. I am totally blown away by this. Thank you everyone.

It was a wonderful day to do a run with the temperature a very pleasant 24°. I had a great run. Apart from running through the tunnel (which I found very hard & struggled to get enough air) I didn't really start to hurt until the 9km mark. When I saw the 12km mark, I got very excited, knowing I only had 2km to go.

Running through the finish line was fantastic. Seeing Allen & Dwayne sitting up there & cheering me through the line was a wonderful feeling. I had two wonderful people urging me on all the way. A huge thank you to Annette & Paul who never let me give up. It was great to be greeted by friends as I crossed the finish line.

I achieved so much at the run. I achieved a personal goal of running (without walking at all) 14km, which I completed in 1 hour 50 minutes. I also raised awareness of Intensive Care Foundation and the fantastic work that they do. Thank you to everyone who helped me on my quest to 'Help Make Miracles Happen.....'

Sharon Knapp



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Cross Park Skate Park Refurbishment Project

Thank you to those community members involved in the recent consultation process for the skate-park refurbishment. Four forums were held, two design workshops with local young people and 2 community briefing sessions, on the 8 December 2011 and 23 February 2012. These forums were facilitated by Convic Design in partnership with the City of Armadale, were well attended and had a positive response.

Your ideas, your input and discussion helped to inform the design of a concept plan for this skate park. This information will now feed into a Master Planning process for Cross Park.

This Master Planning process is part of a much larger project that is looking at the way the City's Community Infrastructure which includes facilities such as halls, sporting pavilions, reserves and skate parks can be sustainably maintained, upgraded or modified into the future. In relation to this, the City is establishing an overview of the current and future needs of facilities at 12 community 'hubs' located throughout the City's established areas. Cross Park is one of 4 hubs which will be Master Planned in the first phase of this overall project.

Through this process, the current location of the skate park at Cross Park will be assessed and integrated into the Master Plan design to suit the overall amenity with other uses, whether in the existing or an alternative location within Cross Park. This design will then go to Council for final consideration. It is anticipated that this will eventuate toward the end of the year.

For more information please contact the City's Community Planning Project Officer on 9399 0642 or email info@armadale.wa.gov.au.



Volunteering is a blast just ask Roleystone resident, Terry Dawson.

He's been a long time volunteer in various spheres, starting in emergency services in NSW in the 70's, helping his beautiful wife with meals on wheels, Bushfire Brigade here in the west, working with the Salvos at Harry Hunter, building and services construction and maintenance with wildlife organisations. Recently he has decided that advancing years have indicated a more gentle pursuit was in order. Along came community radio. Here is his story:

I have always had a 'distant' fascination with the operation of radio and television production and how a studio feels. I have no idea why, but it just tickled my fancy.

An enquiry at Curtin Radio 100.1 FM, resulted in me agreeing to start training in the role of radio producer. This included the operation of the library and software that supports the music that goes to air. I was then given hands-on training in a production capacity in several different timeslots.

My first release on the unsuspecting public was on 'Nights', a somewhat nerve-racking experience with talkback, followed by requests. The phone can run hot. It is embarrassing to dump people with the slip of a finger, but we learn by our mistakes and our listening public is very forgiving. I now have experience in several timeslots and show formats and I am now fairly confident in a radio production role.

It is a very relaxed and friendly atmosphere at Curtin FM. Fellow producers freely offer the benefit of their experience,

presenters and management make the 'newby' feel wanted and important in the running of the station.

As I spend time there, I am getting to know more of the listening public (by voice, first name and suburb) who actively participate over the course of a day. It is rewarding to recognise and identify voices and to have them getting to know me, asking where I have been etc and why I am in a different timeslot. At the same time, there is the fun and banter that goes with getting the name or other details wrong.

At my time of life, I like variety and have no wish to be controlled by either clock or calendar. To this end Curtin Radio offers vacant time slots and we, the volunteers raise our hands to that which suits. This must be hell on earth for the tireless volunteer coordinator.

Volunteer roles at Curtin include on-air presentation (training required), behind the scenes production to make the on-air aspect run smoothly with listener interaction and coordinating weather, traffic, financial and any other required reports, library operation, front office administration, fundraising and open house events, to keep the wheels turning.

It is ever-changing, vibrant, challenging, interesting, and above all fun.

Being there at the different times of day and interacting with the listening public, you get a feel for the 'personal service' that community radio provides and it becomes a privilege to be part of such a team.

Community Radio also provides an opportunity for businesses to promote their services through a variety of sponsorship opportunities. If this is of interest to you, then tune into Curtin FM 100.1, be entertained, amused, informed and avail yourself of the contact details you will need if you are interested in becoming part of the Curtin Radio team.

Terry Dawson

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Editorial

LINDA MOORE

JULY 2012

Winter has come with a vengeance. Cold, rain and yes, even strong winds. The response of some of the media would have us believe that this was a freak occurrence rather than just a normal, natural cycle - what we used to expect in winter!

My albeit fairly short editorial this month starts by commending the many people who have taken the time to write letters to the editor this month. Many have arisen after my May editorial where I bemoaned the possible demise of orcharding in the Perth hills. This one is a tough one for me as I am an orchardist's daughter and a real nature lover. I favour minimal interference in nature, preferring no or low sprays and seeking alternative, ethically based strategies where they exist. But I strongly

defend the right of farmers and orchardists to make an honest living. I adore the stately majesty of our Black cockatoos and want to see them protected - but if they are devastating an industry due to rampant land clearing elsewhere, is this fair? The July edition has some well argued positions and I will be interested to see how these issues are resolved.

I am pleased to see that Araluen has gone ahead and planted 100,000 Tulips and that the staff have been assisted by masses of volunteers. Once again our park will have full spring glory. But it will not be called a 'Spring Tulip Festival'.

Araluen is the premier tourist destination for the City of Armadale. For The Department of the Environment to determine that the tulips can be planted but that there will be no festival and that there will be no advertising, seems counter-intuitive. Let us create one of the best tourist destinations in Western Australia but - let's not tell anyone. Perhaps then crowds of people will not come! Please explain!

Happy reading, Linda.

COTTON BUSH OUT OF CONTROL

Concerns have been expressed on numerous occasions about the spread of Cotton Bush (sometimes called the Swan Bush) throughout Roleystone. The plant grows to 2m high and flowers all year round. It spreads by seeds and lateral roots. It is a very vigorous growing weed and restricts and inhibits the growth of any native plants that may be nearby. It also impacts on grazing vegetation for stock. Cotton Bush is toxic to animals but they rarely eat it. The Monarch butterflies eat it but do not control its growth. It is a native plant of Africa, Arabia and the Mediterranean.

A few year ago Roleystone Roleybushcare volunteers pulled bags of this weed out of the foreshore reserve in front of the Araluen Golf Course walkway. Unfortunately as this invasive weed is not being managed either by Council who has the management of this foreshore nor the majority of private landowners, it is now totally out of control. The City of Armadale is aware of the wide expanse of this weed and is currently working through what can be done to address the situation. It will take many thousands of dollars with a coordinated approach by all landowners to eradicate this weed from the valley.

This weed however exists on other properties throughout the area and is prolific in open areas on the Darling Scarp above Clifton Hills and also grows in the Churchmans Bushland. These areas are under the management of the Department of Environment.

All rural landowners concerned with the growth of it on their properties should remove it before it really gets out of control. It needs to be hand pulled or sprayed on a consistent basis. Some of the key weeds we have to deal with on rural properties in this area include: Paterson's Curse, Stink Wort, Variegated Thistle and Arum Lilly just to name a few. It is a constant job that I believe all landowners should take on board, if they are to add real value to their property. Plus it will lessen the invasion of weeds onto surrounding bushland and neighbour's properties. The Department of Agriculture will be able to assist you in identifying weeds and what chemicals you may need if you do decide to spray.

Pat Hart

COUNCILLOR RESPONSE

Thanks Pat (Cotton Bush out of Control) for your support in my battle to eradicate Cotton Bush in the City of Armadale.

It does have to be all landowners taking a part in removing this invasive weed as it spreads very readily from property to property. As I reported in the February and April Courier articles, it is not a declared weed in Armadale.

The Executive Director of the Agriculture Resource Risk Management responded to the question regarding Cotton Bush problems in the hills by recommending pursuing this weed's gazettal as a Pest Plant under section 10 of the Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act. This part of the act empowers local governments to make local laws prescribing a plant as a Pest Plant within their municipality. Accordingly I will be moving a Councillor's item to pursue this course of action.

The foreshore reserve opposite your residence where the Roleybushcare volunteers hand weeded cotton bush is vested in and managed by the City of Armadale. The area is slashed on a yearly basis. However, going forward the City will be looking to control Cotton Bush on this piece of land more aggressively. I will be requesting that the management of weeds in this area be considered as part of the overall strategy to best eliminate Cotton Bush in the area.

Cr Grant Nixon

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Try Walking a Mile In Our Shoes

I found Mr Peter Stewart's comments in the last edition of the Roleystone Courier to be very negative to our plight. As they say 'a little knowledge can be very dangerous'.

Dragging up old issues of Aldrin, Chlordane and Dieldrin, that have been banned from sale for 20 years seems to be irrelevant. We orchardists belong to a responsible industry that is heavily scrutinised. We ourselves are very glad that 95% of all S7 chemicals have been removed.

Our industry is subject to two MRL (Maximum Residue Level) tests as part of our Fresh Care Accreditation. All our spray programs must be documented with contact numbers and date of purchase, plus sprays must be brought from an approved distributor. Many growers are now implementing an Integrated Pest Management procedure which will help us reduce our spray program by about 30%. We would gladly surrender the use of Dimethoate and Fenthion if a suitable chemical was released that did the same job. At \$500 a container I can hardly wait for the day!

WA growers, due to our drier climate use 50% less fungicides than our Eastern States counterparts. Apples are now allowed to be sent from the eastern states to WA this season but must be fumigated by Methyl Bromide. Yes Mr Stewart, Methyl Bromide. So next time you are shopping for apples at the supermarket please make sure that that you are buying WA grown fruit, it will be healthier for you and this will help our case.

Your comments on the destruction wrought by the whitetailed black cockatoos are partly correct. (We emphasise 'destruction'.)

Why should we, as an industry, inherit a problem caused by other factors, primarily the destruction of 1000's of hectares of trees being cut down for housing development? This has meant the destruction of their main food source. The whitetail black cockatoo is a 'wrecking machine'. It's a pity this species

doesn't emulate the redtail black cockatoo that does not seem to eat fruit.

This season they have caused millions of dollars worth of damage to our crops in the hills and across the southwest.

We as an industry do not condone what took place in the ABC documentary 'On a Wing and a Prayer'. I would invite Mr Stewart and others to visit Youtube 'Damage done by white tailed cockatoos'. This damage was done over three days!

Your comments on netting and sacrificial planting are a bit naive. Netting would cost each grower \$500, 000 upwards. There are not many growers in the financial position to undertake such a project.

Sacrificial planting. This whole hills area would be decimated in two weeks if growers undertook this policy.

There is no quick and easy solution to this one. As one grower put it: 'I think I can survive the carbon tax but I am not so sure I can survive the whitetail black cockatoo invasion.'

In current legislation there is an Act of Parliament that gives us: 'the right to farm and protect our crops'.

I would offer an invitation to Mr Stewart (and others) to come along to our dinner meeting and address our members, offer us a practical vision on how we can survive, while phasing out chemicals and coping with the ever increasing destruction wrought by white tailed black cockatoos.

As Alfred Hitchcock wrote 'One day I peered into a bathroom window, the next day I looked out of the same window and saw a totally different image'.

Bruno Del Simone

President

The Hills Orchard Improvement Group

Orchardists Show Generosity in Face of Adversity

In response to Mr Peter J Stewart - have a heart. You obviously are not an orchardist so therefore you cannot possibly know what we go through. The adversity growers face, whether it is cockatoo damage, proposed banning of necessary pesticides, water shortage, unpredictable weather and declining returns on our produce, would be enough to tip any other mere mortal over the edge. But what makes me proud is that, although our orchardists are going through hard times, they are always more than happy to give back to the community. The tonnes of fruit donated to schools, especially with the assistance of Sally Rainoldi as the co-ordinator of this worthwhile cause, shows the unselfish nature of our growers. In addition, the annual Karragullen Expo would not be the same without the free fruit distributed to our visitors, once again donated by our local orchardists.

To Mr Stewart, what have you done for the community lately?

To my fellow orchardists, chin up. We will work together on our issues so we can continue to do what we are passionate about, that is growing delicious and SAFE fresh fruit for everyone to enjoy.

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RESPONSE TO PETER J STEWART

What an ideological pile of dung you have espoused, Mr Stewart (excuse the terminology, us orchardists are a little rough around the edges). The problem with ideology is that it is rarely practical and wholly applicable to the everyday lifestyles of the human race.

The phasing out of Dimethoate and Fenthion is a reverse engineered piece of scientific spin. They saw the result they needed and worked backwards from there. The Australian multiplier number the APVMA used to calculate omethoate (the chemical that dimethoate breaks down into) levels was far in excess of the multiplier number used in Europe.

If the APVMA had used the European multiplier, dimethoate would still be available to use in Australia. That is not what they wanted. They also dropped the acceptable residue level so that, even when dimethoate was used 4 weeks in advance of harvest (as opposed to 7 days) it was still above the target they set, a preconceived target they knew would eliminate use on most crops.

How ironic it is, though, that dimethoate will still be used on all produce with a non-edible skin. Yet, dimethoate is a systemic chemical, meaning it penetrates the skin and moves into the fruit. Think about that when you are enjoying that next banana or orange.

I would dare say, no one would eat more fruit than an orchardist and though we try to avoid it there is an element of direct contact. Yet none of my family members, or any grower to my knowledge, have succumbed to the 'casual link' (in your own words) between POPs and cancer.

'Casual link', interesting term that, not 'direct link', just 'casual'. Maybe we should all take a look at what we ate for breakfast, lunch and dinner, the air we breathed in today, the sunshine we enjoy; I am certain there was more toxic, cancer-causing, garbage in all those things than the 'casual link' of those scary, scary chemicals we are all warned about.

WA has a very distinct climate that is a perfect breeding ground for Med fruit fly, more so than anywhere else in the world. I am sure you have all seen whole crops ruined in your backyard plantings, making it nearly impossible to control without dimethoate and fenthion. On the plus side, the consumer will be getting a lot more wriggly little white sources protein in their fruit this year.

Your local growers need your help and understanding, not your fear.

As for the cockatoos, you have obviously never relied on fruit production to put food on your table, or a roof over your head. The horticultural industry is on it's knees. How many brand new orchards have been planted in the last 15 years? Compare that with how many have gone.

We are in an industry where there is no guarantee we will make enough to cover the bills each year, there is no set price for fruit. Plus we are being squeezed from all sides, every cost increase in anything to do with production is borne by the grower there is no avenue for us to pass it on to the markets or the consumer. Now we have cockatoos wiping out hundreds of thousands of dollars of fruit every year. Your solutions? 1.) Netting, insanely expensive. Most netting is put up to protect against hail, not birds. The risk of hail in WA, does not justify the expense (we are not cold enough to get regular annual hail).

2.) Sacrificial crop. Do you actually realise how much work goes into each piece of fruit? 12 months! So we have to work our butts off for a whole year plus all the expenses that go into a crop, just to watch it get destroyed?

Allow me to draw you an analogy. How would you feel if you spent the best part of 12 months time and money restoring a cherry Phase 3 GT HO Falcon, all the tens of thousands of dollars and hours that go into it. Then 1 week before you are set to take that beauty on the road, I come along and smash it to pieces, beyond recognition. But hey, in your sacrificial crop defence, you could buy a Mazda 3 for me to smash instead. You've only lost \$25k, but still have your GT.

If you want to see what havoc cockatoos can do, type 'Damage left by white tail cockatoo's' into Youtube.

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ORCHARDISTS ARE RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS OF THE LAND

Thank you for your confidence that local orchardists have the ability to persist and thrive whilst continuing to serve as stewards of the land (Response to May Editorial-Roleystone Courier June 2012).

BELIEVE ME WE ARE TRYING.

It is not only the banning of fenthion and the damage caused by cockatoos that will have a significant effect on orchard productivity but also, as mentioned in the May Editorial, lack of water, spiralling production costs and poor fruit returns.

Baiting and trapping of fruit fly is already used in combination with cover spraying. Baiting and trapping alone do not provide efficient fruit fly control. This however is the only option we now have and industry trails have shown very little difference to the fly numbers using this method alone.

The Department of Agriculture & Food will be trailing the release of sterile fruit fly in Jarradale. There are no future plans for sterile fruit fly releases in Roleystone. Mainly due to the lack of funds and the unlikely event that fruit fly will ever be eradicated here due to the close proximity of residential areas that mostly have a fruit tree in the backyard. Local orchardists need area wide management schemes involving local government and the community. You can do your bit by purchasing a fruit fly trap and hanging it on your fruit trees. Every little bit helps.

I don't want to get too technical but I thought it interesting to note the following; when testing fruit produce the Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) for fenthion is <5.00 mg/kg with the Level of Reporting (LOR) at <0.05 mg/kg. That means if there is a result of greater than 0.05mg/kg then it is reported.

Glenn Dewbust from the Black Cockatoo Preservation Society is sympathetic to the plight of the local orchardists and wishes to work with the industry to find a solution that will ensure the preservation of the Black Cockatoo and local orchards. Glenn is currently overseas but will respond in the next edition. Ed.



Red tailed black cockatoos feeding in a native persoonia tree. NB: This species has not been linked to any fruit damage. This photo was submitted by Lorraine Wallis who asks: *'Please Roleystone residents show some respect and love towards our wildlife, they are losing so much of their habitat and they need help. Thank you to those people who devote their time to saving wildlife.'*

Interestingly, the last two analysis reports on our fruit show no report for fenthion, meaning traces of the chemical are well below the MRL and even below the LOR.

The cockatoos are an increasing problem over the years. I can assure you we know of the legislation concerning the prohibition on shooting cockatoos and rules concerning scaring devices. An article in a recent Comment News reported dead Carnaby Cockatoos, presumably poisoned, found in Bentley to Bull Creek areas, not rural areas. Netting and sacrificial plantings are extremely cost prohibitive.

I know of orchards that have ceased operation through lack of water and poor fruit returns. We are unable to increase our prices to cover production cost increases, we get what we get. If any of the two major supermarket chains have a 'special' don't expect a sufficient return to even cover costs.

Assistance from Government?, not hopeful, but would like an acknowledgement of our plight and the option to utilize our land for other purposes rather than horticulture.

Orchardists are an optimistic lot however. We intend to have a go under extreme circumstances this season and see how it all pans out. All of the orchards in this district have been handed down through generations or still in control by their original custodians. Our orchard has been operating since 1955 and I would hate to lose it on our watch.

Impassioned, yes. Why shouldn't we be. Everyone has their own battles. Please don't trivialize ours.

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Kelmscott Veggies Reunite

Seen recently enjoying a BBQ at the Roleystone Fire Station, former members of the Kelmscott Volunteer Fire Brigade. The Kelmscott Brigade was formed after a public meeting in the 1970's following a bad fire in local bushland along Third Avenue where the Kelmscott High School stands today. The Kelmscott Brigade was disbanded in the early 1990's after a review by the Council recommended a reduced number of brigades was required in this shire.

The photo above features old brigade members: Reg Verrall, Neville Voysey, John Simpson and Geoff Shaw.

ROD JARVIS RETIRES

Rod Jarvis has made the difficult decision to retire from Jacmo Partitions, the business he runs with his son Barry and grandson Dylan.

Rod has a full life planned for his post-work life and he reflected on the business and life after work.

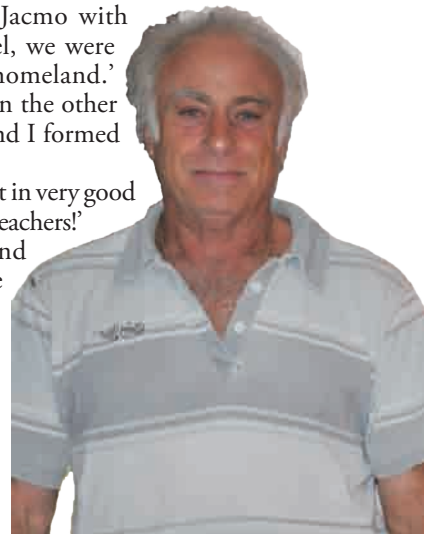
'We emigrated from UK in 1977 and I started Jacmo with three other immigrants from the Graylands Hostel, we were all Poms looking for a new life in our adopted homeland.' 'My son Barry joined the business in 1989 and when the other 3 guys moved on to other parts of Australia Barry and I formed the partnership.'

'I've enjoyed working in the business but I am leaving it in very good hands; Barry and Dylan will cope well, they've had good teachers.'

'In retirement I intend to play lots more golf and hopefully improve my handicap. Plus of course there is plenty of work to be done around the house.'

'We are also planning to do a bit of travelling; we have booked to go to Canada and Alaska later on in the year.'

'I would like to thank all our clients for their support over the past 20 yrs we have lived in Roleystone and hopefully they will keep on supporting Barry and Dylan in the future.' *Well done Rod and enjoy your time out and about. Ed.*



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TOP FESA BOSS RETURNS TO ROLEYSTONE

In March 2012 it was announced that FESA was appointing two new Operations Managers. One of these was to be Lloyd Bailey who was to become COO - Operations Support and Capability.

Lloyd Bailey started his career as a volunteer member of the Roleystone Fire Brigade in 1975 before joining the WA Fire Brigades Board and rising through the ranks at FESA to become Assistant Chief Operations Officer in December 2007. He has now had 37 years of experience working in the fire and emergency services in WA.

Lloyd came back to his roots recently as

he was an invited special guest at the Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade Annual Dinner held at the Country Club on Saturday 16th June. Lloyd was accompanied by his wife Karen (a lady with strong Roleystone connections as she is a descendent of the Fuller and Winstanley families). Lloyd indicated that it was great to be back but Karen joked that it had been too long as he took a wrong turn getting to the Country Club! Still he got there in the end. Welcome back to town Lloyd.

Capturing the Transit of Venus

Most of us could not see much of this event as it happened on an overcast day. But local Peter Hunt braved the conditions and saw the event, recording it for posterity. Here he relates his story:

Sitting there from 07:15 in a cold wind, full cloud cover and some rain, just waiting, with a visit from several locals, wondering if I'd seen 'it'. And then a 2 minute break at 11:55am, and the panic and difficulty in trying to focus and get some frames into the glare, and beyond the cloud cover; but success!!!

The photo was the effort of six months hope and planning. The thick cloud cover being experienced over WA at the time,

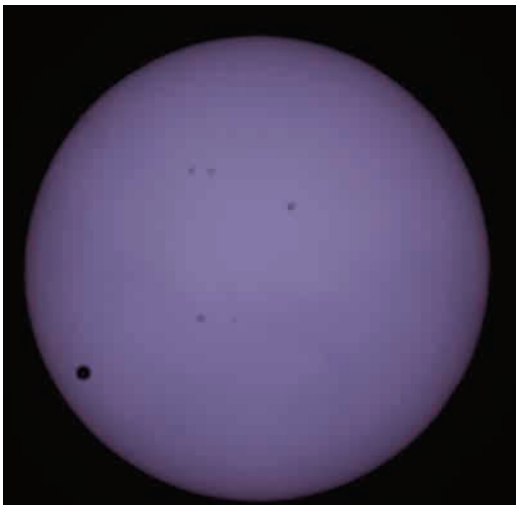
meant at least 3 days travel to get north or just sit tight and hope!!!!

The 2 minute sequence of frames captured was the only 'hole' in the cloud for the complete transit (0720-1340), but I am very pleased with the result, even though not perfectly focused.

Originally a surveyor, and having carried many a sun observations to determine azimuth for surveys and orientation, I've always been fascinated that almost every time the sun was observed, that it produced a different pattern of solar flares/spots, some of which can be seen in the middle of these photos.

As a result of my field experiences, I have always been fascinated with the solar/stellar system and the beauty and magnitude, of the solar system. The science, and a love of the mathematics of astronomy, has always been an enjoyment. Now I have a different facet in that the telescopes of today have the software built in, enabling identification and prediction of stars, and the ability to track a star. The experience of just observing the beauty of the sky and the clarity and density of the stars at remote locations, without the disturbance and distraction of urban lighting, is just one reason which makes the 'bush/outback' a truly remarkable and magnificent place.

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ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY AT RCC

Astrophotography is now being used at the Roleystone Community College to inspire and educate the high school science students. The RCC science teacher Ruby Rajor has the year 10 students utilising "SPIRIT", a robotic telescope at the University of Western Australia, for their studies.

The students book the telescope by email and then remotely access the telescope through the internet from Roleystone. During school classes the students decide what they want to photograph, and then they calculate the exact position the feature will be during their booking time and program the telescope.

The students are able to take their own pictures of stunning colliding galaxies and interstellar nebula that are far beyond the planets of our solar system and even the stars of our galaxy. The photograph contents are then researched further in school assignments. And all of this can be done from the classroom and monitored by the students from a warm Roleystone home. How times have changed from coping with freezing winter night temperatures while lining up to 'perhaps get a glimpse of the rings of Saturn'. Very smart idea!

Paul Mutton

VIEWING DILEMMA

It seems to me that our TV reception here in beautiful uphill Roleystone is not what it could be compared to other parts of Perth. At first I thought it was because we are in a slight dip but no, most people I talk to report the same problems: it rains, the reception goes; a plane flies overhead, the reception goes; the wind changes direction, the reception goes; a bird twitters, the reception goes.

And if there is no reception we are left with a screen of brick-like pixels and an horrendous grating sound. We have changed aerials, have a digital TV and an



Top: Astro photographers Anna De' Ath and Mase Dodd. Above: A spiral galaxy in the Virgo Cluster. Six supernovae have been observed in this galaxy. It is 52 million light years away.

aerial booster. Nothing seems to work, it's especially noticeable with the ABC. And if we pick up Chanel 9 you can almost guarantee nothing else will appear on the screen all night.

What is going on? Surely to goodness in this day and age having quality reception should not be an issue, having any reception regularly would be wonderful. If this resonates with anyone else out there please contact your local MP, the television stations and anyone else who may have an input into this blight. Perhaps the power of many may tune us all in to a better viewing future.

Virginia O'Keeffe

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Annual Dinner and Awards Night

Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade



I had the great pleasure of attending the Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade annual Dinner and Awards Presentation Night held at our local Country Club.

It was a great evening to catch up with all the wonderful people who volunteer or are employed to keep our area safe. There is obviously strong community and family bonds that links all these people to put so much of their life into providing the invaluable service for us. The member's list shows the invaluable experience held in our local Brigade.

The following awards were presented.

15 Year National Service Medal

Shane Popperwell

Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service Medals

Scott Baker

5 years

Shane Popperwell 5 years

Craig Popperwell 10 years

City of Armadale Volunteer Bushfire Service Medals

Scott Baker 5 years

Shane Popperwell 5 years

Craig Popperwell 10 years

Jason van Uden 15 years

Jason van Uden 20 years

Bob Littmann 20 years

Noel Plowman 30 years

Robbie van Uden 30 years

Directors Award

(for community engagement)

Chris Cairns & Bob Littmann jointly

Lieutenants Award

Craig Popperwell

Captains Award

Andy Briggs

Most valuable member award

Craig Popperwell

Cr Grant Nixon



Photos: Above 'The Brigade' at the Awards Night.

Below: Glen and Amy Usher, Rodney and Emily Tuten, Nicola and Luigi Italiano enjoying their night at the Roleystone Firebrigade Annual Dinner. More photos Centre Pages.



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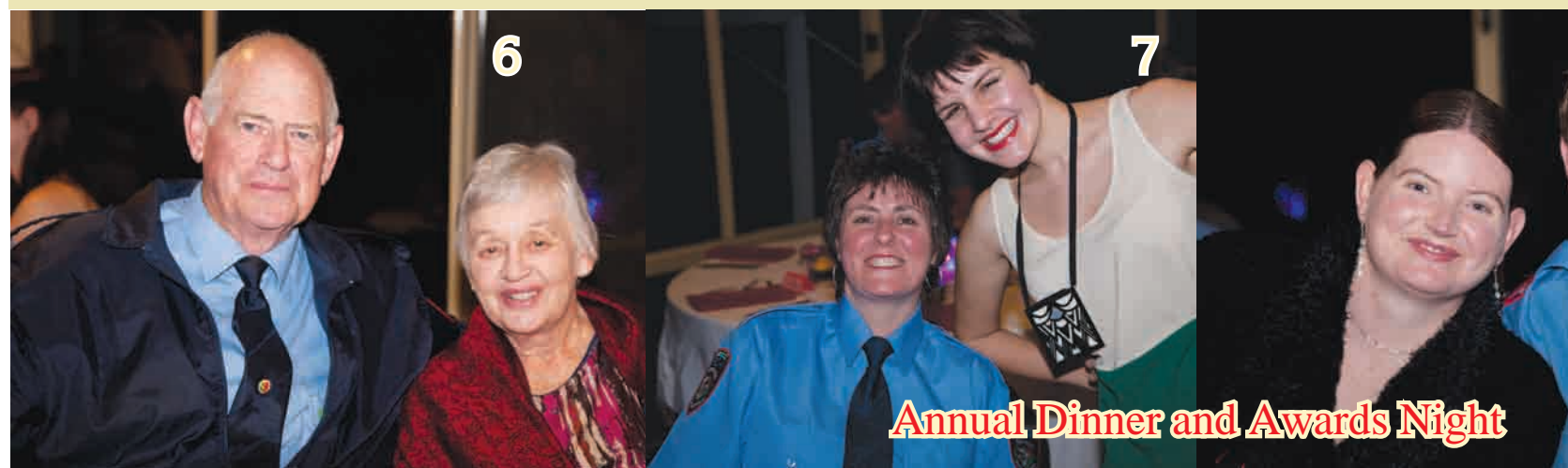
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*Pictured 1. Laura Carroll and Russell Briggs.
 6. Don and Liz Winstanley.*

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*2. Aaron and Ebony Kain.
 7. Sandra Briggs and Laura Nass.*

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*3. Max Hart and Wendy Snell.
 8. Monique and John Andersen.*



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4. Steve and Mailin Rogers.
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5. Noel Plowman and Andy Briggs.
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Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade

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Thanks once again to Blanche Mateljan for the delicious scones which the planters happily enjoyed.

We also had help from the children from the Roleystone and Noranda Primary Schools. This was the first year the students from Noranda Primary School have been involved with the planting. The 85 students from Noranda were so excited to have a day in the hills and took great pride in the planting of their tulip garden. For many of these students it was their first visit to Araluen and to Roleystone.

ROSE PRUNING

On Sunday 15 July visitors to Araluen will be treated to Rose Pruning Demonstrations and can also obtain free expert advice on growing, pruning and caring for Roses. Members of the Rose Society of WA will be making their annual pilgrimage to Araluen to conduct their excellent informal Rose pruning demonstrations and will be on hand between the hours of 11am to 3pm to provide friendly helpful advice. If you have been using a chain saw to prune your roses, then it is time you sought help from members of the Rose Society.

CASUAL STAFF

Araluen is seeking casual staff to work during August and September to work with our entry gate and parking teams. This would ideally suit high school students looking for some extra work. Please call Liz on 9496 1171 or email ldunn@araluenbotanicpark.com.au for more information.

Liz Dunn

Above left: Tulip planting preparation. Local Araluen staff Alyssa and Trainee Mason lay out bulbs for the volunteers. Left: Emily Pusey, Joshua Tan and Sarah Pusey with the Tan and Pusey families behind.



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Seen at left planting some tulips ex Roleystone resident Kathy Moore who founded the Roleystone Organic Growers over thirty years ago.

Below: Samuel and his mum Angela - at Araluen, relax after planting bulbs.



Painted Pots for the Kemma Show



A new feature of this year's Kelmscott Show in October will be "decorated plant pots". They may be entered in two classes --- painted or decorated. They should be done on terracotta pots of 16 cm or less diameter.

Now is also the time to think of other entries --- vegetables, flowers, craft, art, photos, etc., etc. We look forward to your support. Pictured: Sue Morgan has been trying out some ideas for her plant pot entries. She is seen here showing them to Margaret Neilson.

Affinity Cafe Comes Up Tops

A friend and I decided to try the Affinity Café in Roleystone for something different and would like to say how delighted we were with the range of delicious food and also the very personal friendly service, my friend especially loved the coffee. But I am a huge fan of fresh juices and they were more than willing to prepare a fresh fruit and veggie juice just how I wanted it. Thank you very much for the delicious homemade food and drinks. We will definitely be back again and wish we had tried it earlier. Very grateful. Dee

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(PS Parents please note that the old parking area is now not available - so please keep this in mind when dropping off your child. Parking at the Roleystone theatre is a great solution).



Pictured: Local Kids at Kids Club 2011



Kayak Lessons at Champion Lakes

Fancy a new and exciting activity for young people over the July school holidays? Perhaps you would like to have a go at Kayaking? This is targeted at juniors (8-12 years) and you can choose from 10 and 12 July or the 17 and 19 July. (You must choose 2 lessons in the same week.)

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Full of Beans - Olympics

Seville Grove Library
Friday 13 July, 1pm - 2pm

Bookings: 9399 0800

Emma from Full of Beans will have you off and running with Olympic themed physical activities. Only suitable for children aged 6-12 years.



Rhythm Fix - Drumming workshop

Armadale Library
Wednesday 18 July, 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Bookings: 9399 0125

Children can enjoy using drums, hand held shakers, bells and blocks. There will be traditional African dance moves and fun rhythm games. Only suitable for primary school aged.



Hotdog Books

Seville Grove Library
Tuesday 10 July, 10am-12pm &
Tuesday 17 July, 2pm - 4pm

Bookings: 9399 0800

Come and create your own Hotdog Book, with a sporty or Olympic theme. These can then be displayed in the Library's book cubby from 9-19 July.

Kids Fun Day

Armadale Arena will be hosting a special Kids Fun Day on Wednesday 11 July to keep the kids active and entertained through the cold weather.

Visit the Arena and play mini golf, take part in a variety of sporting activities, have your face painted or play giant games. There will be plenty of fun activities for kids of all ages.

Day Care Centres/groups:

- Wednesday 11 July, 9am – 11am or 11am - 1pm
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Suitable for children aged 2 years +, however age restrictions may apply for some activities. Children under 12 will need to be supervised by a parent or guardian.

Bookings are essential for the group sessions. Contact Armadale Arena on 9399 0840 to secure your place.



Love them or hate them, cats represent a large portion of the pets that contribute to the quality of life of many Western Australians. Despite the joy they bring so many people, cats, just like dogs, have the potential to cause a nuisance, damage property and impact negatively on our community and environment if they are not managed properly. Further to this, there is the sad reality that thousands of stray and unwanted cats are euthanized each year in our state.

Although dogs have been regulated since 1976, the Cat Bill 2011 passed through Parliament only last year; however, a lengthy consultation period has helped get the legislation right and provide a consistent approach to cat ownership across all local government areas. The new legislation requires that all cats be:

Sterilised, unless they are being used for breeding;

Microchipped, so they can be returned if lost, stolen or stray from homes; and

Registered, so local governments can deal with homeless and stray cats.

During the consultation period 590 submissions were received, from both cat owners and non-cat owners, and there was overwhelming support (84% of submissions) for all three of the above requirements to be introduced. While concerns were raised on the cost of implementing the new policy, the Minister for Local Government, John Castrilli, announced \$3.244m in this year's State Budget to assist pensioners and local governments in implementing the new laws. As the above requirements are not due till November 1, 2013, and as 93% of WA cat owners have already sterilised their cats, the laws will have little impact on most people but should you wish to have further information on the changes, you can visit the Department of Local Government's website (<http://dlg.wa.gov.au>) or alternatively, you can contact my office on 9452 8311, for this, or any other matter.

Hon Helen Morton MLC

Support for MRI at Armadale-Kelmscott Hospital

Armadale-Kelmscott Memorial Hospital needs an MRI machine so patients don't have to travel to other sites for MRI scans, according to Canning MHR Don Randall. He has supported a bid by Perth Radiological Clinic to get approval for a Medicare funded scanner to be located on-site.

"The Armadale-Kelmscott Memorial Hospital provides a wide range of health services to the growing area of Armadale and surrounding suburbs, it's the only hospital of its kind in the south-east metropolitan region – yet it doesn't have an MRI scanner," Mr Randall said.

"The Perth Radiological Clinic operates a comprehensive diagnostic imaging department at the site and already has a dedicated space for the scanner, which was planned during construction of the facility. "Currently, inpatients requiring an MRI

scan have to be transported to other sites for the service.

"Urgent requests are dependent on transport being arranged, which includes the cost of an ambulance and accompanying medical staff."

Mr Randall said it was not a safe practice for seriously ill patients, especially for intensive care patients. He said it was important to have the scanner available as it captures images of organs and muscles that a normal x-ray cannot.

"The nearest MRI scanner to the hospital is in a private radiology practice and cannot provide the service to paediatric patients, or an out of hours service," Mr Randall said.

"This is simply unacceptable and I sincerely hope the Department of Health an Ageing recognises the urgent need for the MRI machine to be on-site."

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GARDENING NOTES JEAN: 9397 5547

I find this time of the year rather puzzling. Already we are seeing the first of the almond flowers out and the bulbs are coming up really well. It is also so lovely to watch the Autumn colours in the garden, but should spring be here as well?

I have had occasion to go to Araluen where the creek was flowing and the red of Autumn leaves, was absolutely joyful. I wonder how many of us locals actually get to see this wonderful garden in all of the four different seasons. The diversity is amazing. The work of the volunteers and staff, needs to be celebrated. We have only two botanical gardens in this state and to have one within very close range is amazing. Let's really appreciate it.

One plant that I feel really deserves another mention is the Gerbera. I know I wrote about it last year, but it went through the summer without any water and now has rebounded into flower. There are about five different colours: pale pink, magenta, orange, yellow and white. Being daisy like, it makes one smile when you see the cheerful flowers. I also appreciate the drought hardiness of irises and lilliums, different families I know but generally fuss free and very rewarding.

The wisteria, whilst being very beautiful is just a little rampant for smaller gardens. A tropical plant Petrea volubilis, is much more manageable and has survived over many years in my garden with only rainwater. It is one I planted, when I first came to Roleystone, a bit like the flower of a hardenbergia.

I guess I have planted a lot of plants in the 26 years I have been here. Begonias

are great survivors and flower a lot throughout the year. A plant that appears indestructible is Phlomis fruticosa (Jerusalem Sage) although it is meant to flower from spring to midsummer, mine still has flowers at this time of the year. A magnificent Camellia sasanqua, 'Hiryu' (Kanjiro) sited along Railway Avenue in Kelmscott, is truly amazing and well worth readers driving past it. This is the variety that was often used as an under-stock when grafting, for the early years of growing camellias in Australia.

Last year I bought two Pistachia chinensis from our local nursery and the foliage colours are all that I could wish for. Narelle from the Ornamental Tree Company, had some really lovely specimens and all our plants were able to fit in the back of the car to bring them home. Unfortunately I lost the special maples as I was unable to keep the water to them in summer. Still I loved them while I had them.

The Roleystone Garden Group will meet at the normal time, on the third Thursday of the month, at 9-30a.m at 24 Orana Way Roleystone. I must remember to give the girls some perennial statice, such a good plant, reliable and pretty with little purplish bracts on gently arching stems that grows to about a half metre.

Well the sun is shining again and I have other chores to do.

Good Gardening.

Jean



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BOWLING ALONG

On Sunday 17th June a good turn up of bowlers came to our Soup Day.

It was a really gloomy winter's day so the lovely warm soup was very appreciated. The raffles were organised by Eileen Green and the bowls by Shirley and John. Thanks to everyone who came along and especially to those who provided the lovely soup.

HIGHLIGHTS

On the 5th and 6th May, Sylvia Byrne and Pauline Smith participated in the Champion of Champion pairs held at Sorrento. Both played very well against their first division competitors.

On Sunday 20th May three teams of players represented Roleystone in the Forrestfield Mixed Fours Carnival:

- Malcolm Clements, Steve Rickman, Melissa Rickman and Norma Clements
- Sharon Lyster, Alison Brown, Glenn Lynch and Ken

Left: Phil Deas and Malcolm Clements after soup day on Sunday 17th June.

Brown

- Carolyn Deas, Phil Deas, Dave Locke and Shirley Thomas.
- The weather couldn't have been better and the greens were quite fast. Each team had some successes, though not enough to win the day. Ken Brown was the lucky recipient of the 'Lucky Skipper' prize and his team won the third round prize.

CANCER FUNDRAISER

A Cancer Fundraising Morning tea was hosted by Sylvia Byrne and Tina Betts on Tuesday 22nd May. A large number of guests attended. A total of \$654.10 was raised for this worthy cause.

While Gerry is gadding about on holiday, Malcolm Clements is stand in president and he reports: 'Over the last four Saturdays we have been blessed with wonderful fine weather with an average of 29 bowlers turning up. Considering the weather and being mixed events it would be nice to see a few more faces before the weather closes in. Remember there will be prizes at the end of the winter bowls and you receive 1 point just for turning up. So come on down and join the fun.'

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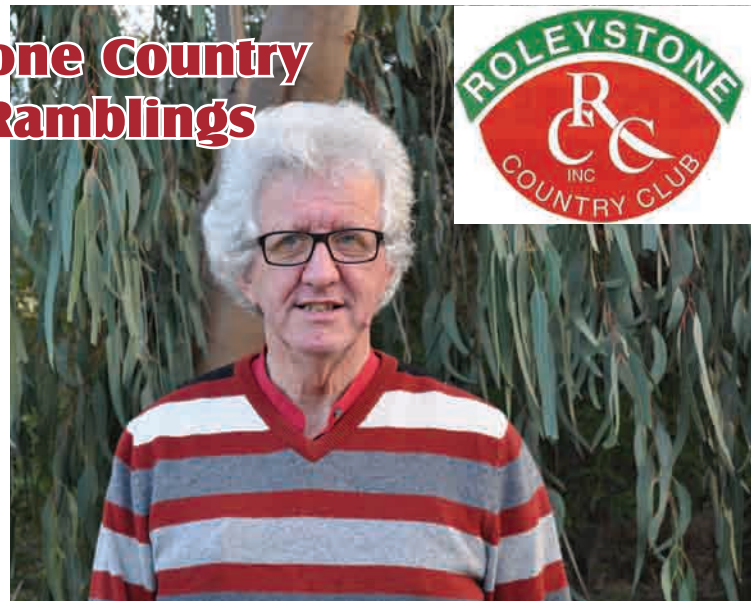
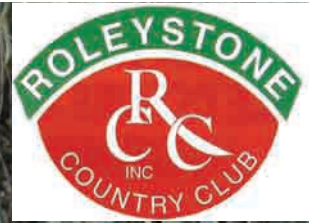
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Roleystone Country Club Ramblings



Another month has flown past and here we are approaching the midway point of the year already!

We have certainly received a fair amount of wintery weather and it is noticeable with all the trees/branches etcetera spread around the neighbourhood.

A rather large tree deposited itself on the driveway of the club recently, not to mention the heavy rain causing potholes as well.

The Annual General Meeting is set for Sunday July 8th at 11.00am. I hope all members make an effort to attend. This is your club and if you want to voice an opinion on how you think the club should go forward or have some suggestions as to what needs to be done, come along and have your say.

Obviously we don't want to turn it into a gripe session but we do value your input. Attacking committee personnel at the bar is not the right way to go about it!

The club is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year! What a great milestone it is too! In honour of the occasion a cake has been specially commissioned to mark this achievement. Members will be able to savour this delicious offering after the AGM has concluded. I take this opportunity of thanking Margaret Agar for agreeing to make the cake at such short notice!

We have a great function coming up on Saturday August 18th. Come along and have a superb smorgasbord dinner and dance the night away to the Shad Lads. Tickets are now available at \$40 per head.

There will only be 100 on sale to make sure that it is comfortable to move around! You can contact me on 9397 5645 if you wish to make your reservations or call into the club. This is really great value so I urge you to support it. If you came to the Drifters night you will know that we can get the place rocking!

The back room has finally been transformed into a children's room complete with television, X box 360 and DVD player. Hopefully parents will bring their children into the club again to enjoy this facility. There is a heater in there as well for these cold wintery nights. Let's try to bring this back into a family place again! After all they could be our future members!

The Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade had their annual dinner & awards presentation at the club on Saturday 16th June. By all

accounts they had an enjoyable night and were well catered for.

The Club really appreciates their support especially as last year they had some problems and did not have the music that they had organised! I believe that the band this year was a class act and had them all up and dancing. Could be worth investigating for future entertainment when we need a band.

We seem to have a lot of private functions being booked which is really good! I try to organise our own functions around these which is difficult sometimes.

The date for an Italian (pasta) night has yet to be finalised. Then before you know it the Melbourne Cup luncheon will be upon us. I will endeavour to put a date on these by the next issue.

The honour boards are finally being updated as I write this. They should be back up very soon. This will show all of the names of Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers up to the present day.

Don't forget that we have a pool competition running every Friday night. This is a fun night for all. Come and pit your skills against some of the regular pool players. The games usually start at about 8.00pm. We are a very friendly crowd and ~ welcome all new players male and female.

See you at The Club soon.

Lester North
PRESIDENT

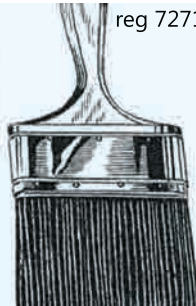
On a sad note we were recently advised of the sad passing of Julie Hogg, a former staff member, after a long illness. Our sincere condolences to all of her family and friends. She will always be remembered for her bright, bubbly personality whilst serving behind the bar.

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Another busy and productive month for the Group. Roleybushcare held many events this month including many at our local School.

Our annual lunch for regular volunteers was enjoyed by all. The spit roast and the food supplied by our "super cooks" was delicious. Thank you so much to those who helped out on the day.

We supplied 300 seedlings with equipment to the Roleystone Community College for the Bushranger Cadets to fill in bare areas in the school grounds.

Members helped the Kindergarten children plant seedlings that were supplied by Caroline Weilinga on World Environment Day. Caroline organised this event and gave each child a small card listing the name of the seedling planted.

Our annual plant sale at the Roley Shops was a highlight for us, meeting old community members and making new friends. Thanks to all who helped out on the day and also thanks to the community for supporting us by buying the plants. We made a healthy profit which will be used wisely.

25 volunteers planted 1000 seedlings into Hall Road Bushland Reserves last month and enjoyed a delicious morning tea prepared by Kathy. It was great to see young families participating in the day.

Next field days

A planting field day will be held in Windsor Reserve on Sunday 8th July between 9.00am and noon. Meet in Leschenaultia St.

National Tree Day will be celebrated by Roleybushcare on Sunday 5th August at Stonegate Reserve between 9.00am and noon. Meet in Stonegate Road.

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Above left: Jan Dawson discuss the merits of buying wandoo with Jamie and Susan Sbrana. Above right: Sue Radford is back and has rejoined RBC. Below: Roleybushcare planting day Andrew, Mary, Sam and Alex Rodger.



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TENNIS NEWS: WENDY TUCKER

AUTUMN TOURNAMENT

Our Autumn Tournament was held on Sunday 27 May. We had 16 participants and had a draw for partners and opponents. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we were very lucky with a sunny day. Our winner for the day was Rob. (See photo above showing the participants).

COMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS IN JULY DINNER

We will be having our Annual Christmas in July Dinner on Saturday 7th July. We will have tennis in the afternoon followed by a Roast Dinner & Desserts

and Quiz and we will also be watching the Wimbledon Ladies Final. Signup sheets will be at the Club soon and we are limited to 55 people so put your name down early.

2012 AGM SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST

All members please mark your calendars to keep Sunday 5th August available for our Annual General Meeting. The meeting will start at 2pm and then an afternoon of tennis will follow. We need 15 members for a quorum so please come along. Hopefully the meeting will not last very long and then we can all have afternoon tea and enjoy some tennis.



Roleystone Theatre News

Much Ado About Nothing

The next production coming to the Roleystone Theatre is 'Much Ado About Nothing' a play by perhaps the world's most famous playwright, William Shakespeare.

It will be directed by Paul Treasure who has a fabulous record at the Roleystone Theatre having directed: Little Women, Nine, The Sound of Music, Assassins, Fiddler on the Roof and Midsummer Night's Dream.

of tricky situations to navigate. There are two pairs of lovers, Benedick and Beatrice, and Claudio and Hero. Benedick and Beatrice are engaged in a very "merry war"; they both talk a mile a minute and proclaim their scorn for love, marriage, and each other. In contrast, Claudio and Hero are sweet young people who are rendered practically speechless by their love for one another.

The shows will run from: July 20, 21, 25, 27, 28, with all shows starting at 8pm.

The blurb for the show: 'Joy abounds in Messina, as Don Pedro, the Prince of Aragon celebrates victory over his bastard brother. Amidst the celebrations those around the Prince have a number

'Questions abound in this comedic romp: Will the young soldier Claudio marry the Governor's daughter, Hero? Will Beatrice and Benedick overcome their quick wit and even quicker tongues to realize they are perfect for each other? And what terrible mischief is Don John planning?'

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Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup Report

We have had a fantastic response for our fundraising for our Family Fun day in November; we sold 165 orders for Hot Chocolate, Tea and Coffee.

We raised \$400.00 towards our Fun day. A big thank you to the playgroup members who were able to help raise this money and now they will all get to enjoy wonderful hot chocolate, tea and coffee in this cool weather.

There is going to be a fundraising swap meet being held on Sunday 5th August at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre. Clothes, toys, crafts and homemade items will be for sale and everyone is welcome to come along and get a fantastic bargain. There will be a sausage sizzle on the day with entry set at a gold coin donation. All funds raised

will go towards the Family Fun day in November.

We would like to welcome our newest members:

Benjamin Greatz, congratulations to Mum Kerry Davis. Benjamin is a younger brother to William and Poppy.

Also a big welcome to Allegra Velts, a baby sister to Nicolas Velts. Congratulations to Mum Peta from all at playgroup.

If you would like to join our wonderful group of mother and their children please contact Ellan Southgate on 6396 2498 or Marie Hoffman on 619622236. We have vacancies in the Monday, Wednesday and Friday groups.

Take care and stay warm.

Lorraine Hine



Two Lost Pets Help Find Boobies

My long haired, black Persian, dearly loved cat escaped on Monday 04/06 from Dreyer Road Roleystone. He was wearing a blue collar and tag, is desexed and microchipped. It was a full moon and he may be trying to return to Norman Road. He is quite senior and requires medication.

I have been looking for him all over, doing leaflet drops and calling his name through the streets. Please call Lara with any info if you have seen him no matter how small. I'm desperately hoping he's made friends with someone through this bad weather, who can help him to come home. Thank you. Please ring 0439 668 334.

LOST: SAXON

It's been three weeks now since my very special, much loved best friend dog named Saxon went missing. He is lost and I am lost without him. No-one has seen him since he vanished from our routine morning walk along Butchers Road. My heart is broken. If anyone knows anything about Saxon could you please let me know.

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Chris's partner needed worm castings for his garden so she started her 1st worm farm 7 years ago. She has worked for the Worm Shed and also given demonstrations and talks at primary schools. Her enthusiasm is very contagious and I'm sure you will

be inspired!

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

Due to illness our June meeting about "The Importance of Soil Health in Relation to Plant and Human Health" was cancelled and has been rescheduled for September.

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SCHOOL REZONING

The rezoning of the old primary school site has been endorsed by full Council. The resolution was as previously stated - for senior's accommodation with tree retention west & south of the oval. We now hope the Minister accepts this and look forward to having the property sold so the community can know who the developer will be.

CROSS PARK MASTER PLANNING

All interested members of the public and current & potential user groups of Cross Park and Springdale reserve are encouraged to write to the City with their views on the current facilities and any changes they may or may not wish to see in the future. The consultants drafting the report will also contact user groups. It is a good time for residents to think about and discuss what they think is important for their park - just send in a quick email (info@armadale.wa.gov.au) or letter (Locked Bag 2 Armadale Western Australia 6992) headed "Cross Park Master Planning".

ARALUEN BOTANIC PARK

Council has endorsed a recommendation that the City writes to the Department of Environment and local State parliamentarians to support the Araluen Botanic Park as a premier tourist destination within the City.

LOCAL PLANNING STRATEGY REVIEW

The City has commenced a review of the 2005 Local Planning Strategy.

It intends to prepare a revised Local Planning Strategy and submit it for endorsement by the Western Australian Planning Commission. The updated strategy will include the land in Clifton Street adjacent to the Canning River recently rezoned to Urban under the MRS (Amendment

1202/41 was gazetted on 19th June 2012). This will lay the foundation for more detailed planning by the landowners and

ultimately it will facilitate the creation of a public foreshore reserve on the eastern side of the Canning River adjacent to the Kelmscott town site. Other changes include higher density zoning around the Armadale & Kelmscott CBD's as per the State Governments Transit Orientated Development and more urban land to the west of Armadale as the Perth suburbs move south.

TOURISM IN THE ARMADALE REGION

Tourism is a major contributor to the national economy and the City is keen to increase tourism in the region. Armadale has an abundance of natural features with rivers, lakes & bushland as well as heritage buildings and budding tourist industries. The City will provide a progress report on its Tourism & Marketing Strategy next fortnight for the budget deliberations to support increases in local tourism.

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ROLEYSTONE SINGERS

In February a group of people got together at the Roleystone Family Centre, with the intention of forming a singing group. The idea was for anyone who enjoyed singing to come along and do just that, no auditions, no having to read music, just singing with like minded people. We have been going for 3 months now, with some ups and downs in attendance and various ideas of what we should sing and how. Unfortunately our leader Janice had to leave, after giving up a big amount of her time, and getting us going with her enthusiasm and musical knowledge, thankyou so much Janice. We all still wanted to continue, so we have decided to become part of "Sing Australia". This is an organisation that helps singing groups to get established Australia wide, and provides help, as well as organising concerts, even overseas trips for those members who want to go.

We had a workshop on the 2st June when

some of the Fremantle group came up and showed us how to run the evening. It was great fun, and we have music books with a huge variety of songs in them - something for everyone. If this appeals to you, please come along to the Roleystone Family Centre on Thursday evening from 7.30p.m. to 9.30p.m. You'll meet new people, have some laughs, a cup of tea or coffee and sing your little heart out. As we are a new group, on the 5th July we have the founder of Sing Australia - Colin, coming to visit us, so if you want to find out more from the "boss", then that could be the night to come. Any queries please phone Chris on 93976403 or The Roleystone Family Centre on 94961115.

Chris Bloomer

Late News: Colin Slater OAM invites you to find out just how easy it is to sing for fun. Thursday 5 July 7:30 - 9:30pm. RNFC. \$10/head. Chris 9397 6403.

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June Weather

Weather Statistics provided by David Elliott:
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Rainfall Stats

June 2012, 166.4 on 17 days (until June 23)
June Average 208.0 on 17 days
Total Jan 1 to June 23 2012, 357.6 on 45 days
Average 1st Jan to 31 June, 444.2 on 47 days

Temperature Stats

Lowest Min 2.1 (23rd)
Highest Min 13.0 (20th)
Lowest Max 12.0 (20th)
Highest Max 21.5(5th)

June Rainfall

Yr	mms	Days
2008	198.8	16
2009	148.6	15
2010	67.6	11
2011	154	12
2012	166.4	17

Those rains still do not make us up to average - we are way down for the year. We have only reached the June average once in 15 years! Plus we still have not had any real frosts yet!

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Found Man's Prescription sunglasses. Tinted, Silver frame, black arms. Found Brookton Highway Karragullen three weeks ago. Phone: 9496 2992

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LONDON TO PERTH TRAVEL BLOG CONTINUES

Well our intrepid weather man David Elliott and his wife Jackie are still posting their 1972 journey online.

Read more: <http://blog.travelpod.com/travel-blog-entries/40years2late/1/1340091226/tpod.html#ixzz1yCxT6ROt>

The group, now reduced to David, Jackie and their friend Graham, have finally left Europe and have moved across to Turkey. This has meant that the sleeping arrangements have improved: Jackie and David are now in the tent and Graham has the van to himself.

They have worked on their suntans, drunk a range of foreign beers, smoked numerous strange cigarettes and eaten all kinds of weird (and mostly very cheap) foods. The group are 'travelling poor' and have even tried selling blood for some extra cash. They are moving into largely Islamic areas and this is challenging some of their preconceptions and prejudices.

Here is part of the entry from Istanbul:

'We'd heard all sorts of tales about what can happen to western women here but we only had one brief incident when a Turkish youth started pinching Jackie's bottom. Jackie told us what was happening. Graham and I said that as soon as it happened again say 'now'.

Of course it happened again soon after and with the word 'now' we both turned round to catch the perpetrator. He then bolted but not fast enough and I caught up with him. I was just about to lay one on him when a burly Turkish shopkeeper intervened and told the lad to clear off, sort of saying that hitting him would cause too much trouble for us.'



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I am writing this in Scotland gazing out of a lounge room window overlooking the vale of Strathmore. It's cold for summer even by Scottish standards and, although the hills are beckoning, the prospect of a mountain adventure is appealing less and less as another low pressure system is threatening to toss yet more rain on the soggy slopes.

We're staying with our daughter Sarah and her family, husband Will and two and a half children. Number three is expected in September. They have just moved house. For several years they lived in central Dundee, in a two storey villa divided horizontally into two apartments and they lived in the ground floor unit. The small back yard was divided also in two but thankfully vertically, not horizontally. It was walled all round and compact by any standards. The two children loved being outside but the scope for adventure was seriously compromised by the constraints of the tall granite barriers. They were very happy there but only because they didn't know it could be better. Will and Sarah did and have done something about it.

Their new place is just about as different as you can get. They have moved into a country house in almost an acre of well planned garden. They are surrounded by farmland, huge fields of potatoes planted in almost endless straight rows, with not so distant hills crenellating the horizon. The children think they're in

paradise or at least they would if they had any idea what paradise is all about. They whoop and holler about the place, devising games and adventures that only they really know about. It's as if they were wound up springs which have been suddenly released. In a way they are. I'm reminded of an old wind up gramophone I once tried to repair. I released the broken spring from it's case and it uncoiled in one great 'boing', just about filling the entire kitchen in a second. I never did get it all back properly and we could only listen to half a record before the spring expired after my renovations. The children here quickly found ways to fill their new space! They have made dens and adventure trails. Pretend houses spring up everywhere and little Rebecca won't go anywhere without her spade.

Using the two properties as allegories of heaven and hell is hardly fair. But C S Lewis once wrote that our earthly life is such an "indoor experience" compared to paradise and in that context this little parable of two houses has much more resonance. I guess none of us really appreciate how limited and constrained we are if we have no idea how much better things can be. We genuinely need to think outside the box if we are going to grasp what eternal life in heaven is going to be like. And I believe God wants us to have a slice of that action in the here and now. For me I can confidently use the parable to describe the transformation I experienced when I became a Christian. I don't think I have ever fully expressed the release, freedom and love - never mind the sense of adventure - I have revelled in for quite a few years now. The Church generally doesn't seem to have done a great job of getting that message across either. And I would love to put that right. The prospect of heaven is indeed a bit like moving into a new house in the country but we can get more than taste of it in the here and now. We might be living indoors, but there are windows letting in the sunshine and the door's not locked.

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Recent Results:

Round 7

League 31.19- 205 vs.

Cockburn Cobras 10.11- 71

Reserves 6.13- 49 vs.

Cockburn Cobras 11.9- 75

Round 8

League 21.16-142 vs.

Bayswater 4.4- 28

Reserves 28.17- 185 vs.

Bayswater 0.0- 0

Round 9

League 9.12-66 vs.

Nollamara 14.13-97

Reserves 11.9-75 vs.

Nollamara 4.8-32

The last month for the Tigers has been quite exciting on the field, with both teams recording some quite large wins giving their respective teams a much needed percentage boost. Unfortunately for the league team the bye between Round 8 & 9 caught us off guard and we were unable to capitalise on the form the Tigers had shown in the previous weeks.

Currently we are sitting in 6th position on the verge of securing a finals position.

For the reserves they were able to back up their performance prior to the bye and collect a well deserved, hard fought victory against Nollamara.

Upcoming fundraising events:

14 July

Fundraiser with local band
Stone Bleeder

28 July

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Jocelyn Jones

All photos show Roleystone vrs Noranda. Great action shots.

Thanks to Jocelyn Jones for these photographs.





Roley Pools Planting Day



Planting Activity Day

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All volunteers should meet at the Collins Road Steps in Roleystone.

Volunteers are asked to bring gumboots or sturdy work boots, gloves and a raincoat.

They will provide all of the seedlings and the planting tools and of course the scrumptious morning tea.

RSVP by Thursday 19th July. Please call Dan on 0413 883565 for catering purposes.

Paul Mutton

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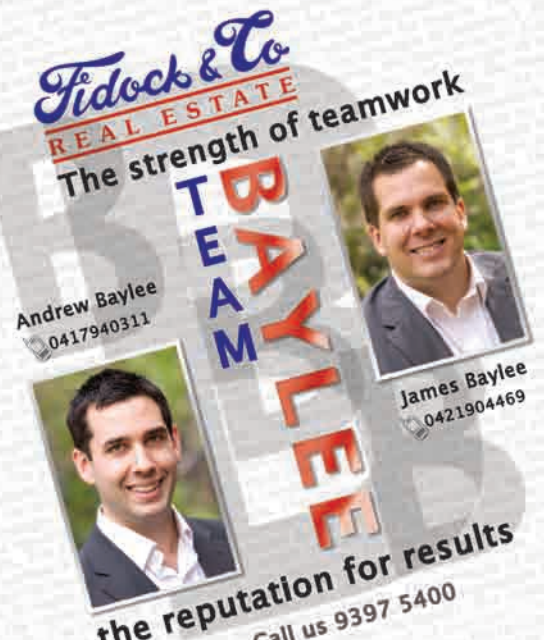
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To some casual observers, the best sight of the month might be the full moon (weather permitting) on the 3rd and/ or the 4th (full phase occurs at 2:52am on the 4th). Better though, and lasting much longer, is the early morning sight of Jupiter and Venus keeping close company in the north-eastern sky at daybreak. For the first week or so of July, these two very bright planets will be within 5° of each other. Between the 1st and the 9th, early risers can watch the way that Venus shuffles about in the triangular star cluster known as the Hyades. It's a good example of planetary meandering. "Planet" means wanderer, remember?

On the 10th Venus will be less than a degree from the star Aldebaran, alias Alpha Tauri, the star at the lower right-hand corner of the Hyades. How much is a degree? About two moon-widths. (An interesting aside: from where we are in the solar system, the Moon and the Sun both appear to be half a degree in width.) By mid-month it'll be obvious that Jupiter is rising further and further ahead of Venus and the gap between them is widening. Venus will continue to dominate the eastern sky as the brilliant "morning star" for the rest of the year. On the morning of the 15th, the waning crescent Moon will be in Taurus near Jupiter, completing a montage featuring the Pleiades, the Moon, Jupiter, the Hyades, and Venus.

The major phases of the Moon in July are full moon on the 4th, last quarter on the 11th, new moon on the 19th, and first quarter on the 26th. Then the next full moon will be on August 2nd, the first of two full moons in the month of August. Starting a couple of days after new moon (no moon) on the 19th, the

waxing crescent Moon will become the major attraction in the early evening sky. Recently I was surprised by a question from a high school teacher, admittedly not a science teacher: "How come you can sometimes see the Moon during the day?". Without being too condescending (I hope), I said that the sky above isn't a blue dome, it's not a roof above us, it's just air and air is more or less transparent. The Sun makes the sky glary in the daytime, but if a celestial object is bright enough, it'll show through. You can spot Venus in the daytime, if you know where to look. If the unstable star system Eta Carina erupts as a supernova, it'll become visible as a bright speck in the daytime sky (don't hold your breath for this one, it could be hundreds of years off).

For the first fortnight of July, Mercury will be visible low in the west-northwest at dusk. This is one of its better evening appearances. Being the innermost planet of the solar system, it never gets much further than this from the Sun from our standpoint. Saturn's still well placed for observation (if you have a telescope) and easy to locate. It's not far from the star Spica alias Alpha Virginis, and similar in brightness. You'll find them very high in the north-northeast at nightfall in early July, just as high in the north-northwest mid-month, and high in the northwest at dusk by the end of the month. In binoculars you'll see that Spica has a bluish tinge whereas Saturn looks yellowish. Mars doesn't look like much: it stays high in the northwest sky all month.

Earth passes through aphelion, the point in its orbit where it's furthest from the Sun on July 5th at 12 noon. You won't feel a thing.

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Every Tuesday	Pilates	6.30pm	
4th Tuesday	Bendigo Bingo	12 Noon	\$3.50
Every Wednesday	Indoor Bowls	9.45 am	\$3.00
Last Wednesday	Book Club	1pm	
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Wild Gossip: Snail Pellets can Kill Local Wildlife!

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The recent rain has brought out snails and people are scattering snail pellets to protect their plants; unfortunately these snail pellets are extremely toxic and kill our wildlife. The

most common casualties are our precious Bandicoots, who forage and dig in our gardens, eat snail pellets, become very sick and die. I had a snail pellet poisoned bandicoot brought to me last week, sadly she had 4 pouch young, all 5 died as a result of this one use of snail pellets. The ironic thing about this is that bandicoots eat snails and help to preserve our gardens! Other wildlife casualties from snail pellets include bobtails, possums and a wide variety of birds such as Magpies, Ravens, Kookaburras, Magpie Larks etc. Ironically all but possums eat snails and help keep gardens healthy. It seems weird to me to use a product in an attempt to get rid of snails that kills the natural predators of the snails. Snail pellets also kill poultry and poultry eat snails. Snail pellets also kill dogs and cats, can make children really sick and also affect adults. This poison remains on the ground and a danger for quite some time before breaking down into the soil.

There are many natural ways to protect plants from snails; these are just a few ideas:

- Stop poisoning the wildlife that eats them.
- Create a natural barrier with crushed

egg shells or shell grit (readily available from stock feed stores and pet shops)

- Create other barriers such as wood chips, saw dust, wood shavings or wood ash – these must remain dry to be effective.
- Copper banding or barrier tape placed around plants will give snails a sort of electric shock to deter. A copper spray also works.
- Garlic or wormwood spray is a deterrent.
- Beer in a shallow dish is an excellent trap.
- Free range poultry and get eggs as a benefit.
- Pick snails off, crush them.
- Inverted grapefruit halves, pots or boards place in the snail area act as a fantastic trap but will need to be checked and emptied early each morning.

There are many more natural solutions that can be used than these dreadful poisons that kill many unintended things, make us sick and pollute our environment. Once you start using natural remedies, everything starts to work together and problems decrease. Our wildlife is precious and needs to be protected from these deadly poisons to ensure that we continue to have wildlife as part of our community.

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Local Scouts off to Jamboree

The Scouts are once again off to Jamboree, this time in Queensland in January 2013.

They have been busy getting their camping skills up – recently they headed down to Vasse for 3 nights of camping with the Kelmscott Scouts. We are also fundraising for the event. We have several sausage sizzles at Bunnings in Maddington over the next few months, so if you see us there please support our efforts.

Special thanks to Roleystone Meats and IGA Roleystone for their ongoing support. We are off to camp again soon and also heading off on a hike. Maali (Jo Meuli) is teaching us how to make our own beef jerky and Navman hopefully won't get us lost. Ha-ha!!

If you'd like to know more about Scouts in Roleystone please contact Jo Meuli on 0437271934.

Jo Meuli

Pictured at left: Tilly and David serving cool drinks at our sausage sizzle.



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