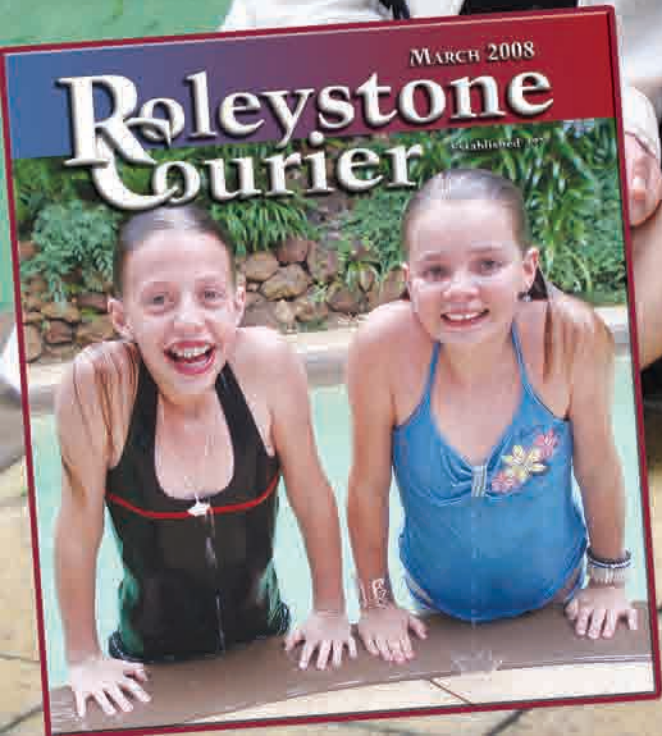


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**Kids Holiday Club  
Roleystone Community Church**

**July 2012**



**KIDS CLUB JULY 2012**

**August Cover**

Another highly successful Kids Club was run by members of the Roleystone Community Church over the first week of the July school holidays. On most days about fifty young people crowded in to enjoy the fun and frivolity of the sessions that also had a spiritual side. This year the theme was 'Bee Attitudes' teasing out stories from the Sermon on the Mount. Rob Adams ran the sessions and Kids Club 2012 was coordinated by Coralie Milroy with help from a wide range of enthusiastic helpers.

The young people made honey buns, decorated plant pots, made 3D sculptures, were involved in beadwork and woodwork, played games and this was all topped off by a wonderful afternoon tea. Well done to the Roleystone Community Church for putting on this wonderful event each year for the young people of our town.

*With the August 2012 edition we are celebrating my fiftieth edition and it is also 35 years since the Roleystone Courier hit the streets in August 1977. (See pages 14, 15 for a snapshot of the Courier's evolution over this time). On my first edition the caption for the cover photo read: 'Oh to be young and carefree when the sun is shining brightly. Immogen Kemp and Emily Bond escaping from the summer temperatures. My first Roleystone Courier gives me similar relief.'*

*So now fifty editions later Immogen and Emily agreed to pose back in the same spot again. However they drew the line at getting back into the pool. Thanks to everyone who has been involved in the Courier over this time.*

*Linda Moore*





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## Farewell John Start

John was born in England on 3 February 1919 and passed away on 23 June this year. For over 30 years, he and Helen lived on the corner of Slab Gully and Alice Roads where their garden was much admired.

In his late teens, he moved to Kenya to farm. During the war, he served with the King's African Rifles in Abyssinia, Ceylon and Burma and was 'Mentioned' in Dispatches three times for bravery. He married Helen in Kenya in late 1945 and helped manage her father's farm until it was sold in 1968.

After a spell in England and Botswana, they joined their sons, Antony and Joff in Roleystone where they became active members of the Anglican Church, the Naturalists Club and the Wildflower Society. Their voluntary services included delivering Meals on Wheels, surplus Supermarket perishables to the Salvos home, manning the (old) Armadale Hospital canteen, collecting seed for rehabilitating Bungendore Park and inoculating trees against dieback. Keen naturalists, they joined expeditions to Kununurra, the Prince Regent River and the Gunbarrel Highway. A highlight was a round-Australia trip in their old campervan, Bess. John and Helen watched birds, numbats and spiders by day and possums, geckos and frogs by night. John was often down on his knees with camera or magnifying glass and meticulously recorded all he saw. He collected specimens for the WA Museum and the State Herbarium.

John was legendary for his friendliness, generosity and concern for others. He was a true gentleman who will be sorely missed in Roleystone.

*Tony Start and Family*



## Andrew Kay recognized at Minnawarra Art Awards

At this year's City of Armadale's Minnawarra Art Awards announced on Wednesday 18th July, Roleystone local Andrew Kay took out the \$5,000 Stockland commission prize for his work *Run Bilby Run*. Andrew is a sculptor and has won national and international acclaim for his pieces. He casts all his sculpture at his studio in Roleystone, using the lost wax method of producing fine art bronze sculpture. This gives him total control over his sculpture and casting.

*This piece has proved to be incredibly popular with a variety of visitors to the awards. Well done Andrew.*



# Earthbound Organics 4th Birthday Celebrations



*The fourth birthday celebration of the Earthbound Organic store held on Sunday 22nd July was a wonderful event.*

Owner Anita Renna and her friends, Jeanne-marie, Blayse and Claudia, catered efficiently to a packed house of party goers and she had organised an eclectic entertainment schedule.

Firstly tribal belly dancers twirled and gyrated, followed by the talented duo Rocky and Issy (guitar vocals) who played some melodious and thought provoking tunes.

The group were thrilled to hear local Guitar maestro Kim Bettenay make the guitar do some amazing feats with his usual panache. Young local lad Jeremy Zwick performed some great juggling tricks - he was very popular with the large number of young people who flooded into the venue. Lastly, talented jazz singer Tess completed the afternoon's entertainment.

Anita had also arranged raffles and promos. Her quaint store has developed a strong following of loyal organic shoppers and she is to be congratulated for her vision and hard work.

Happy Birthday Earthbound Organics.



*Pictured Top left: Juggler Jeremy Zwick, a local Roleystone entertainer, had the audience entranced.*

*At Left: The hard working staff: Claudia, Jeanne-marie, Blayse and Anita.*

*Below: Some of the audience at Earthbound Organics 4th Birthday Celebration Party: Dave, Katie, Suzie and Wendy.*



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# Mirabai Is Born in Roleystone

Scott Mitchell and Raje Deva both musicians came to live in Roleystone about 2 years ago and have a beautiful home birth story to share.

We planned for our home birth as soon as we knew I was pregnant. The little blue birthing pool was placed in the centre of our tree top wooden house in the lounge. The fire was crackling, the wind outside was howling through the night.

We lit the candles and a flute was playing when my first strong contraction came and forced me into the warm inviting water that my beloved had arranged for me. A journey into the unknown had began. Each moment lost in eternity. At the gate of life and death. There we were, me and my little precious of all beings.

In one moment of astonishment I looked at my midwife Sara and she said: "Raje, this is how we all birth." Oh.... what a relief.... those words echoed in every heartbeat thereafter as if all mothers are there with me.

The moment arrived: "Can you please help me pull her out" I asked Linda my other midwife. Linda answered with an assertive strong voice, yet full of understanding as if she heard it before, "No Raje, YOU are going to birth your baby!" And so it was, with the next push, Mirabai materialised before our very eyes. Her face emerging from the water, nothing more soft and delicate, nothing more celestial. She was the end of a timeless journey.... and a new beginning for us all.

Mirabai Deva Mitchell was born on the 2nd of July 2011 and she is a joy, a blessing and the gel that binds us all as one loving family. Mirabai is a name of an Indian princess poet from the 16th century.

I would like to thank the midwifery community program for their AMAZING home birth services. The CMWA provides 1000 mums and bubs each year here in WA with the most professional and personal care throughout pregnancy, during birth and after, free of charge !!!

Linda and Sara from CMWA, I bow to your wisdom and courage to do what you are doing (and against all odds). Thank you <http://www.cmwa.net.au/homebirth>

Robin Lim (international midwife CNN hero of the year): The industrialisation of birth: *'It's not a woman's fault that she does not trust herself in the process of birth, it's the society that fails her'*.

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# Carmel Wins Public Speaking Award

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Carmel Markham of Roleystone recently won the South of the River Speaking Competition at the Kenwick Community Centre (Mud Hut) in Kenwick.

This public speaking competition is open to public speakers from all Rostrum clubs situated south of the river. The contestants had to choose from one of the following topics: You Can't Always Get What You Want, Shades of Gray and Run and prepare a six minute speech.

In her speech, 'You can't always get what you want', Carmel described how, after suffering grazed knees and elbows after falling off a bicycle she 'borrowed' from her sister during a childhood holiday at Rottnest, and repeating the experience with a motorcycle some years later, in the end she got what her husband thought she needed – a car of her own.

Iain Mason of Victoria



Park presented a thoroughly researched and thought-provoking defence of free speech in 'Shades of Grey'. Greg Leech of Willetton reminisced on the meaning of the lyrics of the Rolling Stones' 'You can't always get what you want' and conceded that in the end you get what you need – life is what happens while you're making other plans, so accept it.

Carmel received the John Barton trophy for her win. The late John Barton, a founder of the Kenwick Foothills Rostrum Club in the 1960s, had a vision to 'improve the speaking ability of all who enter here'.

In addition to the three entertaining speeches, members and guests enjoyed a hilarious impromptu Balloon Debate, some passionate answers to the Pertinent Question, a tasty meal, cake and coffee and the opportunity to mingle with friends.

Consequently the Kenwick Club will host the competition next year and looks forward to welcoming all south of the river Rostrum clubs to Kenwick in 2013. If you would like to improve your public speaking skills contact Rick on 0411 598 664.

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Kym Munn and Jane Mathews, who both formerly worked in businesses at the Roleystone Shopping Centre, have teamed up in a new business venture next to Stargate Shopping Centre in Kelmscott. Kym is the hairdresser running 'A New Do Hair and Beauty' and Jane is the beauty therapist with her business called 'Studioone'. They are both very happy in their new roles and they're having a wonderful time too. Old and new clients and friends are welcome so call them on 9390 2313 or drop in and say hello.





# Myriad Gifts is 'Business of the Month' for June 2012'

Thanks to Business Armadale for their permission to reprint this article.

Myriad Gifts is a gift shop with a difference; the main difference being the owner Angela Stark and her long time loyal staff Olive & Vicki.

The shop was established in 1984 and Angela became the owner 11 years ago. Although not living in the area now, Angela grew up in the area and considers herself very much a "local" with most of her Family still living in the area.

Angela wants to have a shop where people feel valued and welcome. They have created a warm and welcoming atmosphere for the ultimate customer experience. Most of Angela's customers are long-time customers who keep coming back and spread the good news about Myriad Gifts. "Most business is repeat business and comes from word of mouth" says Angela with great pride.

"We treat customers as if they are friends, and many have become just that over time".

They come from all over the Metropolitan area but a good proportion are local of course.

Gift products are sourced from a range of suppliers by Angela who is not driven by the latest trends, but buys selectively what she feels will suit her customer needs - and of course what she likes herself! Product and customer service training is essential for Angela and her staff and is done on a continuous basis.

Naturally, there have been up's and downs over time but Angela considers business as steady and sees the future in the area as positive.

She sees Sunday trading as a positive development, but questions where the "extra" dollars will come from. Her future plans are: "To continue trading as long as possible. I love coming to work!" Congratulations Angela, Olive and Vicki for being selected as Business Armadale's Business of the Month.

You can find Angela, Olive & Vicki at Myriad Gifts, Shop 2A, 2756 Albany Highway, Kelmscott.



Below: Angela, Vicki and Olive are pictured in the shop.



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THE BLACK COCKATOO SOCIETY RESPONDS

I have been monitoring the letters to the editor in media outlets for some time on this very issue, and until now have kept quiet but I can no longer keep my mouth closed. The plain facts are that if we keep making it harder and harder and place more and more restrictions on the orchardists, then not only the Cockatoos will be extinct but so will the WA orchardist! The implications of losing our orchardists will be absolutely devastating to every house hold in WA.

It is now time we all work together to solve this problem: environmentalists/orchardists/and community alike, re the issue of Cockatoos starving and looking for other food sources, right through to the near extinction of the West Australian fruit grower. We cannot keep hiding from these issues.

The facts are that the current and previous Governments do not have an understanding of how important both are to the community. If we lose the WA orchardist, the big food chain suppliers won't care as they will bring cheap and nasty fruit in from overseas. We as consumers will never know what we are getting and what conditions the fruit has been grown in and or what it has been sprayed with.

The effects won't be known until the greater fruit eating population are either ill or worse. This has happened before with non-Australian

grown products and it will happen again if we allow it.

Orchardists who 'shut up shop' will sell their properties as that is all they will be left with. Then the developers will move in to clear the adjoining critical bush areas (some of these are held in private ownership and the orchards will not be big enough, so they will need to take the surrounding bush area as well).

Our State and Federal governments continue to permit rampant clearing; perhaps this is what they want so government can open up land for high density living, councils get more rates and developers make more money? Areas such as Roleystone/Karragullen and other historic fruit growing areas will just become a part of the greater urban sprawl. Believe me guys we don't want that.

The facts about the cockatoos are that there is just not enough native food around. Especially with the last two seasons, we are coming out of big fires and drought.

Also there is a disease killing our Marri trees and there is no cure discovered yet. We may see all of our Marri forests, the main supply of food for the cockatoos, destroyed because of this disease. The cockatoos must eat and unfortunately the fruit growers are in the firing line as food becomes more scarce.

Members from the Black Cockatoo Society have met with Government representatives on a number of occasions. We have spoken about how we can solve the cockatoo issue

and other related issues. We even suggested that they could take all the credit! However it is currently clear that they simply don't know what to do.

I mentioned in our last meeting that they need to stop old growth foresting, I was quickly jumped on by the minister's "advisor" and the Minister, who said "we are only clearing 2% of the old growth Forrest". Hello Minister! We only have less than 8% of our old growth forests left, and they are cutting the hollows out of these areas and the cockatoos have nowhere to lay their eggs. It takes 250 years readers, to make a cockatoo hollow!

We have met with the housing industry on smart sustainable developments, because we do have to be realists and we need more housing but they don't seem to have a conscience about what they are doing. We have worked with some individual developers to get good outcomes for the developers, the cockatoos and other native wildlife. But the big developers simply don't want to become involved with us.

Believe me I am no tree hugger! I work in mining to feed my family, but I work for a company that holds high ethics in environmental conservation. I know that we need more housing and I certainly know that we need our fruit growers.

Just imagine if we all worked together to get a good outcome for all including our critical



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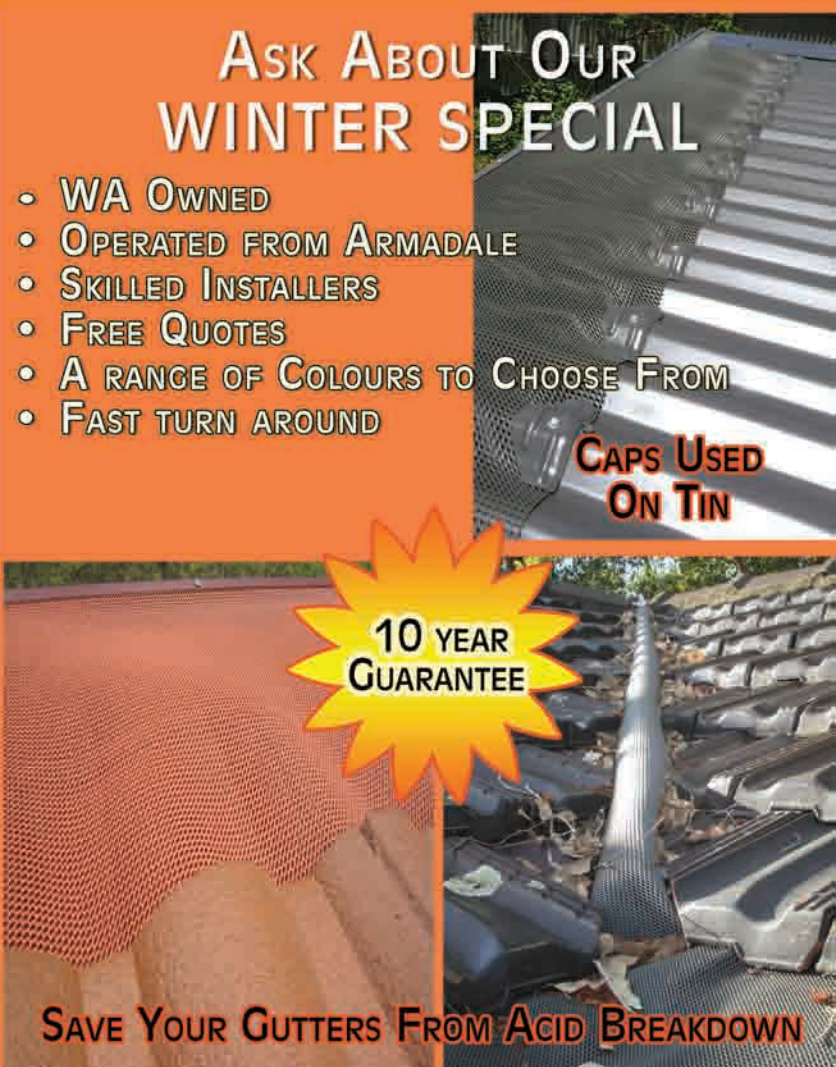
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declining environment.

There is some light at the end of the tunnel; recently we met with the Fruit Growers Association. This was set up by the Member for Darling Range Mr Tony Simpson who does care what happens to all, the Fruit Growers, the developers and he has been a strong supporter of our association for many years. He too is a realist.

We have put in a submission to the Fruit Growers Association to become partners and work together on this. We are awaiting an outcome from our submission and if successful we will see two groups, who have been historically at logger heads, working together for the common good. Who knows, the developers might jump on board, then the Government hopefully will take positive action for the community.

If our submission is approved by the Fruit Growers Association then we all are going have to work together including the wider community and allow these people to continue their work so we can keep getting supplied excellent produce. One last thing, the issue with the use of the Organophosphates Fenthion (Lebacid) and Dimethoate to control

Mediterranean Fruit Fly. Some chemical control is necessary for the orchardists survival in this location.

From reviewing the testing of this spray, there appears to have been no adverse effects on humans. The chemical was banned because the trials suggest that if you were a mouse, and ate 20 apples a day over 20 years then you may get cancer!

This study appears to have been a study of 'convenience' and just an issue that needed to be reported and governed for the sake of the government to appear to be doing something.

This is what we are faced with readers. I am sorry for the fruit eating mice out there who may or may not get cancer but please Mr Barnett let's concentrate on the real issues here.

Also readers, we have just lost a long term financial supporter of the Black Cockatoos who supplied us \$2500 a month. This funding hole has hit us hard so if anyone knows of an organisation or individual who wants to see our good work continue at the level the community expects, then please ask them to help.

**Glenn Dewhurst**  
*Chairman of the Black Cockatoo Rehabilitation Centre.*

## Cockatoo Facts

Cockatoos see fruit as 'an easy target'; they prefer fruit to native food.	WRONG
"Scientists" agree that there is plenty of native food available.	WRONG
2% of native clearing has no effect on the cockatoos on an 8% resource.	WRONG
We have raised \$9 million dollars in offset funding for cockatoos.	RIGHT
(But where has it gone, we have not seen any of it.)	
Marri Trees are critically ill and dying at a fast rate.	RIGHT
(This is not just a water issue.)	
It takes at least 250 years to grow a hollow for a black cockatoo.	RIGHT
The Fruit Growers and Black Cockatoos are endangered species?	RIGHT

## THE EXPERIENCE OF AN ORGANIC GROWER

I am a local organic grower with a long history of fruit growing in this location. I have chosen to utilise organic methods of pest control. We have been facing some of the issues that are now over-taking the main stream local orchardists, for more than 20 years. We can attest from experience, that it is a huge challenge which requires more labour input, persistent application of thorough pest minimization methods, and lower pack-out of acceptable quality fruit.

In response to the letter from Peter Stewart in the June edition, I hope the rest of our town is a bit more understanding! I'd like to know the details of the "effective" methods of saving crops from bird damage that he knows. Perhaps he could list some references, or provide an abstract in his reply.

The point about fruit fly control is that while each state budget carves more off the Agriculture Department in favour of privatization, we are left with chemical companies to fill the void. Biological solutions are not on their agenda, so when the 'exterminator solution' falls over there is no alternative research. Soft options like resurrecting the district baiting scheme or regular sterile male fly release, will never be politically viable when we can import our food 'cheaply' from China. No doubt bird welfare and restricted use of S7 spray on fruit is given a much higher priority there! Other areas of neglected research include biological control using parasitoids and researching disease vectors from the Mediterranean.

This industry is facing great hurdles and we do not seem to be receiving much assistance or public understanding.

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## IN SUPPORT OF ARALUEN TULIPS

We are a group of small business owners, located on Brookton Highway on the way to Araluen, concerned about losing the Araluen Tulip Festival. To our knowledge 100,000 tulips have been planted, yet it has come to our attention that no advertising nor promotion is allowed. This has inevitably contributed to a loss in local trade and in the tourism sector resulting in the closure of various businesses in the last few years and forcing locals to shop elsewhere. This festival is unique. It can be experienced by all age groups and it is set in such a magnificent area. We believe that it should be embraced and given full attention as it is truly a wonderful opportunity for our community and the City of Perth.

The tulip festival has generated :

- employment for locals
- increase in trade for local businesses
- tourism
- funds for maintenance of the Park
- a unique experience for the local residents and for everyone from across Perth
- well-being for mind/body

The Araluen foundation is prepared to accommodate any influx of visitors to the park. Hence, the question remains: 'Why has it been deemed that no promotion is allowed for the festival'?

Events such as the Chilli Festival have been relocated to another venue, surely let us maintain at least one event for the good of our community and more.

Anita Renna and Rose Carter and other Local Businesses  
From Brackenridge Village and Roleystone Village

## GOVERNMENT RESPONSE : RE TULIPS

A senior spokesperson from the Department of Environment has responded to the Roleystone Courier regarding the current and future proposals to have tulip festivals (and other events) at Araluen Botanic Park.

He wanted to assure Roleystone and Karragullen residents that there will be a great spring display of tulips and other flowers at the Park this year. Many improvements have been made to the Park and extensive plantings have occurred and new parking arrangements and a traffic management plan has been developed.

The decision to not promote or advertise

'a Festival' event in 2012 was made jointly by the Department of Environment and Conservation (currently the government department with governance and management responsibility of the Park) and the Department of Planning (the 'owners' of the Park lands) in response to previously reported issues and dissension from the community. They believed that this year would be useful to trial the parking and traffic arrangements that have been set up. The spokesperson wished to assure locals that they are working closely with the Araluen Botanic Park Foundation and the City of Armadale to ensure the ongoing viability of this Park.

## GRAFFITI REMOVAL HELPS ROLEYSTONE STAY LOOKING GREAT

On Saturday 14th July some evil minded vandals walked down Wygonda Road with a spray can, randomly tagging walls. Our home was affected as were our neighbours.

Luckily for us, one of the vandalised homes belongs to Sandy Zavatteri whose father, the very community-minded Don Winstanley, belongs to the Civil Pride Action Group, that remove graffiti from infrastructure such as fences, walls and laneways.

Within days the graffiti was removed. Our heartfelt thanks to this group. CPAG is fully supported by the City of Armadale, which provides funding for the purchase of materials like solvents, cleaning products and paints, as well as a dual-cab truck to transport up to seven people and all the group's equipment. City staff also meet regularly with the group to assess operational requirements,

plan future activities and provide advice. Don Winstanley coordinates the Armadale-based group while Steve Aldersea has the same role in Kelmscott. This group performs a valuable role in the community.

For more information about the Civil Pride Action Group or to volunteer, contact Don Winstanley or report graffiti on the hotline 1800 44 22 55 or [www.goodbygraffiti.wa.gov.au](http://www.goodbygraffiti.wa.gov.au)

This group was also able to photograph the tag - this will be used to trace the culprits. There are very hefty fines levied on people caught in the act of vandalism in our city. So thanks again to Don and the crew; the biggest deterrent to vandals is to have it cleaned up fast. Then the perpetrators don't get to see their 'artwork' and we can appreciate living in our vandalism free environment.

Linda and Mike Moore

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# Editorial

LINDA MOORE

AUGUST 2012



## 35 years of the Roleystone Courier. And 50 For Me!

Way back in August 1977 the first edition of the Roleystone Courier was produced. Owner/editor Viv Keelty's vision for: 'the need to keep the Roleystone/Karragullen community aware of what was happening' led to her founding the company and producing that first edition. This has resulted in around 3,550 editions and a long and proud lineage. I am proud to say that I have produced fifty of these! The first edition was called the Roleystone Advertiser

and the front page article featured the Buckingham family:

*In the very early days of WA's history the Buckingham family purchased the whole of the Roleystone estate for less than 2/- an acre. Mr Buckingham and his sons walked from Perth and back to inspect the property. They built their first home on the Canning river near Croydon Road. They farmed the south side of the river, growing wheat and raising cattle.....*

Here is part of Viv's lead in editorial:

*Welcome to this first edition of the Roleystone Advertiser. This paper has been published to provide a useful guide to Roleystone. From now on readers, you will know what is happening and what is available in Roleystone. ....*

And Viv finishes: *'With your support it will grow bigger and become increasingly more important to the citizens of Roleystone.'*

I can certainly attest to this!

Original advertisers included Henk Vogels and Harry Newell (thanks to you both for your long term support). Fidock & Co have been our largest advertiser since they purchased the business in August 1995 - our sincere thanks.

Roleystone Auto Centre was an original advertiser and this edition sees us welcome back this company with new owner Jason Miles.

And to our regular contributors - wow. To people like: Jean Evans, David Elliott, Greg Lowe, Lisa Porter, Liz Dunn and Syl Cooper who have all done this role for 15 - 20 years or in Jean's case 35 years: THANKS!

I met up with the second owners of the Courier, Ann and Peter Thompson, at the recent RNFC dinner and they said:



*'Congratulations on your fiftieth edition. You have taken the magazine to new heights and steered it in a new direction. It is still a great read. The Courier has a great track record and deserves the fullest support from the Community.'*

The Thompsons ran the magazine for 8 and half years and during their ownership the magazine become computerised.

Deb and Peter Hopper then took over in 1994 and ran the magazine for fourteen years. Deb's first edition was August 1994! Over this period the magazine grew in size, developed the iconic 'front page', took on some colour and became an institution.

So thanks to everyone who has come before. I am very thankful for the support I have been given by the community and the loyalty of our many advertisers.

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Linda Moore

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## Well Done

Well done Linda, congratulations on completing fifty editions of the Courier. What an achievement and a huge commitment to reach this milestone. Keep up the great work, I always look forward to reading the Courier.

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## From Pat Hart

Congratulations on your milestone achievement with the Roleystone Courier. You have continuously produced a great community magazine that is respected by our community. It certainly takes a huge commitment and dedication to achieve the standard you produce. Best wishes for your future involvement with the Magazine.

Pat Hart

*Below: Peter and Ann Thompson (with Anne Johnston left), Number Two Owners, at the recent Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre Dinner.*



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# Happy Birthday 2 The Roleystone Courier

## DEB HOPPER WOODS REFLECTS



September 1994: We have bought the Roleystone Courier – an icon of the community of Roleystone. We were so excited. Then it slowly dawned on us; had we really acknowledged to ourselves the overwhelming responsibility? We had huge shoes to fill following on from Ann and Peter Thomson, and Viv and Pat Kealy. Could we do it?

Over the next fourteen years, the Roleystone Courier grew like a confident teenager. It transformed from a black and white publication to a magazine with colour, to keep pace with the times. It retained the charm of its predecessors, whilst being used as a research tool by the schools, local government councillors and libraries. It had a loyal band of contributors and advertisers. Although Peter and I owned the Roleystone Courier, it was never “our” magazine – it always “belonged” to the Roleystone-Karragullen community. To me, that was always the measure of its success.

I loved being the “Courier Lady”. Congratulations to Linda and Mike on their 50th edition and the Roleystone Courier’s 35th anniversary.

*Deb Hopper Wood*

## CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE RNFC

**HOZAT!** 35 years of the Courier and fifty editions from you. ‘Congratulations’. You and the Courier are wonderful - the magazine is such an icon around this town. The Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre is so thankful to the Roleystone Courier.

Over the years the Courier has provided us with a great vehicle to get our message out to the community. All of the editors/owners of the Courier have been involved with the RNFC, all have served on the committee and the Thompsons and Deb Hopper have been recognised with Life Membership. This speaks a lot about the community focus that these people have and why the Courier is always about ‘Our Community’.

And it has seemed to grow in stature - in size and in ‘look’. Plus it is ALWAYS a great read. So thanks and congratulations.

*Sue Spry  
Manager of the Roleystone  
Neighbourhood Family Centre*



*Above: Jean Henrickson and Linda Moore (supposedly reporting) at the RNFC dinner 13th July 2012.*

## FROM JUNE COPLEY AND ROLEYSTONE BODY & SKIN

CONGRATULATIONS to The Roleystone COURIER on the 35<sup>th</sup> year of production! What an achievement and it’s also with thanks to Linda Moore for keeping it alive to this day for us all to enjoy. I have been an advertiser in ‘our’ Courier for the last twenty six years. Back then it was with Anne and Peter Thompson, followed by Deb Hopper and now in the safe hands of Linda. Over those years we’ve seen it evolve from a small community newspaper to what it is today, a glossy (with COLOUR!) magazine edition, still the most widely read and enjoyed, informative newspaper of our community. So Congratulations to you too Linda on also achieving your milestone for your 50<sup>th</sup> edition as editor and keeping us informed on our local events and History of the area.

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# LEON VOGELS OFF TO THE OLYMPICS

*Leon Vogels, the son of Henk and Mary Vogels, is currently in London at the Olympics as part of the Medical team.*

He is the Physiotherapist for the Triathletes and the Rowers.

This will be a trifecta for the Vogels family as Henk Senior competed in Tokyo in 1964 and his son Henk junior competed at Barcelona in 1996 and at the Sydney games in 2000.

Leon has been working with the Brisbane Lions AFL club for the last 7 years and has also provided physiotherapy services to a range of national triathletes.

Leon who is now 36 years old, was born and grew up in the district. He represented WA in cycling as a juvenile and junior/senior and rode professionally in Belgium and the USA.

After extensive injuries Leon decided to give competitive cycling away and has now turned to assisting others in their quest for sporting success.

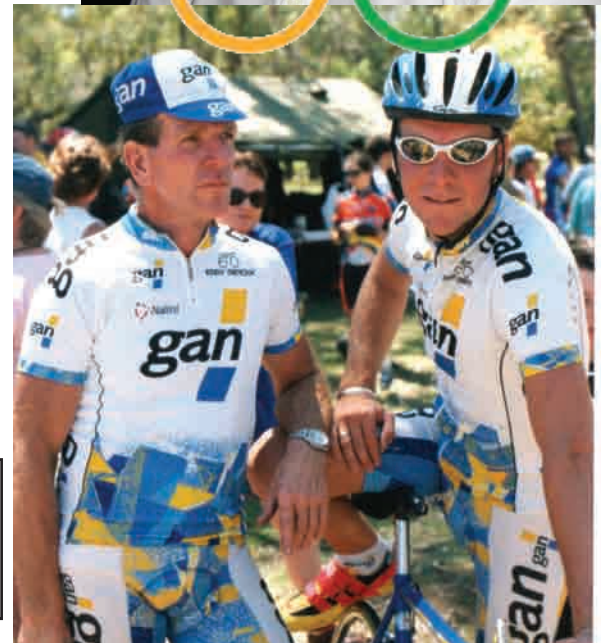
*Pictured above right: Leon Vogels is at the 2012 Olympics in London as a Physiotherapist for the Triathletes and the Rowers.*

*Right: Henk Vogels Senior and Henk Vogels Junior.*

*Henk Vogels Senior competed at the Tokyo Olympics in 1964 and Henk Vogels Junior competed at Barcelona in 1996 and at Sydney in 2000.*

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*On the 8th of July Luke Nass finally joined the ranks of the "50's plus"! He celebrated this great event with a fabulous party for family and friends! Now he can stop teasing everybody about how young he is!!*

*Luke is pictured below with his lovely wife Gill.*







## Lumen Students Take to the Stage in Peter Pan

A sneak preview of some dance routines and stage sets for the Peter Pan production were glimpsed by those who attended the dance choreography evenings at the end of Term 2. Proud family members and friends enjoyed the opportunity to witness the amazing talent on show and to deepen their appreciation of the work undertaken by students through the College Arts program.

As with previous College productions, music and dance is an integral part of the performance of the age old classic, Peter Pan. The production takes place on Aug 2,3 and 4 in the Lumen Christi College Performing Arts Centre. This amateur production uses the music and lyrics of the British Musical by Piers Charter-Robinson. In addition to years 7-12 being involved in the acting, singing and dancing, College students have also helped design the sets, arrange choreography, sound and lighting

not to mention the promotion of the event. A number of tickets are still available for each night of the Peter Pan performance. They cost \$15 and can be purchased on line via the link from the College website [www.lumen.wa.edu.au](http://www.lumen.wa.edu.au) or through the College Finance Office. The show takes place in the Lumen Christi College Performing Arts Centre. Beginning at 7pm. The Centre is accessible from Mills Rd West. Why not come along and enjoy reliving a little of the magic of childhood through the adventures of the ever young Peter Pan.

*The Peter Pan cast from the Pirate scene is pictured above:*


*Back: Sarah Van Reeken, Madeleine Ogden, Aimee Van Reeken, Nickisha O'Dea, with Paris Aubertin and Jamie Mackenzie of Roleystone.*

*Centre: Georgia Csohany of Martin, Genevieve Ogden. At the front: Hayden Joyce.*

## CAMERON MONK'S ARCHERY SUCCESS

Cameron Monk of Bedfordale, has just discovered the wonders of Archery and he is already achieving wonderful success. He started Archery at Gosnells Archers in September last year in a beginners 12 week introduction course. In January he joined the club and started shooting with a compound bow. Since that time he has shot some club records and been placed first in the state for some Postal shoots. His most exciting achievement to date was achieving First Class Bowman status last month.



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Her expertise was established in 2011 when she was selected to be one of the final 6 finalists in the Australian Good Taste Home Cook of the Year competition. Now she is putting this knowledge to great use as she will run a series of food workshops for Roleystone locals at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre.

Emily will guide locals thru the intricacies of national cooking starting with Indian and Japanese. The class will be involved in the preparation of 7 different dishes - and they get to eat the tasty creations at the end. Participants are invited to BYO alcohol to accompany the great taste sensations.

These are scheduled: Indian Cooking Class 8th August (11.30am - 2.30pm) and 10th August (7pm - 9.30pm)(FULL) and the Japanese Cooking Class 5th September (11.30 am - 2.00 pm) and 7th September (7pm - 9.30 pm). The cost for each course is \$35pp.



*Emily is pictured above with her daughter Zara.*

## Morley's been to Hollywood

*The very talented Katherine John, whose wonderful musical career has often been featured in the Courier has been studying the last 3 months at Musician's Institute Hollywood where she has also been working on her up-coming E.P.*

Being from a very close, musical family (you might know the John Family from the local music shop and school, Classic Sounds) it was of no surprise to anyone that her Dad, Morley John (Morley is the owner of Classic Sounds and well renowned member of the Roleystone Theatre) wanted to head over to visit his youngest daughter.

It was however, a surprise to Katherine, who first knew about her Dad's visit when she came out of school!

'He was literally sitting in the lobby when I came out of class one day' Katherine recalled. 'I screamed and cried in a very embarrassing fashion'.

While visiting, Morley discovered that the school ran a 'Guitar Builder's Intense Summer Course' and after having an interview with the school, was accepted, just 2 days prior to the start of the course!

So father and daughter went off to school, in Hollywood, together!

'It was quite the turn of tables - walking Dad for his first day of school; this was his first time going to school in over 53 years. Amazing! He built an electric guitar in just 5 days, and it really is a fine piece of artwork. His guitar was crowned the best in the class upon completion.'

'He soon established a fabulous reputation, not just as a fine craftsman from Australia but also among the students/his peers! It's not every day you go to school with your Dad but even more so to have to compete with him

for popularity among friends! 'Hey Katherine, does your Dad want to come to the pub with us?' recalled Katherine.

So now we have a genuine Hollywood trained guitar technician in our midst, at the local music shop Classic Sounds. What an achievement for our area!

Morley's guitar will be proudly displayed in the store from next week, and people are welcome to come and visit and have a look/play. Direct from Hollywood!!

If you would like to take a look at Morley and his guitar's journey (& view snap shots of Hollywood!) you can also jump onto Classic Sounds Facebook page and check out Morley's photo albums!



# Thankyous

## To a Stranger

Feeling a little low after an exhausting week, I was stopped at our Local Service Station by a complete stranger. A Mum with baby in her arms said in a quiet & sincere way, "you look absolutely stunning! You've made my day". She had no idea how I was feeling and all I can say is "Thank YOU for making MINE!"

*Signed Grandma  
Name supplied*

## Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade

Thank you. To ALL of the members of the Roleystone Volunteer Fire brigade for the work they do to protect the community against the threat of fire. The majority of members work full time and get called out at all hours of the day & night to work often in very hazardous and uncomfortable environments.

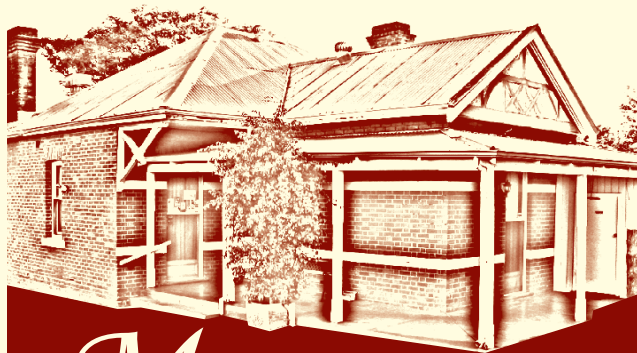
Our Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade is often requested to participate in task forces to assist in major fires throughout the State. This is all done on a voluntary basis which impacts on member's families and their work lives. While we understand that no member joins the Brigade purely for the accolades that may ensue, they deserve our thanks for preserving our environment and protecting our wonderful community.

## Owen is The 4th boy For the Monks

Welcome to Owen John Lewis Monk. Here is a little collage of our little man. He was born 9 days overdue at Armadale Hospital, on Saturday, July 7, 2012 at 11:43 AM, he weighed in at 4115g and was 53cms long. Owen is the 4th boy in the Monk house!!

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## RCC Purchases State of the Art Lighting

Roleystone Community College recently took possession of a brand new state of the art lighting kit for screen. The lights were specifically selected for our FTV program by Cinematographer Denson Baker (Denson grew up in the Kelmscott Hills) and Red Dog Lighting Director, Perry Sandow.

Denson, who was the Director of Photography for the Award winning film *Black Balloon*, provided some valuable professional development in the use of the lights for our staff and students.

Pictured 'underlights' is Year 8 FTV student Mia Hyde. Strike (a light) is the term used on a film set to warn cast and crew that lights are about to be switched on.



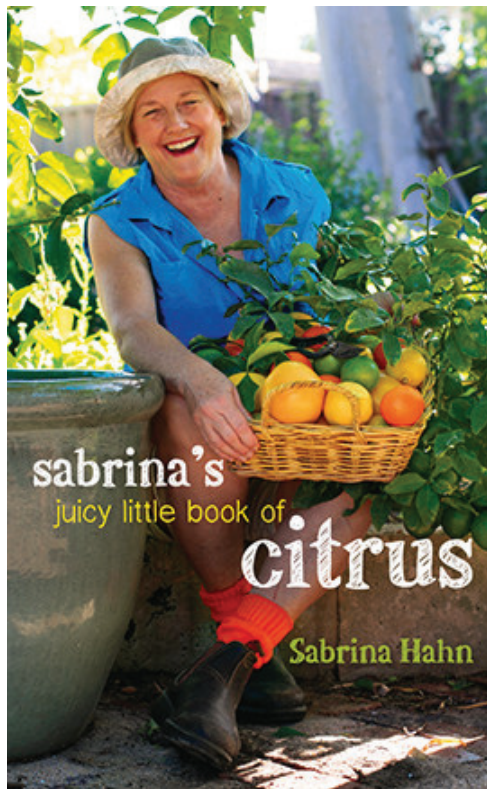
## Denson Comes Home

**BREAKING NEWS:** Denson Baker award winning cinematographer and his wife Director Claire McCarthy and their young son are heading 'back home'. They are working on a project which they hope to shoot locally, so we will soon get to see more of them and see these internationally recognised stars 'at work' (and at the shops).

Denson is well known around the area for his close commitment to working with the film students at Roleystone Community College. His other 'claim to local fame' is that he is a decendent of the Buckingham's - the first settlers in the Roleystone area.

Denson and Claire will be working on the movie taken from the book 'The Children' written by Charlotte Wood. They will be working with Melissa Kelly, who was the producer of *Blame* - shot in Roleystone in 2010.





## Sabrina is Coming to Genesis

*In a big coup for Roleystone, brought to us by Ita and Rivka from Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant popular columnist, ABC broadcaster and gardener Sabrina Hahn will be talking about her latest book 'Sabrina's Juicy Little Book of Citrus (and other things too)' at Genesis on Saturday October 20 from 4pm - 6pm. This will be the first of a series of meet*

## TRIPLE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

*On Saturday 7th July saw a triple birthday celebration for Kerry Greenough, Joe Facey and Jess Lydick.*

Kerry turned 50 on the same day in June that Joe turned 60. The party was delayed because Kerry spent her 50th Birthday in the UK visiting family and friends.

Kerry and Joe have celebrated their joint birthdays every year for the past 8 years, as Joe Facey has been a friend and colleague at Greenough Real Estate in Kelmscott.

Joe is the grandson of Albert Facey who wrote a book about his early life 'A Fortunate Life' that is still in the top 50 WA books each year, and was made into a film.



They were joined this year by Jess Lydick who was celebrating her 18th Birthday on Sunday 8th July.

A great time was had by all the friends attending, including locals John and Karenne White. (Karenne is a sales consultant at Greenough Real Estate).

the author sessions.

Sabrina says no plants generate more questions than citrus.

'In the twenty years I have been doing talkback radio, there has never been a program where citrus questions didn't pop up. So frequently in fact that producers screen the calls and cap them at three per program,' says Sabrina.

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So come along to Genesis and listen to Sabrina's witty rhetoric and enjoy some tasty food in what promises to be a fun filled afternoon.

Bookings are essential, as space will be at a premium; RSVP by October 15th. So book early for this must attend event by ringing 9397 7799.

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What a night!? Thursday 15th July saw the Roleystone Singing Group, which is run as an ongoing course by the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre, hosting a singfest under the guidance of Sing Australia founder Colin Slater. It was a great night of laughter and song with visitors from Swan Valley, Fremantle and South Australia swelling the numbers of our fledgling group.

I had personally sworn I would never 'perform' but after listening to Colin's philosophy about the power of singing and his dream of having more Aussies being actively involved in doing so, I was won over. Along with 11 others I sang at the Family Centre 'Thank You' dinner on Friday 13th and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, along with the great fancy dress, superstitions information and decorations.

So you think you can't sing!

Our Singing Group is not about competing or excellence – it is about participation, community and connecting with others. I certainly don't have great talent but I do love to sing and doing so with others is so energising. Come and give it a whirl. You would be very welcome and you may even decide to sing for others although there is never any pressure to do so.

Ring 93976403 ( Chris) for details or just turn up on the night and find out all about us. 7:30 – 9:30pm, Thursdays, at the Neighbourhood Family Centre.

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**Leonie Rinaldi**

*Top: Sylvia Atkinson (Conductor), Chris Bloomer Coordinator, Heather Wallbank.*

*Below: the group in full voice at the RNFC Dinner.*





## Re-Union

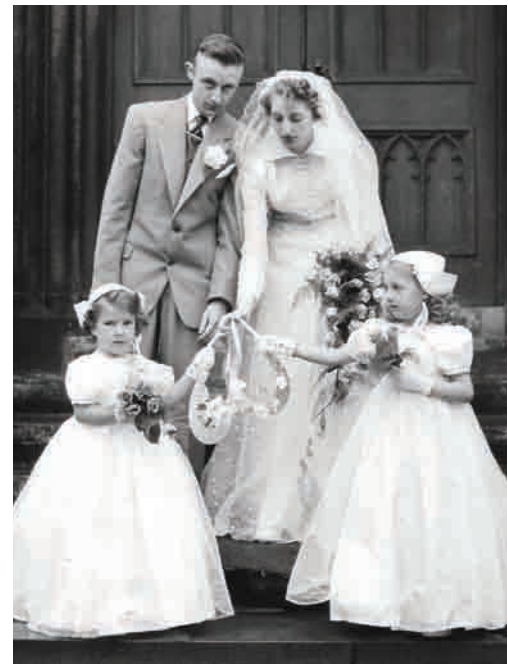
*Two little girls growing up in post war England in Oldham, Lancashire were next door neighbours and best friends.*

In April this year I received the following request: 'I am trying to contact an old childhood friend who I believe lives in the Roleystone area and wondered if you could help by putting my request in your magazine. My name was Linda Murray before I married and I am trying to contact Malita Ronchi. Malita married Henry Ronchi 3 or 4 years ago I think. I have had no direct contact with

Malita since she moved to Australia in the 1980s. We lived on the same street and were at infants school together. Malita was also my hairdresser in the 1970s and she did my hair for me when I married in 1972. It would be great if Malita would get in touch.'

As it turned out, I knew that Malita was involved with the Roleystone Theatre so I sent the request on to Gerry Chapman and Bree Hartley and in less than three hours, Malita had made contact with Linda.

So the request never did make it into the magazine but now four months later the old friends have been reunited - and they captured the moment with photos. Malita and Henry had already planned to visit the UK and although they were only planning to be in the area for a very short time, they made sure they had scheduled a visit to Chester. 'We met one very rainy, windy summer day in Chester UK. We only had a few hours together but it was so exiting. There were tears and laughter and it was just not long enough. Hopefully we will meet again but now we are in contact and starting to catch up.' Malita said. Linda's response: I would just like to extend my heartfelt thanks. It was amazing and so exciting that within a few weeks of contacting you, I was able to meet Malita and Henry here in England--



although we only had a few hours together. It is over 30 years since we last saw or spoke but we kinda carried on where we left off (if you know what I mean),' and the last word from Malita: 'I want to say the biggest thank you Linda for taking the time to track me down, (via Gerry Chapman & Bree from the Theatre.) Two old friends can now enjoy each other and catch up; the world is getting smaller every day. Thank you once more.'

*Pictured: the girls as Flowergirls at Malita's Aunt's wedding and at the catch up in 2012.*

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*Pictured 1. MLA Tony Simpson and Kim Simpson*

*2. Volunteer Rita Kain.*

*3. Ken Henrickson, Josh Morton*

*6. Kay and Steve Manson*

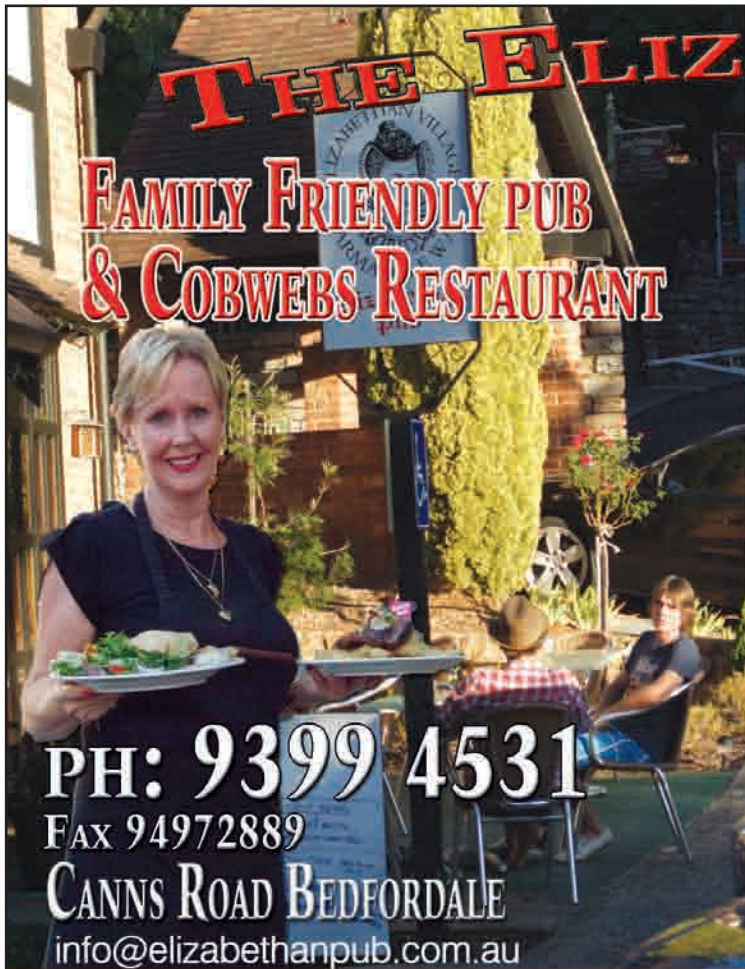
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## RNFC Thankyou

If you have a party on Friday 13th then the theme is obvious and those in charge of decorating the Family Centre took the theme to heart - the decorations were great. The annual Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre thank you dinner was another wonderful celebration. The staff, committee, user groups and friends of the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre and most of the Life Members (Deb Hopper had been struck down with a lurgy) all came along and celebrated another wonderful year of operation.

This year we were entertained by the newly formed Roleystone Singing group (who meet on Thursday nights and are very keen to attract new members). The group are enthusiastic and friendly and make a really good sound and they stress that members don't need to be musically talented - just as long as they are keen. Following a tasty roast dinner the audience showed their appreciation for the many contributors who make the centre the strong and vibrant place it is. President Liz Agafonoff thanked the wonderful staff, the committee, the many user groups and a wide variety of others who selflessly donate their time to keeping the centre strong. A wonderful array of photos from the night is now available on the RNFC website.

*Linda Moore*

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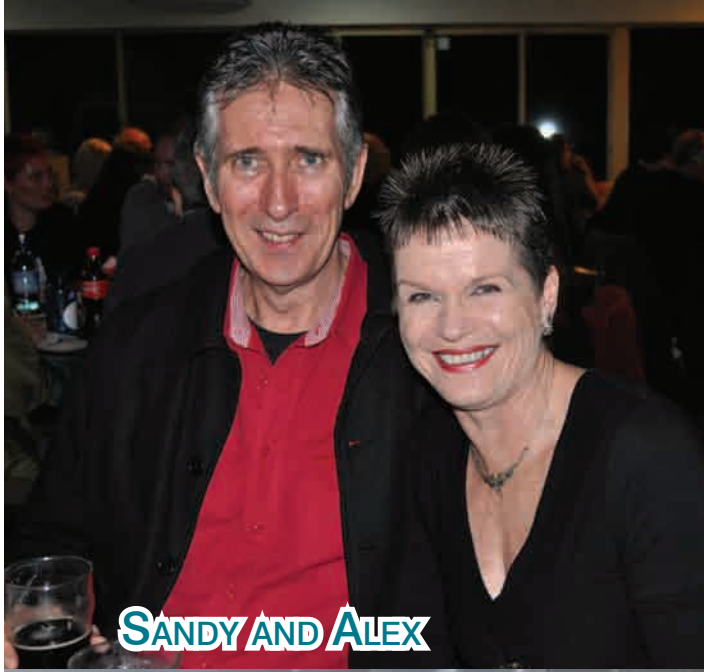
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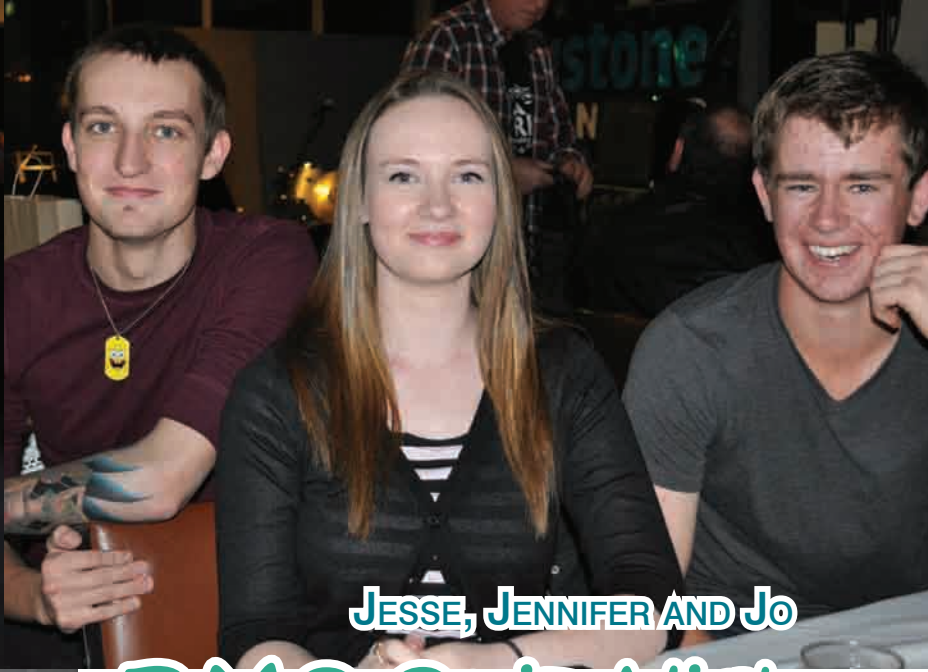
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The musical questions ranged over the decades (oldies who had soared in the 60's and 70' were flummoxed by the more recent melodies.) It was the opportunity for real music nerds to demonstrate their knowledge of the obvious and the obscure.

Quiz Master Mike Bayley did a wonderful job of 'controlling the masses', members of the committee were really busy all night especially Deb and Enno de Boer and the between brackets musical entertainment was provided by The Redeemers - Gary, Tim and Albert. The organisers deserve huge congratulations - it was well organised and flowed effortlessly.

Deb reflected on the event: 'Our Total Profit was \$1408.00 and we've purchased 4 new Shure Microphones and 4 new Mic Stands.' 'Our intention is to provide affordable live music/entertainment for the Roleystone Community. So come down to the Country Club and hear what we're doing. [www.rmccwa.com.au](http://www.rmccwa.com.au) Thanks Roleystone!'

*Deb De Boer*

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## GARDENS

Winter at Araluen is a wonderful time as the trees take on a new look after the rain. The first of the Jonquils and Daffodils are now flowering plus the first of the Magnolias are just coming into bloom. We have a large collection of Camellias and many of these are now in bloom and the colours are so vibrant against the dark green leaves.

Our Camellia collection was boosted by a generous donation of over 40 mature plants from Jean Evans. The area just to the east of the office has been transformed over two days to a Camellia garden that looks like it has been there for years. Many of these Camellias are 'one offs' and are not be available from nurseries. Jean has lovingly cared for these Camellias over many years and we will continue to do the same. It's nice to know that Jean's much loved Camellias will continue to thrive and now bring pleasure to many more people. Thank you Jean.

Earlier this year the International Camellia Society recognized Araluen under its Camellia Gardens of Excellence program. Araluen shares this recognition with just 29 other gardens around the world.

## SPRINGTIME

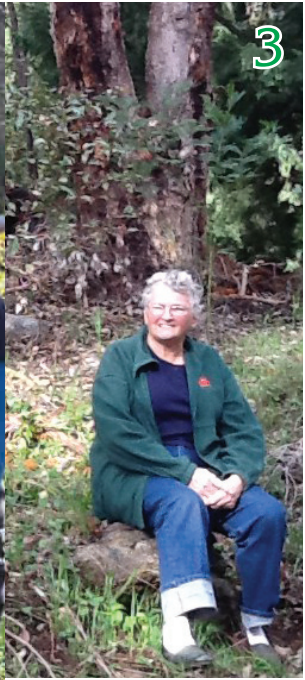
The first of our 100,000 tulips should be in bloom soon, spreading a blaze of colour through Araluen to the end of September. It's also the perfect time to see Daffodils, Azaleas, Camellias, Rhododendrons, Magnolias and many other spring flowering plants.

The train will commence operations on Saturday 11 August and will hopefully run through until the end of October.

## SCHOOL VISIT

We welcomed the year ten students from Corpus Christie taking part in their Community Service Program. The students were divided into three groups and under the supervision of the Araluen staff and teachers, completed three different tasks: planting annuals, mulching and a 4k bush walk. The bush walk was a challenge for some with a nice steep climb from the dam to the boundary fence. The weather was perfect and the students were interested and fun to work with and all enjoyed the experience.

1. Blanche enjoys the first tulip. 2. Marie Macfarlane views the spring flowers in 2011. 3. Jean Evans relaxes after supervising the Camellia transplant.



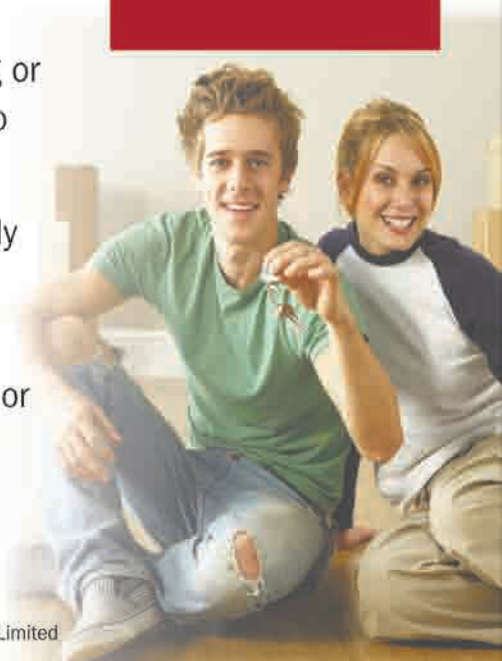
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## Dynamic Earth, Water, Air and Fire Exhibition

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Susan Angwin said: 'The exhibition has been inspired by the combined elements of nature and design providing an exhibition of diverse artworks coming together to express individual perspectives.'

The official opening will be on Sunday, 12 August at 2pm by Neil Elliott (Dip Graph) and the artists warmly invite the local community to attend. To RSVP to the opening phone 9257 9953. The Zig Zag Gallery is located at 50 Railway Road, Kalamunda and is open from 9am to 4 pm on weekdays and 10am to 4pm on weekends and public holidays. The exhibition runs until 31 August 2012.

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What has changed is the 'look of the workshop', it has had a total revamp. The workshop is clean, bright and airy and has been opened up with removal of a section of wall. Jason has worked for the RAC as a vehicle inspector and road service patrolman as well as managing various workshops and this has allowed him to develop vast experience in the automotive industry. Over the last four years

Jason has operated A1 Autocheck - a mobile vehicle inspection service, which has travelled across the metro area carrying out pre-purchase and end of warranty inspections on new and used cars, and he is now looking forward to having a home base in Roleystone.

Jason is married with four children. He is also the singer with the local group 'Stone Bleeder' (readers may have caught them recently at the Rock Inne Tavern) and his conversation slips easily from musical creativity to discussions on mechanical repairs.

Former owner Ian Spencer was on hand to wish him well in the new business. Ian has 'retired' (although he is still very busy) and stated:

'I am very content in my decision to move out of the business and would like to thank all of my wonderful clients for their many years of loyal patronage. I also want to wish Jason all the best in his endeavour and hope he enjoys the challenge as much as I did.'

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Supporting documents such as a doctor's letter may be required to register for the Homebound service. Seville Grove Library is located on Champion Drive, Seville Grove and can be contacted on 9399 0800.



## TENNIS NEWS: WENDY TUCKER



### Recent Events

#### Xmas in July Dinner

Our Xmas in July Dinner was held on Saturday 7th July and it was a great night. We enjoyed a lovely roast dinner and had a quiz. Thanks to everyone who helped make the night a success. Thanks to the 40 people that came along to enjoy it.

#### Coming events

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 if you are available. It shouldn't take very long and then we can all have afternoon tea and enjoy some tennis.

### COACHING

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## ROLEYSTONE TENNIS CLUB 2012 AGM SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST



## From The Archives



## A Scary Train Ride Home

*In the early days of settlement in the hills, the towns were linked by railway lines. The following is a tale of a mishap that happened on one of these journeys. This was provided by Gordon Freegard from the Pickering Brook Heritage Society and this and other stories can be found on the website [pickeringbrookheritagegroup.com](http://pickeringbrookheritagegroup.com)*

Late one evening Mrs Littely was on a train to Karragullen. She was the only passenger in the single passenger carriage that night. Busily knitting she was unaware that strange things were about to happen.

When the locomotive pulled into Pickering Brook Station it had to turn around so it was on the correct end of the train when heading back to Midland. Although the train was terminating in Karragullen, it had to do a turnaround at Pickering Brook which had a triangle rail formation especially for that purpose. It would then push the only passenger carriage to Karragullen where it would connect the goods carriage and then pull the completed train back to Midland, as it was not facing the right way.

All this sounds good but it did not go as planned that night. Arriving at the Pickering Brook triangle the single passenger carriage was uncoupled and left while the locomotive continued to transverse the triangle so it would be facing the correct way when it eventually arrived at Karragullen.

However while doing the exercise the driver noticed the lights of the passenger coach moving slowly downhill through the forest on the rail line towards Karragullen. Obviously the brakes had not done their job.

The passenger carriage started to gain speed as it was a downhill run most of the way. Inside the carriage Mrs Littely continued with her knitting, completely unaware of the danger she was in.

Not to be deterred, the driver quickly finished the turnaround and headed off after the passenger coach. Travelling quite fast it caught up with it and giving it a gentle nudge coupled it back onto the locomotive. They then continued steaming onto Karragullen as though nothing happened.

Alighting from the passenger carriage, Mrs Littely commented 'it was a quick trip tonight driver', still completely unaware of the scenario that had unfolded. The driver agreed with her comment but did not elaborate.

Story c/o

Gordon Freegard

Pickering Brook Heritage Society

*Pictured at the top of this article is the junction at Canning Mills on the same railway line circa 1890.*

*From the Pickering Brook Heritage Society.*

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Our new major sponsors are Fidock and Co and Jarrah Settlements. We will be proudly wearing their logos on our new bowls uniform. Why not join us on Sunday August 26th for our casserole day event? Two games of bowls, lunch, great company and all for a mere \$15. Come at 11.30 am for a 12.00 pm start.

Gerry Chapman



*Pictured top: The Bowling action on Soup Day on the Green. Above: Winners on Soup Day: Brian Betts, Betty Buckingham, Melissa Rickman and Irene Harvey. Thanks to Melissa Rickman for these photos.*

**GARDENING NOTES JEAN: 9397 5547**

*These very cold mornings, do not appeal greatly for us to get out into the garden and control the weeds. Never mind, the weeds grow slower when the ground is so cold! The lovely days that follow the frost are so pleasant and the mind then turns to enjoying the garden, the fresh air and the sunshine.*

It will shortly be time to indulge in the smell of our spring flowers. Let's not go any further in speculation, I do not like the heat of summer. More than anything we need the rain.

Have you been to Araluen lately? All the tulips are growing beautifully and it promises to be a spectacular show in the next few months.

Also Grant and the team have busied themselves moving in a lot more Camellias, deciduous flowering blossoms and other winter maintenance.

The Wednesday Wonders were busy weeding and generally tidying up when I was last there. These volunteers are all worth their weight in gold, for the difference they have made over the many years since the Park became our second Western Australian Botanic Garden.

The Camellia Society of Western Australia extends an invitation to all Camellia lovers to attend their meeting on the second Monday of each month, April to November in the Uniting Church Hall McDonald Street, Como, between Preston and Thelma Street at 8pm. Usually the hall

is open by 7.30pm to allow presentation and benching of flowers. It is not necessary to be a member to attend.

Generally some topic of garden interest is spoken of, then we vote on the tabled blooms, which are also judged, the raffle is drawn while the votes are recorded and then we enjoy a friendly supper. Please feel free to come along. We may have a lot of gray haired people, but all are 'young at heart' and only too willing to share their knowledge.

All garden clubs are needing new members or these special interest groups will gradually close down. A few of us met this month for our Roleystone Garden Group meeting. It is your club and totally free. You will either learn something or we will learn from you.

It is held on the third Thursday in the month at 10-00am until 12 noon. We always have a morning tea break during the session. Ring 9397 5547 for more information.

Enjoy this relaxing time of the year. Get your tools cleaned and sharpened, so we can effectively get on with the work when the weather improves.

Good gardening.

Jean.

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## The jewel Of Lamjung Gosnells All Saints Players

*A night of nostalgia and laughter in theatre-restaurant style.*

Following sell-out performances of their last seven shows, the Gosnells All Saints Players are presenting a new fun-filled old time music hall show, *All Singing, All Dancing, All Saints*.

The fast-paced two-hour show features solo, duets and chorus items, interspersed with instrumental performances, dancing and comedy sketches. A traditional music hall chairman will keep the fun moving at a rollicking pace.

The show features the world premiere of the hilarious melodrama *The Jewel of Lamjung (or Hanky-Panky in the Himalayas)* written by local playwright Richard Ward.

The show has evening performances on Fridays and Saturdays September 1, 7, 15, 21 and 22 and matinees on Sundays September 9 and 16.

A two-course roast dinner is served before the evening shows and patrons are encouraged to bring their own drinks. Tickets are \$30 for evening shows.

Matinees performances are \$20, which includes afternoon tea. Seating is at tables of eight.

A theatre group spokesman said all shows usually sold out quickly and the opening night on August 31 was already fully booked.

To enjoy a terrific night or afternoon out, book by telephoning Lynn on 9490 7466 or emailing <lynnmike.kfe1@bigpond.com>.

The amateur group has been entertaining audiences for over 20 years and performs in the hall/theatre on the corner of Dorothy and Hicks Streets, Gosnells.

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*Richard Ward*

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# Roleystone Country Club Ramblings



*How quickly the months seem to fly by. Here we are rapidly approaching the end of the year with so much happening over the coming months.*

We have recently held our AGM and we had a reasonable attendance. It went well with only a few issues raised. At the end of the financial year we managed to turn the club finances around and even record a small profit!

*Margaret Agar provided us with a 40 year Anniversary Cake which we all enjoyed. I am pictured cutting the cake.*

Some new committee members have come on board, which is very welcome as we will get some new ideas and new approaches being suggested. Our recent functions have been very successful. Christmas in July was a great night and quite well attended. Margaret Stevens did an exceptional job with the food and everyone had an enjoyable evening.

It's a shame that the community is not supporting the Friday night meals. We have a wonderful smorgasbord ready for diners every Friday evening and it really is exceptional value. Plus it saves you 'the trip down the hill' to access an equivalent meal - inexpensive and tasty.

The next function is the Shadlads on August 18th. This night is \$40 per head and includes a smorgasbord dinner and dancing to this extraordinary local group who take their style and music from the Shadows (remember them)? Tickets are selling fast. So make a booking before it's too late. Please ring me at home 9397 5645 or at the club on 9397 5665.

On September 22nd we have the Fab Four; another tribute band who play music from the Beatles era. It's going to be a fantastic night of nostalgia and I urge you to book your tickets soon. The price includes dinner. Contact the numbers above to make your reservation.

The following Saturday, 29th September is the AFL Grand Final- who knows who will be playing at the MCG that day. It's a closely contested ladder at present. So come on down and watch all the action at the Club.

And while we are talking sport - the Melbourne Cup is on the first Tuesday in November. Come



along and share the merriment with the people at your Club.

The Bowls division urgently needs some new players to bolster the sides; both men and women are required. It is a great social sport and they are a very friendly crowd.

The Roley Muso's are a very organised group who play some great music. They meet regularly at the Club and their dates are widely publicised. They are always encouraging new artists to join them.

That about wraps it up for me at this moment.

If you are not yet a member please feel free to join us. Hopefully I will be there to greet you!

**Lester North**  
*President*

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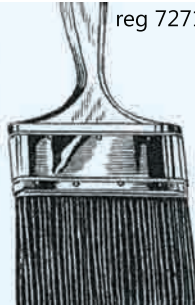
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**THE OLD TEAM RE-ELECTED**

At our AGM held last month all major positions were filled; the old team of Ian Colquhoun-Chair, Paul Mutton-Vice Chair, Adam Sbrana-Treasurer and Tim Lardner-Secretary were re-elected. Peter Blaney-Murphy was happy to continue as our valued Equipment Officer. A huge thank you to this particular group of people who keep the wheels rolling along behind the scenes. We would also like to thank those people willing to turn up to

our regular meetings and make it such an enjoyable duty.

**Last Field Day**

Last month we had over 30 people volunteer at Windsor Reserve. The seedlings were planted, firebreaks cleaned, weeding done, rubbish removed and a large creeper that had escaped from a neighbouring property was removed and cut back. It would be appreciated if neighbours could check their fence lines and ensure that any exotic shrubs and creepers have been cut back. Quite often we don't notice what is going on over the fence so this would be your contribution towards looking after your local Reserve.

**Roley Pool Reserve**

The Friends of Roley Pool supervised by the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group, organised a planting field day down at the Pool and many Roleybushcare volunteers turned up to help. Hundreds of seedlings were planted up on the hill-side.

**OUR NEXT FIELD DAY IS NATIONAL TREE DAY**

Volunteers are invited to join us at Stonegate Reserve (near the corner of Peet Rd and Stonegate Rd) to plant native seedlings into this popular reserve on the 5th August. We will start around 9.00am and continue until noon. Morning tea is provided. A map is on our website.

Note: Check our website at 8.00am that morning in case we have cancelled because of windy or stormy conditions. We will plant in the rain so bring your raincoats.

*Above left: Yvonne Waddell helps out at Windsor Reserve.  
 Left: Roleybushcare Field day Jeninne, Bradyn and Ryan Janssen.  
 Previous page: Roleybushcare planters: Max, Faye, Leonie and Lisa.*



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**Roleystone Theatre News**

Much Ado About Nothing has had a successful season thanks to director Paul Treasure and his magnificent cast.

This Shakespearean comedy, in all of its convoluted dialogue and situations with some interestingly comedic policemen was well received. Now to our next production, Blithe Spirit which will be presented in September. This is one of my favourite Noel Coward comedy. The dates for Blithe Spirit are: September 7th,8th,12th,14th and 15th.

The play concerns socialite and novelist Charles Condomine who invites the eccentric medium and clairvoyant, Madam Arcati to his house to conduct a séance. In order to gather material for his new book. During the séance, the ghost of the temperamental and annoying Elvira, Charles' first wife, is invoked.

Elvira makes continual and disastrous attempts to disrupt Charles' marriage to Ruth (who cannot see or hear Elvira) and in Coward's inimitable style the tale unfolds. Director Stephen Lee has gathered a superb cast and this will be a show well worth seeing. See our website, roleystonetheatre.com. *Gerry Chapman*

**Thank you and farewell to**

**Kwinana Theatre Workshop (KTW)**

Roleystone Theatre would like to publicly thank the Kwinana Theatre Workshop (KTW) for their generous donation of equipment and funds following the closure of the club after 44 years.

Roleystone Theatre was very lucky to receive a dimmer rack (used for lighting) and a substantial cheque.

Many of the 'regulars' from Roleystone have performed with KTW and the two clubs were on friendly terms with regular 'loaning' of equipment and the like. It is very sad to see the closure of this theatre and many other smaller theatre groups around Perth.

Thank you and farewell KTW.

*Bree Hartley*

*President*

*Roleystone Theatre*



**Much Ado About Nothing**



*Photos above from Much Ado About Nothing thanks to photographer Michael McAllan.*

*Top: (L to R) Jodie Hansen as Verges; Sherryl Spencer as Leonata; Donna Williams as Dogberry*

*Above: Emma Truffet as a member of the watch, Donna Williams as Dogberry and Dinda Lawrence as a member of the watch.*

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As it happened I was looking for a way to put my name up front as I lived in Roleystone and had purchased another Real Estate business the year before. After talking to Vivienne and seeing how keen she was I decided "to have a go" and I became an advertiser.

She was ecstatic when she left the office holding her first order for advertising in her little hand.

Unbeknown to everyone at that time, the Courier has gone on and on - to be one of the best known business identities ever in our beautiful suburb.

The reason it has been a success is the enthusiasm of the owners of the Courier. Vivienne sold out to the Thompsons and then they passed it on to Deb Hopper who had her great way of doing things to keep us all informed. Deb upgraded the local monthly newsy magazine to new heights.

The Courier was then purchased by the current owners, Linda and Mike who have done a magnificent job to find and print news that is so much looked forward to by so many people, community clubs and organizations.

Good luck Linda and keep up the great work. You have made the magazine an excellent contribution to the local community. Well done.

Harry Newell (who just got home from Bali to get this in.....)



## BOBBY DE'ATH PRACTICE NURSE

*Bobby De'Ath has joined the team as a Practice Nurse at the Roleystone Medical Centre on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.*

*Bobby has filled in at the Centre previously covering for staff while they have been on leave. Bobby and her family live in Araluen and she is delighted to be part of the team at the Centre. 'I love working here' she said 'its a fantastic work environment'.*

*Bobby is pictured with her daughter Catherine who was helping out while on school holidays.*

Welcome to New Staff

## ANNE ARMS PRACTICE MANAGER

*Anne Arms is the new Practice Manager at the Roleystone Family Medical Centre. Anne has previously worked at Mercy Medical Centre, Armadale Kelmscott Memorial Hospital and GP after Hours.*

*Anne is a local Roleystone resident and is very pleased to be working at The Centre. 'It's lovely to be so close to home and in my own environment. Plus I have enjoyed meeting with the patients.' she said.*



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## Regeneration of Old Fruit Trees

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He will cover pruning, training and shaping, as well as soil redevelopment-fertilizing, drainage and moisture requirements. A lot of this information will be pertinent for all fruit trees and help to prevent mistakes when planting new trees too.

Chris has over 40 years experience as a horticulturist, including 33 years of teaching experience at TAFE, a Degree in Botany and a Diploma in Horticulture, and is very keen to share his knowledge with others. The meeting is on Wednesday 8th August at 7.30pm in the Roleystone Family Centre, 19 Wygonda Rd, Roleystone. Entry \$3-members free. Enquiries to Lisa 9399 2312

Lisa Porter  
Roleystone Organic Growers



Many people move to new homes where the previous owners had planted fruit trees. If the owner did not properly care for the trees,

the results are large ungainly giants that are completely out of control and are an unsightly mess.

In other instances, people have fruit trees that were planted 20-30 years ago and have not looked after them properly. These, too, if they have been neglected, are large and difficult to maintain.

At the August meeting of Roleystone Organic Growers, local

## COUNCILLORS' COMMENT

This month has seen the draft budgets from the City's directorates brought before Council.

Some of the highlights at this stage include:

- renovating the irrigation system at Cross Park to improve watering
- minor renovations to the Roleystone Guide Hall
- the commencement of a City-wide "bushcare crew" to assist the maintenance of bushland reserves & verges
- upgrades to the Armadale public golf course and an increase to the tourism budget.

This week Councillors had a presentation on the community's feedback from the "Perspectives" survey & the "Ask Armadale" questionnaire (see below for full details).

Both studies highlighted the community's appreciation of the City's abundance of natural areas, bushlands & wetlands and the convenience of Armadale City's improved shopping/entertainment district.

The largest concerns for the community surrounded security/antisocial behaviour. The community feedback results will be used as part of the revision of the "future" plan for Armadale where Council will aim to direct strategies and funding into maintaining Armadale's positive attributes and tackling its less positive ones. This year's State & Federal budgets have seen the commencement of the planning of the lightrail network in Perth. The City of Armadale will be making a submission in an effort to highlight the growth in our area and the need for more public transport options. Ongoing items at Council include the Local Planning Strategy review, now to be reported to Council in September and the Cross Park-Springdale Master Planning exercise with initial "community engagement sessions with stakeholders" held in late July and early August.

If you are a group or club, and you have not yet been contacted by the City or consultants, please contact the City as soon as possible to have your say.

Cr Caroline Wielinga and Cr Grant Nixon

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*At a recent workshop the Council was given the results of a Community Perspectives survey. The results of these and the Ask Armadale Survey will be a big part in planning for the future. The city strengths and opportunities are across the whole City with our "East" area rated below.*

**CITY STRENGTHS**

Most residents are satisfied with the City of Armadale as a place to live and governing organisation.

The rural lifestyle is highly valued.

The redevelopment of the City Centre has been well received, with the CoA achieving the highest satisfaction ratings out of all participating Councils (22).

Shopping is now regarded to be one of the best things about the local area and perceptions of parking in the city centre have improved by 32% points.

The City has improved significantly in the delivery of youth services (up 24% points), conservation and environmental management (up 15% points) and Council's leadership (up 10% points).

Waste and library continue to attract high scores.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT**

- Residents would like the City to work with the police to address safety and security. This is the top priority with 1 in 3 expressing dissatisfaction.
- How the community is consulted and informed of local issues.

- Planning and building approvals.
- Public transport (especially for us in the Hills)
- Youth services
- Footpaths and cycleways
- Parking in the City Centre

In the East Zone which includes Lesley, Ashenden, Karragullen, Roleystone, Illawarra and Bedfordale. Ratings were out of 10 with delighted being 8, 9 or 10 and dissatisfied being 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4)

- Overall satisfaction with the CoA as a governing organisation – Delighted 26% Dissatisfied 10%
- Value for money from Council rates – Delighted 10% Dissatisfied 23%
- How the community is consulted about local issues – Delighted 11% Dissatisfied 34%
- Council's newsletter – Delighted 32% Dissatisfied 23% (Should have asked about our local publications)
- The efficiency and effectiveness of customer service – Delighted 31% Dissatisfied 13%
- Facilities, services and care available for seniors - Delighted 22% Dissatisfied 20%

- Services and facilities for youth – Delighted 15% Dissatisfied 27%
- Access to public transport – Delighted 21% Dissatisfied 25%
- The mix and diversity of housing types in your local area – Delighted 40% Dissatisfied 8%
- The density and design of housing in your local area – Delighted 49% Dissatisfied 3%
- Road maintenance – Delighted 23% Dissatisfied 22%
- The management and control of traffic on local roads – Delighted 27% Dissatisfied 7%
- Parking in the City Centre – Delighted 32% Dissatisfied 13%
- Sporting grounds – Delighted 33% Dissatisfied 12%
- Street lighting – Delighted 36% Dissatisfied 8%
- Community buildings, halls and toilets – Delighted 27% Dissatisfied 15%
- Conservation and environmental management – Delighted 36% Dissatisfied 12%
- Fortnightly recycling services – Delighted 73% Dissatisfied 5%
- Verge-side bulk rubbish collections – Delighted 56% Dissatisfied 13%
- Bush fire prevention and control – Delighted 49% Dissatisfied 20%
- What the CoA is doing to promote the area – Delighted 25% Dissatisfied 22%

*As you can see from the results we are generally happy with our City's performance but still have opportunities for improvement.*

*Cr Nixon and Cr Wielinga*

**Thanks to the current Councillors and the many that have gone before, for their regular submissions in the Courier over 35 years!**

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## July Weather

Weather Statistics provided by David Elliott:  
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### Rainfall Stats

July 2012, 16.6 on 6 days (until July 31)

July Average 198.0 on 18 days

Total Jan 1 to July 31 2012, 398.9 on 54 days

Average 1st Jan to 31 July, 642.0 on 65 days

### Temperature Stats

Lowest Min 0.5 (19th)

Highest Min 6.6 (22nd)

Lowest Max 12.2 (24th)

Highest Max 20.1 (22nd)

### July Rainfall

Yr	mms	Days
2008	186	17
2009	221.6	22
2010	127.6	16
2011	225.6	21
2012	16.6	6

Terribly low rainfall - leaves us in a precarious water position. With a frosty cold July.



Above: David and Jackie with 'some locals' on the Pakistan/Afghanistan border in 1972.

David and Jackie have continued documenting their trip in a blog entitled twenty years too late. They have just left Pakistan and have arrived at Amritsar in India. They have sold their car and split with their travelling companions. For interested readers go to:

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## Post-fire rehab for Lloyd Hughes Park

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Lloyd Hughes Park, Kelmscott has received \$17,500 for post fire rehabilitation works through the State NRM (Natural Resource Management) Program Community Grants. The project aims to address native vegetation loss and weed invasion through native species planting and intensive weed control programs.

Participants are asked to wear comfortable clothes and enclosed shoes and meet at the corner of Martin Street and Marmion Street, Kelmscott.

For more information, contact the City's Environmental Officer on 9399 0111.



Pictured Lloyd Hughes Park before the February 2011 fire.



## Pro Bono: Blind Trust

### David Bardsley, Minister Community Church



**Dear Friends**  
**Remembering things is a curious operation.**

My wife Hilary is convinced that everything that happens to her is written down and stored in filing cabinets in her brain. When asked to recall something, a little imp has to rummage around to find the relevant file.

As we get older, she says we have lots of files so the imp takes a long time to find anything unless he just happened to strike lucky early in his task. There seems to be a grain of truth in it - it does explain why the name which has been eluding me for several hours suddenly pops into my mind at three in the morning nowadays!

Recently and without prompting, that little imp has been pulling out a dusty 20 year old file and placing it in my mental "In Tray". It is such a bizarre record that I had begun to think the imp was playing tricks on me. They do, you know! Was it something I had imagined and was now mixed up with real events?

Whilst with my brother Geoff a few weeks ago he confirmed that my memory was not deceiving me – it was in fact a genuine entry!

Geoff and I were on a climbing holiday whilst I was at Bible College in 1991 and we visited Plockton a beautiful little village on the west coast of Scotland. We chose some post cards in the local shop and I took them to the counter. I asked the shopkeeper how much they cost and at first he greeted me with an

odd look. Then, gazing into the middle distance, he asked me how many there were and which rack I had got them from. Rather stunned I replied. He then told me how much it came to and I paid. Outside I turned to Geoff and asked whether I was dreaming or was that shopkeeper blind? Geoff was just as astonished as me. We met a local a little later on and asked him about the shopkeeper. He confirmed our suspicions – a blind shopkeeper! He had had the shop for some time and was just part of the community. Everybody served themselves, often telling him how much they needed to pay and handing over their money. Many customers would tell him to keep the change!

I don't think I know of a better example of a radically different culture in the modern world. Two thousand years ago Jesus Christ entered the historical scene and introduced a radically different culture too. Throughout his earthly ministry he consistently taught and acted differently, challenging the way things were being done. He emerged as a leader with a large band of followers. He stunned them once by washing the feet of his closest colleagues, a job carried out only by the household slaves.

The thing about Jesus' way of doing things was that they worked. They worked for the individual and for the community. He welcomed those who were rejected by society. He embraced the unlovely and the alienated. He honoured the disadvantaged. He transformed communities. He showed us what it is to love not only those around you but those who hate you too.

For sure it was costly, but even if some of us struggle with various aspects of Jesus' life, can we not at least take on board the principles he gave us for transforming relationships and communities? Wouldn't it be wonderful if a blind shopkeeper was just part of normality here in Roleystone!

Yours in Christ,  
David

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# ROLEYSTONE TIGERS REPORT



*Roleystone Senior Football Club's League and Reserves sides are still in the running to make the finals with 4 big games leading up to the end of the season.*

Unfortunately the last 2 games played against Noranda and Southern River at home saw both teams finish the game with a loss. However Roleystone seniors remain confident and know they can produce wins. We also rely on the support of local residents and family members who we hope to see on the sidelines cheering our local teams on in the run to the finals.

Both teams have been struck down with injuries this season; this has seen the boys rally against adversity as reserves players grow their skills while being promoted to league or playing 2 games!

Training sessions over the past fortnight have seen the seniors mingle with the under 17's at Cross Park and Springdale oval, and we'd like to thank the Junior's coach Tony for giving us the opportunity to train with them.



Both teams have learnt a lot from these sessions and it's great to see the talent that Roleystone is producing. The club hopes to see some of these talented guys up at the Roleystone Senior Football teams next year for season 2013. (We will need some young legs!)

Roleystone Senior Football Club will be holding a fancy dress night on Saturday 4th August 2012 and our doors are open to the community. Entertainment and food will be provided on the night for an entry cost of \$10.

Hope to see you game day or on the night!  
*Lisa Casotti and Kirk McConachy*

## Roleystone Toylibrary Report

*Our morning tea on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June went well with new and old members enjoying a chat and some yummy, home made food.*

Our AGM will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> August at a local venue yet to be decided. We encourage all members to attend, as all committee positions are open for nomination and with some members moving on we are in need of new motivated people.

We are open during the school term on Wednesday 11.30 - 12.15pm and Saturday 9.30-10.30am at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre. We encourage interested people to come and have a look for themselves, you won't be disappointed.

Please don't hesitate to email us at [roleystone-toylibrary@yahoo.com.au](mailto:roleystone-toylibrary@yahoo.com.au) or phone 9496 1115. Pictured current Roleystone Toy Library Committee

*Linda Schaudin*

*Roleystone Toy Library Committee: Monica Henry, Neil Hammerton, Linda Schaudin, Peta Flynn, Peta Vetta (with bub), Taryn Norman, Ellie Fairweather.*



## Courier Deadline Dates

	Deadline	Delivery
SEPTEMBER	22 August	1 September
OCTOBER	26 September	6 October
NOVEMBER	24 October	3 November
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JANUARY	no publication	
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APRIL	27 March	6 April
MAY	25 April	4 May
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JULY	26 June	6 July
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Now after 14 years of dedication and commitment by the land managers - the City of Armadale, the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group, the Swan River Trust and other funding bodies, Roley Pool has undergone a wonderful transformation.

The rehabilitation area has been extended over the years along the river to the Soldiers Road Bridge. While swimming is still not feasible, the site itself is one of the jewels of the Canning River. These outcomes show just what can be achieved when a community group such as the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group have a vision that they believe in and work steadily with other stakeholders towards that goal.

The Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group is a finalist in the community section of this year's National Landcare Awards. The winners will be announced early in September.

Further information of the group's achievements can be found on their web site.

*Pat Hart*

*Sunday 22 July saw another successful planting day at Roley Pool by the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group with great support from the Roleybushcare Group.*

Over 2000 plants and sedges went in the section next to and down from the steps along the foreshore on Collins Drive. This section of the Canning River in Roleystone was the first site identified for a project in 1998 when the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group was formed.



*Pictured top: Volunteers@ the planting day.*

*Above: Swimmers at Roley Pool circa 1930 (from the Flora Hewison Collection. Thanks to the Pickering Brook Heritage Society.)*

*Right: the base of the old diving board at the swimming hole now replanted with sedges.*



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*You're bound to hear sometime soon that there'll be a blue moon in August. I'm prepared to bet that there won't be. Not a moon that's blue in colour.*

These days, the expression "blue moon" refers to the second full moon in a month. In August 2012 there's a full moon on the 2nd and another, the so-called blue moon, on the 31st.

This can happen because the lunar cycle, from full moon to full moon (or from new moon to new moon) is 29.53 days. So any 30-day or 31-day month can accommodate two full moons: one at the beginning and one at the end of the month. Poor February is excluded, even in a leap year.

The more traditional meaning of blue moon is that it's the third full moon in a season that contains four full moons.

The moon's phases this month are as follows. There's about a week between major phases e.g. from new moon to first quarter, and from first quarter to full moon, etc.. Full moon's on the 2nd, when moonrise comes about 20 minutes after sunset. Then the waning gibbous phases ensue, with moonrise getting later and later.

Last quarter's on the 10th: morning half moon. Then come the waning crescent phases - crescent moon in the morning sky. New moon (no moon) is on the 17th, heralding the end of the Muslim month of Ramadan. On the 18th the thin crescent moon should be visible low in the western evening sky. Each day after that, the illuminated crescent gets bigger until it's a half moon, the first quarter, on the 24th.

From there the half moon grows a hump: the waxing gibbous moon. Gibbous means hunchbacked. Waxing gibbous phases lead to full moon again on the 31st. The 100% full phase occurs at 9:58pm Western Standard Time

time, which is 11:58pm Eastern Standard Time. So T'othersiders can claim the "blue Moon" with just 2 minutes to spare. Silly, really. That's not a natural phenomenon - it's just a quirk of the calendar and the time zones.

The evening planets, Mars and Saturn, aren't very bright but they're going to attract some attention because of their proximity in mid-August.

Saturn's high up in the NW sky at dusk in early August, with the star Spica to the left of it. Mars is down below Spica. Watch the changing arrangements of these three objects. On the 7th they'll form a neat triangle.

By the 14th Mars will be right between Spica and Saturn, and as the days go by Mars will continue to move upwards. It's quite close to us, and its movement is more obvious than that of Saturn. No doubt the astrologers will make much of the fact that Mars and Saturn are together in Virgo. As far as I'm concerned, it means nothing at all. Watch for the waxing crescent moon and Mars standing together above Saturn and Spica on the evening of the 22nd.

Venus and Jupiter are the very bright morning planets, dominating the NE sky at daybreak. They've parted company since their pas-de-deux in early to mid-July, but they're still very easy to find because no other starlike objects are as bright. At first light (say 5:45am) on the 12th the waning crescent moon will be very close to Jupiter. At the same time on the 13th, the moon will be midway between Jupiter and Venus and at daybreak on the 14th the moon will be near to Venus.

Mark it in your electronic diary, or on the calendar in the kitchen: early rising on the 12th-13th-14th.

Have a quick look and go back to bed!  
**Happy Star Gazing.**

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*Below: Seen at the RKJCC sign up in 2011: Katie Ross with Marty Paskal Retravision Warrior and Mike Cirrillo.*





## Wild Gossip: Keep 'em Warm

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Over the past few weeks I have had a number of small possums, bandicoots and joeys come into care and most of them have arrived here cold. To survive it is vital that small / baby wildlife is kept warm. A little, just furred, possum that fits in the palm of your hand needs to be kept at a constant 28 – 30 C, and a pink (unfurred) possum needs a constant 32C. A just furred bandicoot will fit in the palm of your hand and needs a constant 26 -28C. A pink (unfurred) bandicoot needs to be kept at a constant 29 – 32C. A finely furred joey needs a constant 28 -30C and a pink (unfurred) joey needs to be kept at 30 -32C.

If you come across young wildlife, please think warmth before anything else. The quickest way to warm a cold baby or keep a baby warm is to put it up your top and use body heat – this is great at the roadside and will keep the baby warm until you can make alternate arrangements, though ladies do have an advantage here as the bra makes a great pouch, men will have to tuck in their top to be sure the baby doesn't fall out and everyone be sure that seat belt positioning doesn't squash the baby.

Another way to warm a baby is to use warm wheat pack or a warm water bottle (soft drink or similar) though be sure to

cushion the bottle with a cloth to prevent it from rolling and squashing the baby.

In all cases urgent help is required so whilst keeping the baby warm please contact your local wildlife carer or shelter. Sometimes with young possums you may be advised to try putting the baby back up the tree in the hope that mum will come back for it - mum will not return during the day! If you choose to try to return baby possum to mum it will need to be brought inside and kept warm until dusk when you could try putting it in a container, big enough for mum to enter, with a warmth source, the baby covered but with head showing and place it in a tree closest to where it was found. Obviously you will need to observe from a distance to see if mum visits and ensure that the baby stays warm. In my years as a carer I have only managed to successfully return one possum baby to mum.

A very experienced wildlife carer once said to me "wrapping cold wildlife is wrapping cold in" and how right she was. The more covers you use the colder it gets unless you have incorporated a source of warmth close to the baby within the wrapping. Please remember warmth and urgent help is required for the survival of young wildlife.

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

## Roleystone MUSICIANS CLUB

*The Former 'Acoustic On The Village Green' which was held at the Elizabethan Village Pub for the last 6 years has been revamped and has moved into the Roleystone Country Club on Wygonda Road, in Roleystone.*

After a good start the first session of Unplugged Acoustic Folk Roots & Blues was held on Sunday 15th July at their new venue, (The Roleystone Country Club). It was good to see a few familiar face's to get things up and running. The afternoon went off without a hitch. A wide variety of

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songs and styles, from really old traditional folk to modern acoustic numbers. There is plenty of room for anyone to come and join in at the next event which will be Sunday August 12th starting at 3pm and running until about 6pm.

If anybody, young or old, has any questions, they can call Mel on 9399 8493 or email [mgyoung@westnet.com.au](mailto:mgyoung@westnet.com.au) for more information.

*Mel Young (organiser)*

Seniors Club August Calendar			
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Every Tuesday	Mahjong	12.30 pm	\$1.00
Every Tuesday	Pilates	6.30pm	
Every Wednesday	Indoor Bowls	9.45 am	\$3.00
Last Wednesday	Book Club	1pm	
Wednesday evening	Relaxation	6.30pm	\$8
Every Thursday	Yoga	9.30 am	\$10/\$12
Friday	Bowls	1.00pm	
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# SmokeFree WA Kelmscott Annual Show

Traditionally an exciting time for families to gather and enjoy an evening out with the availability of a wide variety of food stalls providing a choice of cuisines from around the world. The sounds and sights of the fun rides and stalls always attracts a large number of thrill seekers. Competitive displays in the Exhibition Hall and Flower Pavilion open at 5.00pm and provide show-goers with the opportunity to view winners of prizes in each section.

Saturday guarantee's a fun day for all the family, especially the little ones. With over 100 years history of rural life, the Kelmscott Annual Show really lives up to its reputation and provides a wonderful variety of animals. Exhibiting and judging of dairy goats, cattle, sheep, rabbits, cavies, donkeys, mules, pigeons, poultry and the ever popular children's farmyard nursery provides everyone with a touch of living the country life. There are also sheep shearing demonstrations throughout the day as well as reptile and raptor displays. The horses in action on the lower arena allow local riders to enter into hacking, novelties and show jumping events.

Don't forget side show alley!!! We're sure there's something for everyone!

Our annual fireworks show is on again this year and is bigger and better than ever! On both the Friday and Saturday nights, this is a treat for young and old alike. Bring your family and friends, grab a picnic blanket and sit under the stars as you watch the sky light up with amazing fireworks show, with the show starting at 8:30pm on both nights.

Further information can be found at [www.kelmscottshow.com.au](http://www.kelmscottshow.com.au)

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Publicity Kelmscott Show



Kelmscott Annual Show  
When: 19th & 20th Oct 2012  
Friday 19th October - 4:00pm to 10:00pm  
Saturday 20th October - 9:00am to 9:00pm  
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## Roasted Bean Changes Hands

Jane Parrott and Dan Peters are the new owners of the Roasted Bean Cafe. They have a new menu and lots of homemade goodies and fresh baked items for patrons so please drop in and sample their wares. 'We are looking forward to meeting new and old customers. Thanks for the support of the locals for really making us feel at ease.' Jane said.

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