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The Shad Lads Rock Roley



Over 110 people saw the Shad Lads at the Roleystone Country Club on August 18th.
 Pictured enjoying the night: Top left: Avis Milne, Trina Savage and Max Milne.
 Top right: Jack and Naomi Gates.
 Above left: RC Club First President Geoff Savage with current President Lester North.
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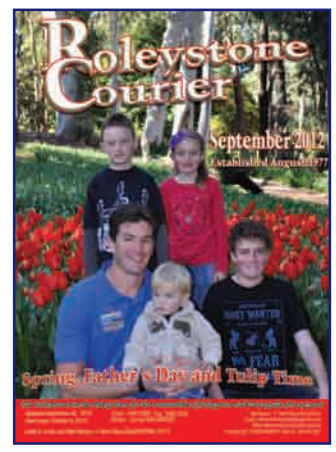
September Cover

The Tulips are out in Araluen, spring is in the air and we are celebrating Father's Day. The September cover celebrates these things. Andrew Spry is pictured with his four children (at the back Damon and Yasmine, front Andrew with Caleb on his lap and Sheldon). Andrew was born in Roleystone, married local girl Claire Wilson and they have raised their four children in the area. The Sprys are pictured in mid August in front of one of the first beds of Tulips. Happy Father's Day to all of our local Dads.

Brett and Tammy Wed in Seminyak



Brett Del Simone married Tammy at Villa Asta, in Seminyak, Bali on May 28th. We were joined by 36 of our nearest and dearest. The ceremony was beautiful, the reception was amazing, the dance floor got crazy and the night was topped off by several guests jumping off the diving tower into the pool. All the best
 Brett and Tammy





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Bree Leads Armadale Students to Choral Success

The President of Roleystone Theatre our own Bree Hartley, has guided the choir at Armadale Primary School to a win in a national singing competition: the Woolworths Earn and Learn singing competition! Their entry included a video of the school song and it was judged to be the best in the state! They are now finalists in the Australia-wide section (one from each state got through). The results will be announced in late August.

Bree is the School's music specialist and served as the video director. The School accepted the challenge despite a short promotional period in which to complete the entry. In a total of only 10 hours the singing was recorded, the video was filmed and it was all edited together! Readers can view the video from Woolworths YouTube site.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/WoolworthsAu/>



'The singing was recorded by the Armadale Primary School Senior Choir on Monday afternoon and then two students were chosen from each classroom to feature in the video. In only one hour on Tuesday morning we trooped around to five different locations within the school, in the cold and rain mind you, and did the film shoot. The children put in a fantastic effort and showed that our school motto of 'Attitude. Persistence. Success' really does make for wonderful results.' Bree said.

Best of luck to Bree and all of the students involved.

*Pictured back row l-r: Maddison Kiehne, Kaleysha Atkinson, Bree Hartley, Holly Bonella
 Front: Aerin Graziani Murray, Finn Mohan. The students are from Bedforddale and Churchmans Brook.*

ACCORDING TO BEN ; TANKING - ROLEY STYLE

Tanking is a recent word that has come into the sporting lexicon.

In AFL terms it means not playing your best; so that you can get a better draft pick. It also means that you win a reverse premiership - the Wooden Spoon award, plus the best draft too.

This activity has now gone viral and spread around the world. At the recent Olympics the badminton teams from some countries played deliberately poorly. They then had an easy transfer and avoided playing the hot spot team until later. More tanking.

Some days ago I was walking 'my little friends' and low and behold the big concrete water tank at Cross Park had gone. Perhaps it had been taken by aliens? Perhaps tanking had reached a new level here in Roley?

But no. The City of

Armadale is not into tanking. This week as I walked my little friends, there was the City of the big A putting in a brand new tank. So councillors, please forgive me if I thought you were guilty of tanking. Mea Culpa.

Benjamin Seabrook



Open Gardens Across Roleystone



CHERYL AND MYLES

'I chose to open the garden as I have always enjoyed looking at other people's gardens and wanted to hopefully inspire others as they have done me.'

Cheryl Hay Hendry and her son Myles welcome garden lovers to 126 Chevin Rd, Roleystone.

This 14 acre property has a handsome stone entrance and avenue of blossoming plums lead to a diverse garden of shade trees. They have a really amazing garden with lots of native and exotic species. Green lawns are backed by silver birches, maples, oaks, magnolias, camellias and roses. Her raised kitchen garden overlooks the orchards. Poultry, ponies, bushwalks, preserves and produce will be for sale. Cheryl will be providing light lunches and Devonshire teas, with guided tours and talks at the stables available.

Bruce and Di Pollock invite locals to visit their 'Eclectic Garden' at 7 Northward Rd, Roleystone. Roses, hibiscus and mature camellias shelter tranquil seating nooks in a garden where areas have been left wild to encourage bandicoots and birds.

'I am a passionate gardener and find so much peace and tranquillity simply by being in my garden,' says Di. (Bruce insists he is the muscles of the partnership)

A fabulous outdoor living area is framed by spectacular wisteria. Brilliant bromeliads, ferns and baskets of zygo and epiphyllum adorn the pergola.

All three of these gardens are open from 10 - 4.30 and there is a cost of \$7 per head.


THREE 'FIRST TIME OPEN' GARDENS WILL BE OPENING OVER THE 15 AND 16 OF SEPTEMBER. Sharon Madden welcomes you to Il Mio Giardinois, at 47 Valley View Rd.

Every available space is cultivated in Sharon's garden, that is packed full of vegetables and fruit trees. Flowers and shrubs grow among pears, mulberries, tangelos and limes. A large Indian bean tree shelters under plantings of bromeliads, and an old shadehouse protects a selection of berries. There will also be an art display and a produce stall.

Sharon was approached about why she opened her garden: 'I think that the garden makes people who visit feel relaxed and they enjoy looking at how much you can grow to eat even if you're a novice like me!'



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VALE Reg Jones

Reginald George Jones was born at Subiaco on January 18, 1927 to Elizabeth and Joseph Jones of Tuart Hill. He was the 3rd eldest of seven children. Reg grew up around the Tuart Hill area. At thirteen he started work on dairy farms, rising at 5am each day to attend work. In those days Tuart Hill and surrounding suburbs was bush and swamp. Reg was keen on horses and enjoyed the thrill of catching and breaking in wild brumbies.

In his late teens Reg set up a team of labourers to do fencing contracting. This meant that they were on the road for months at a time, the work was tough and involved roughing it under the stars.

Eventually he ended up in Mukinbudin where he met a young local woman by the name of Norma Corunna, who he later married in 1958.

At that point Reg settled down, finding employment working as a farmhand. As the family grew all the children would eventually be introduced to fencing, including his daughters. In his mind it was a way of connecting with his children and at the same time instil good work ethics. He would often say a good hard day's work didn't kill anybody.

Reg's family always came first, he often worked 7 days a week to ensure they were fed and provided with a roof over their head. He encouraged all his children in their endeavours including sport, this was the only time he would take off work to ensure they had his full support.

Throughout his working life Reg was regarded in the community as a hard working family man who strived to offer his children opportunities which were not readily available in his era of growing up. After UNOFFICIALLY retiring Reg found it difficult to hang up the boots and generated all his energy into creating an impressive vegetable garden at the bottom of a granite outcrop on the farm which included fruit trees. There was an abundance of fresh vegetables to be given to family and friends. Reg was extremely proud of his achievements in this area.

He then moved to Perth and Reg did seasonal work at the local Bettenay orchard. This marks his move and connection to Roleystone. He enjoyed the peace of the orchard which obviously reminded him of



the serenity he experienced working on the fence line. He developed a friendship with the owners Vern, Margaret and Kim Bettenay and continued to do this work until his arthritis worsened and made it impossible to use secateurs.

Reg would often be seen at the local community football matches or having a chat in the car park.

Eventually his illness would become so severe he was no longer able to enjoy an active or independent life. True to Reg's nature he put up a gallant fight but eventually succumbed to the silent illness that plagued his body and passed away peacefully with Norma and family by his side.

Finally in his honour Reg would like to express his deep gratitude to Colleen and Joseph for the times he resided with them and especially to Jocelyn and Ian for taking care of him and Baby-girl in his final days.

Jocelyn Jones

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Come and join this fun night. Wayne Hand from Watershed Wines will be hosting the event. The wines are supplied by Watershed Wines and the cheeses are from The old Cheddar Cheese company. This is a great chance to get a table together with friends and enjoy this very popular event. So don't delay - book soon. The event will run on Wednesday the 5th Sept from 7pm to 9:30pm and will cost \$25 pp.

Sue Spry



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Gumnut Swap Meet

Well what a fantastic day the Roleystone Gumtree Playgroup Swap meet turned out to be on the 5th August.

It was full of wonderful gifts, toys and clothes for everyone, with a sausage sizzle (thanks to our local butcher Roleystone Family Meats.)

Thank you to Janice Mclean, Sue Saunders & Catherine (Sweetee's & Cutee's) for their large donations to the raffle and thank you to all of the other beautiful people for their donations as well. It was very much appreciated.

There were three wonderful raffle prizes to win. The lady's raffle went to Audrey Wilson who scored a wonderful handbag with her chocolate and wine. The men's raffle went to Lina Uribe and the kid's raffle was won by

Lorraine Hine.

A very big thank you goes to Tracy Humphrey for all her work in organizing a wonderful day. We raised \$617.00 toward our Family Fun Day in November. Thanks also to Lorraine Hine and Julie Stack-Horgan for their advice and support in planning the event! All the best with the family fun day!

Tracy Humphrey and Lorraine Hine

Pictured above: Benita Piesse, Lorraine and Carmen Hine.

Above right: Sausage sizzlers - Emma Hamilton and Claire Mcauliffe.

At right: major organiser Tracey Humphrey and Thomas Wilson.

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Lorraine Hine



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Indonesian Dance Troupe Entertains

Suara Indonesia is an energetic dance group from Sydney who are currently preparing for a performance on the new Channel 10 program, *Everybody Dance Now*.

On Tuesday 14th August we were fortunate to have Alfira O'Sullivan, Murtala and Suzi Digitaki from this group visited Roleystone Community College to perform and conduct workshops with a number of Primary classes. The day began with a performance for Years 1-4. The students were captivated by the different dances that were showcased and were enthusiastic in participating in different aspects of the performance. Throughout

the day the dancers presented workshops, focussing on the Ratoh Duek dance from Aceh and the Randai from West Sumatra. The Randai dance uses Galembong pants and a fusion of rhythm and sound is created hitting the big pants. These workshops were extremely well received by the students and a huge success.

Roleystone Community College is now an Access Asia school and this incursion not only served to promote Indonesian Language across the school but also highlight Asia Literacy which is a cross curricular priority in the Australian Curriculum.

Kellie Brophy



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Kevin Comes Home

On a cloudy day in August, Kevin Roberts, his mother Barbara and father Dennis, returned to their brand new home built on the ashes of their destroyed home at Stony Brook farm in Roleystone. They are back home at last.

Eighteen months ago in February 2011, Kevin and his parents had been saved by his brother Sean as deadly fire engulfed their home. Sean had seen the smoke and the fire approaching and went to get the dogs in. As he raced to his parent's home, the area around their home was already on fire. Kevin, who is reliant on a wheelchair, was in bed and Sean realised there was no time to get him properly dressed as he lifted him onto his shoulders, gathered his parents and headed outside towards the creek. As he left the home flames were all about; he noticed the cars, the veranda and the roof of the home were all on fire. Sadly two dogs could not be saved but Sean acted to get his brother and his parents out of immediate danger. They were saved by a fire crew from Bedforddale who arrived in the nick of time. The family saved almost nothing from their home as they had no time to prepare. Now their home has been rebuilt and the family are overjoyed to be back home. It is spacious, all new and sparkling and has a commanding view over the hills.

Sean reflects that: 'Lots of people need to be thanked for their help and donations. Our particular thanks go to Armadale Lions and Rotary clubs for donating to Kevin a brand new state of the art four wheel drive wheel chair. It is just so good to have them all home. This is especially for Kevin as he can now get on with his life.'

Pictured above: Sean shows the family how the fire front was coming up the hill at the spot where he had to pick Kevin up to save him.

LINDA JOINS MAGGIE BURKE

There's a new face joining Maggie Burke's Real estate team: Linda Walkerden. Linda is filling a wide range of administrative duties and has shown a real passion for Real Estate. She displays an eye for detail, possesses a methodical mind and has extensive personal integrity.

After devoting herself to raising three boys she has now returned to the workforce. Linda strives to develop the kind of service she would demand if she were buying or selling her home.

'Maggie prides herself on setting new standards in real estate. She has commitment to client service that is unmatched in the industry so it's a pleasure to join a team with such a dynamic focus' Linda said.

Jo McDonald

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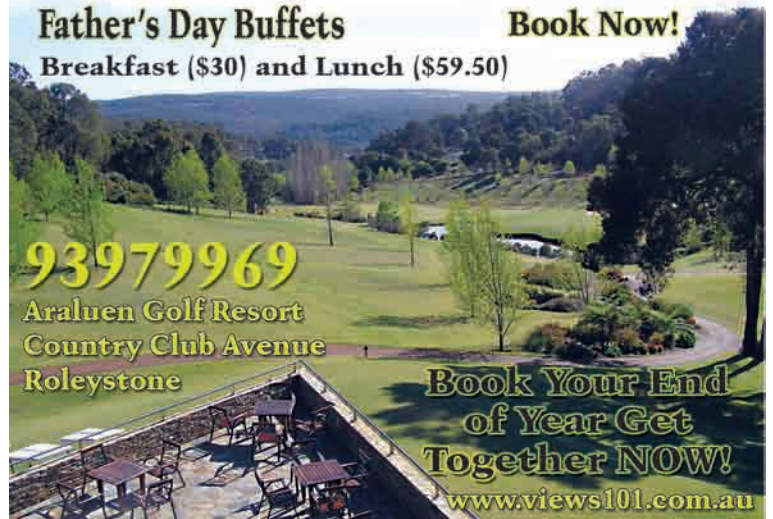
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Letter to the Editor

MESSAGES TO OUR CHILDREN

As a parent I am mindful about messages given to my children.

On several occasions I have been approached by boys at the local shop for sponsorship of the Roleystone Community College School Fun Run to be held in September. This Fun Run is Corporately Sponsored and designed to raise money for the School. Normally I would not hesitate to donate money to such a cause, however I am not quite sure that the motivation for these boys is one of charitable fundraising for the School. Rather I suspect their motivation is for the prize they will receive according to how much money they raise. My children have also asked me to sponsor them so that they too can receive a new toy. One can hardly blame them as this is exactly what the sponsorship form instructs them to do! "Choose your Prize and Set your Goal" is boldly outlined in the pamphlet. In other words the more money they raise the better the "prize" they can expect to receive. For example this can range from a sports watch for \$10 raised, right up to an Apple iPod for up \$600 raised. I have a fundamental problem with this concept.

The act of fundraising and charitable donation (for community services such as our School) builds community spirit through a common shared goal and should be encouraged in our children. This new concept has turned the very idea of fundraising on its head and changed the intent to one whereby children are in it for "what's in it for me". After all an Apple I Pod or a brand new Wii Console is pretty hard to resist! To my mind the reward from fundraising should not

be material but far greater rewards that teach them about the pleasure of giving (without expectation) and community spirit. Perhaps the School will initially receive more money (due to the children's extra motivators) but I would like to suggest that the easy way is not always the best way and there will be hidden longer term costs.

I wonder how many people donating through this scheme will be aware that only 60% of their money will be given to the school and a further 30% taken to purchase these "prizes"? Furthermore I am concerned about how aware/informed the public is about the message they will be reinforcing to the children who they are donating through?

We have decided to donate our Fun Run money directly to Roleystone Community College, bypassing the fund raiser (the School will receive 100% of our money). We wish to reinforce the concept of what fundraising is about to our children and support our School, however it will be undoubtedly difficult for them to watch other children receiving their "prize". It is a quandary.

How about the next year the school has another fun run in which the goal (improved common facilities) is shared and we bypass a corporate Fund Raiser where a large proportion of the donations goes towards motivational prizes? Only then can we all avoid giving mixed messages to our children and truly enjoy the spirit of what fundraising is all about.

A Concerned Parent

AGENCIES SHOULD COMMUNICATE

THIS LETTER IS DIRECTED TO WESTERN POWER AND THE CITY OF ARMADALE.

The very day after the City of Armadale collected our greenwaste from the verge side pickup, I received notification from Western Power that we had trees and branches overhanging the power lines and we needed to lop the trees. I am certain that this happened last year too. While I understand that Western Power has to let householders know if power lines are at risk, wouldn't it make sense to do this prior to the greenwaste pickup so that we could have the waste cut down and removed in the same time period? This would be far better for safety and for the ambience of our suburb.

The Kemps, Roleystone

City's Annual Budget

The City of Armadale's Annual Budget has been released. It includes a rate rise of 5%, which is lower than the metropolitan average. For the average improved residential property the total rate increase will equate to about \$56.60 per year or \$1.09 a week. See the City of Armadale website.



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ORCHARD TOUR TO THE US OF A

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The tours of the nurseries made the growers aware of the new varieties soon to become available. It also showed us the challenges of breeding large, good quality fruit.

The trip also included tours of huge pack houses and fruit markets, to see the process of how the fruit is packed out and transported to the markets and then later sold. The trip also included some finer moments, as seen in the picture of the group in front of the Palace of Fine Arts.

*Tom Wilkinson
Pickering Brook*

Commercial Growers Ask for Support

Still in response to Mr. Peter J Stewart (Letter to editor June 2012), I thank him for the confidence shown to us. We are a commercial grower of stone fruit facing the struggle of doing so without any really effective defence against Medfly infestation. Mr Stewart credited us with the ability to persist and thrive in the light of this decision by the APVMA to remove our only effective tool to control fruit fly. However, Mr Stewart, though we will persist and work from dawn to dusk with the additional requirements of continual baiting and orchard hygiene to try to keep our orchards Medfly free, it will be for naught. Unfortunately Medfly do not respect the fences. They will continue to fly in from outside.

Perth Hills is in the (in this case unfortunate) situation, of being closely entwined with the community. An aerial shot of our area sent Medfly experts running. The Department themselves admit that it is no use for us to "bust our gut" in this manner when there are still so many unmanaged trees in such close proximity to our orchards.

Hence the call for all those people who have fruit trees in their backyards to have a good think about it. Do you take the necessary steps to control Medfly? Do you really need that tree, or does it just give you fruit fly riddled fruit anyway? The greatest support you can give us is to remove the tree and all threat of it harbouring fly.

We also call for the Department of Conservation and Land Management to assist us in this. The area opposite the Black Cockatoo Rehabilitation Centre on Mills Rd, now under the management of the Department of Conservation, has recently been replanted with native trees, which is to be applauded. This was an orchard in the past and had been left to disintegrate. However they have left approx 10-20 citrus, mandarins and pears as well as some loquat trees. In the light of the local Hill's orchardists fight against Med Fly these need to be removed.

Unfortunately the May editorial was right, and it is not an exaggeration to say that this decision may well be the ruin of the local orchardists.

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Letters to the Editor

RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT RESPONSE : RE TULIP FESTIVAL

TO THE SENIOR SPOKESPERSON FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT. We are very happy to hear that the Department of Environment and Conservation believe they are working closely with the Araluen Botanic Park Foundation and the City of Armadale to ensure the ongoing viability of this Park. Two points remain unclear:

a) what are the reported issues
b) what is the alleged 'dissent from the community' that enforced the decision not to promote or advertise the tulips as a 'festival'?

Yes, we agree that a trial period for parking and traffic arrangements would be useful, but would it not be more efficacious to do an evaluation of the parking after the actual festival was promoted and advertised? We believe this would generate a more realistic result and idea of the true traffic situation.

Furthermore, it has come to our attention that the normal gate entry fee cannot be raised, as has been done in past years to cover costs for maintaining the Park.

We do believe in full support of the Araluen Tulip Festival but cannot comprehend this decision, as it does not seem to encourage or assist the Araluen Botanic Park Foundation in its endeavor to ensure the ongoing viability of the Park.

Currently the decisions taken by your Department do not support your contention that you are working closely with the Foundation and the City of Armadale or that you wish to promote Araluen Botanic Park and ensure its long term viability.

Anita Renna, Earthbound Organics & Rose Carter, Rosharnes Gift Ware Brackenridge Village, Roleystone

BLACK COCKATOO FEEDING

In light of the debate raging about White Tailed Black Cockatoos' recent actions in eating apple seed from local orchards over the last apple season, The Black Cockatoo Society housed at Karaakin in Martin, wishes to advise that their program of rehabilitation of injured birds does not involve feeding the birds apples. The Centre is aware that native birds need to be able to fend for themselves in their natural environment so they are fed on natural items - mainly marri nuts. Apples are not fed to cockatoos that are rehabilitated and released.

The Centre does have a number of 'derelict' birds that are fed apples but these birds will not be released and are used for education and promotional purposes.

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

THANKS ROLEY AUTOS

Recently I noticed a 'burning oil' type smell coming from my car. Being female and having no knowledge of car mechanics, I called to see the new owner Jason at the Roleystone Auto Centre. After a quick check to make sure all was safe, he kindly offered to look at my car two days later at 7am in the morning even though that day was already booked out.

Jason checked the car out thoroughly, then took it for a test drive but as always happens, the smell that I had been aware of almost daily, did not occur!

Feeling a little silly, I thanked him for his prompt and courteous attention, (approx 45 mins) and went to pay his account. I was astonished when he stated there was "no charge as he had not done anything to my car".

With business ethics like this, I hope Roleystone residents will support him fully. I know I would not go anywhere else after that experience. Thank you once again Jason.
*Linda Plumstead,
Brookton Highway, Roleystone*

THE GENESIS STORE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

At the Genesis Store customers can buy local artworks and an interesting array of surplus produce, preserves and treats. The shop is sited above the car park at Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant. The shop is run by local volunteers Matt and Emiko who have worked there for 8 months. The shop was closed temporarily and is now filling up again with new stock. Matt is pictured with some of the new artworks appearing in the Store.



WHEN FACT IS STRANGER THAN FICTION My Family Roots

In the early hours of 10 August I returned from a 6 week holiday in Europe. I went on this trip for three reasons – Le Tour De France, my 60th birthday and to meet some of my European family members. Sadly my camera was stolen just 2 days before returning to Australia and I lost all my photographs so I will not talk too much about the race or my travels. This story is about my English heritage.

As a young girl my grandmother, Betty Evens, always tried to tell me that I was 'a young lady' and to 'act like it'. I always knew that she came from a very 'well heeled family' and I had a faint knowledge of some prestigious awards won by members of the family but this came into perspective when I stayed with my cousin Rosemary and her husband John Edridge.

My Great Great Grandfather, Sir George Paget was Regius Professor of Physics from 1872-92 at Cambridge University. The whole structure of the school of medicine changed when he became the head as only about 4 students were qualifying as doctors but they weren't seriously taken by other universities. The structure is still used today. Sir George suggested that the medical students should carry out practical examinations on patients which was the beginning of this practice all over the world.

His son Owen Paget MD is my Great Grandfather. His sister Rose Paget married Sir Joseph John Thomson (Rosemary's grandparents) who was the Master of Trinity College and won a Nobel Physics Prize 1906 "in recognition of the great merits of his theoretical investigations on the conduction of electricity by gases". His ashes and those of Aunt Rose are buried in Westminster Abbey.

My Great Great Grandfather's younger brother was also a doctor and was Queen Victoria's personal physician. His name was Sir James Paget. She made him a baron and the title has been carried on to the current Baron, Sir Julian Paget. James discovered 2 forms of cancer

which are both called Paget's disease.

Sir JJ Thomson's, son Sir George Paget Thomson was the Master of Corpus Christi College and he, jointly with Sir Clinton Joseph Davison, won a Nobel Physics Prize "for their experimental discovery of the diffraction of electrons by crystals."

My cousin David Thomson, son of George Thomson is married to Patience the daughter and granddaughter of Sir William Lawrence Bragg and Sir William Henry Bragg. This father and son team also won Nobel Physics Prizes together "for their services in the analysis of crystal structure by means of x-rays."

Alice Springs was named after Patience's Great Grandmother and her Great Grandfather was the man who installed the telegraph wire from Adelaide to Darwin.

Sir George was one of my grandmother's grandfathers, the other was Rev. Astley Cooper.

His son Rev Sir John Astley Cooper was the instigator of the Empire Games now known as the Commonwealth Games!

Although this is just the tip of iceberg of our family history, I can understand what my grandmother meant when I was growing up. This was hard for me to understand as she never really talked about her upbringing. Now I know!

This ancestry is shared by members of the Hay, Agar, Hatfield and Kiffin-Petersen families with numerous members across the Roleystone area.

Margaret Agar



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Editorial

LINDA MOORE

SEPTEMBER 2012



Life can change in a moment. A well known statement but one that was revealed in stark reality for the owners and workers in the Brookton Valley shops last week as they woke to the news that their livelihood had gone up in smoke - literally. (See their story next page).

Out of this adversity many across our community have shown true kindness. Suzzie from Karizma said the support she has received had been amazing. Let's hope everyone continues to support them in their long fight to be compensated and hopefully to rebuild. The most important thing is that we all still patronize their businesses - wherever they re-emerge. Talking community spirit, I was very impressed by the

directions proposed by the City of Armadale's Tourism Advisory Group - led enthusiastically by Yvonne Bradfield. I was lucky enough to be invited to their inaugural meeting recently.

They are aiming to promote and encourage a positive image of Tourism Excellence for our region. I am sure Roleystone Courier readers will agree that we have many 'gems' in our area that need to be celebrated.

The campaign has had its launch and the first poster celebrating Spring (see page 22) reveals Flowers (Tulips) and Fairways. Two of the iconic aspects of our area in the Spring.

(I would like to congratulate Roleystone's Andrew Rooke of Blackrook Designs for his artful compositions.)

He has certainly selected many of the gems from our own Hills area to attract tourists to The City of Armadale.

It was pointed out that most tourists/visitors to our area come with family and friends. So it is up to all of us to 'talk up our area', encourage the people that we know to come and visit.

As you all know the tulips are out now

so there is no better time to visit Araluen.

The bush is looking gorgeous with spring wildflowers abounding.

And our orchards are resplendent in colour as the stone fruit revels in the move to warmth after our cold winter. So tell your friends - it's time to come up to the hills.

As I write this, my home is under attack. I am being visited by a flock of red tailed cockatoos and they are stripping the honkies off my red gums. Unfortunately I have a tin roof so it sounds a bit like mortar attack. I welcome them, even their mess, and I hope they will be still around for future generations.

Finally I wish to pay my respects to the family of Reg Jones who passed away last week. Reg worked on our farm and I recall his many kindnesses to me as a youngster. VALE Reg.

Happy reading.

Linda

More Good Wishes

Congratulations on your 50th edition of the Roleystone Courier. I always look forward to that time of the month when I know the new edition is not too far away from being delivered to my mailbox. It's such a good read. All the effort and time you have put into the magazine has paid off. You should be so proud of yourselves!

Kindest regards

*Roma Spiccia
Karragullen Expo Co-ordinator*

Congratulations on your 50th edition. We always look forward to receiving the Roleystone Courier and read it from cover to cover! Knowing both Linda and Mike, we appreciate how much effort goes into producing this great free magazine! The original and the best!!

Best Wishes

Luke & Gill Nass

Pictured below: some of our family and friends who helped over the last fifty editions. The celebration was held at Kim Valley Chinese Restaurant, only one week before fire gutted this wonderful place. Our thoughts are with you Kim and all of the shop owners.



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people affected. The owners, their staff and the many loyal customers who have frequented these shops over the years.

So where to now for these business owners and their staff? Suzzie Wilson from Karizma was overwhelmed: 'you work so hard to set up a business and it can be destroyed just like that,' she reflected. Suzzie and her staff from Karizma have managed to negotiate an alternative location with a salon available in a small complex in Huntingdale.

'It is only 12 minutes away from the Karizma salon' said Suzzie. 'There is easy access and excellent parking and we hope to be able to cater for our clients in about three weeks. Please call us on 9390 7506 or visit my face book page for updates.'

Suzzie wants to assure clients that Karizma will return to the Brookton Valley site when it is rebuilt. 'This community has been so great and I have been offered so much support. It is amazing.'

Holly Smailes was shattered; her beautiful salon was blackened and smoke damaged and all her stock was ruined.

'I am getting married in two weeks so I will try to clean things up and sort out the mess and then hopefully find somewhere else to practice until the complex is rebuilt.' Holly said. 'Our thanks to everyone who has offered assistance or just moral support, it has been overwhelming.'

Kim from Kim Valley Chinese Restaurant wants to take some time to decide what he should do next. Over the next few weeks he is just going to attempt to salvage what he can and 'sort out the mess'. Then he is planning to take a break before making the decision about what to do with his business. This is grave news to the multitude of customers who have enjoyed his Chinese food over many years.

The Valley Grower Super Mart owner Huy Duc Nguyen and his family only opened their newly refurbished business in October 2010. Their store is totally destroyed and so they must decide what direction they take now.

We wish them all the best of luck over the next few difficult months while they make decisions and rebuild and thank them all for the wonderful service they have provided to us over the years.

BROOKTON VALLEY SHOP OWNERS GUTTED

Local business owners are devastated after fire destroyed their shops with estimates of over \$1 million worth of damage. The fire broke out in the Brookton Valley Grower Super Market just after 1.30 early on Sunday morning 19th August and soon spread to other shops in the Brookton Valley Shopping complex.

The super market has sustained the most damage but the ceiling across the complex is badly affected and Kim Valley Chinese Restaurant, Karizma Hair Salon and Holly's Skin and Beauty Salon all sustained extensive smoke and water damage.

This is unbelievably frustrating and devastating for these business owners who all felt unbelievably lucky when their business narrowly escaped destruction from the February 2011 fires.

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SAM AND VINCIANE - FUTURE TENNIS ACES



Roleystone Community College students Sam and Vinciane De Andrade are both achieving wonderful things in the tennis world.

Vinciane is in year 7 and currently plays and beats opponents much older than herself.

Sam is in year 5 and he is currently ranked first for his age group in Western Australia and fourth Australia wide. He is currently the youngest member of the state training squad.

I caught up with them both while training at the Brixton St Tennis Centre where his coach John Roberts has great hopes for his star pupil:

'I believe Sam can go a long way,' said John 'He is very committed and has wonderful natural ability.'

Sam is currently reading Nadal's book and wants to

emulate his idol's successes in the future.

Sam and Vinciane have just returned from France. They regularly spend periods of times with their French relatives - improving their language skills. On their ten week trip they spent a fortnight at a Tennis Academy in France. 'It was a fabulous experience' said Sam. So watch out for the talented De Andrade siblings. They just could be appearing at The French Open before we know it.

Jeff Helps The CoA Promote Our Region

The City of Armadale recently invited all resident to participate in the Ask Armadale survey.

The results of this survey were published in the August edition of the Roleystone Courier under 'Councillor Comment'.

The City's semi rural lifestyle, natural landscapes and access to shopping were highly valued aspects of the City. Roleystone resident Jeff Bullock took up the challenge and was awarded one of the 4, \$500 prizes for his contribution.

Jeff believes that: 'It's great to see the City being proactive by including the community on the plans for development and improvement, I didn't expect to win, in fact I don't think I even knew there was a prize but it was just a good opportunity to provide feedback.'

In Jeff's response he provided a range of comments but included some remarks regarding the apparent lack of funds spent on areas of the city like Roleystone, that could attract the most money and interest from both locals and tourists.

We caught up with Jeff to get some more comments on his survey submission:

'The Perth hills and Roleystone specifically, is an important area of WA heritage and of course natural beauty. Yet it is not promoted by the City.'

'It's a ridiculous injustice that tourists might come to Armadale and think that Minnowarra Park is as good as it gets.'

Jeff has been doing his bit to promote our lovely area. He is the model in

a summer advertisement completed by Roleystone Graphic Design Company, Blackrooke Advertising and Design for the City of Armadale.

The advert features some of the best things about our locality. Jeff is pictured in the summer advert on a rock at Churchman's Brook Climbing Wall at 7am, taken about a month ago. Jeff believes that he was selected as no-one else was prepared to get up at that time and owned the obligatory plaid hiking shirt! Jeff is shown below accepting his award from Mayor Henry Zelones.

NB: The first advert in this series, The Spring Campaign, is featured on page 22!

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Liturgical Dance Troupe

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Always strong contenders for the Shield, the Liturgical Dance group were pleased with the comments of the adjudicators who acknowledged their piece as having: *'a great impact,*

with many dancers demonstrating a thorough technique' along with the group being: 'polished, disciplined and well-rehearsed... Clearly demonstrating the themes of thanks and praise through the movement dynamics.'

They then performed on the 15 August at the Perth Convention Centre. The Senior group were thrilled on receiving a complete run of 'Excellent' in each of the categories being judged. The efforts of the Junior group were also suitably rewarded, and the girls are already keen to improve on these scores for next year.

Those who wish to sample some of the wonderful dance work taking place at Lumen Christi College are invited to book tickets for the Annual Showcase, which takes place on Mon 29 and Tues 30 October.

Anne Kennedy

RCC Science and Engineering Challenge

Once again the students from Roleystone Community College have selected a team to enter the Science and Engineering Challenge.

This school, as Roleystone District High School, has a fine tradition in this competition. This year's team, once again nurtured and inspired by science teacher Ravila Ruby Rajor, is about to enter their first round of competition in the last week of August. This is the state competition and involves private and public schools from across the state.

In 2008 the team was placed fourth in the Australia wide Challenge held in Bendigo. The very brainy science students from Roleystone District High School enthusiastically anticipated the 2009 Challenge. After finishing third in the state they travelled to Gosford and finished 6th.

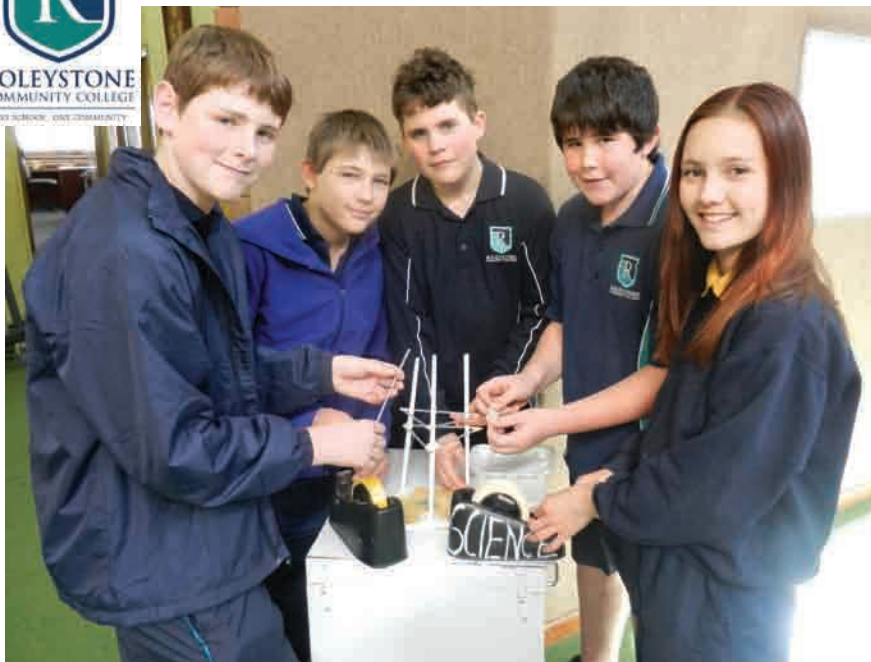
The Science and Engineering Challenge is a state wide competition organised by The Engineers Australia. It tests the students in both scientific knowledge and also in engineering talents. This year's tasks for Roleystone students will range from: a helter skelter activity, building a stable bridge out of icy pole sticks and masking tape and creating a hover craft to make it through a course in good time.

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Pictured below: The team from l-r: Adam Whitehead, Nick Rutley, Brindsley King, Calab Fetterroll and Carly Jones.



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Emily demonstrates a vast knowledge of cooking techniques and her love of new and exciting recipes and presents it all in a friendly manner.

The groups were guided through seven delicious dishes: Raita (cucumber in yoghurt), Paneer (cheese) and Paneer Saag (our fresh cheese mixed with spinach), Butter Chicken, Naan, Yakhni Pulai (rice) and Gajar Matar (a pea and carrot dish).

The night was all about experimentation and enjoyment. Emily's philosophy: 'Cooking is about experimenting with flavours until you find the jackpot combination that you and your family find the yummiest!

Next term the RNFC has scheduled some Japanese cooking classes, with another Indian cooking class added in by popular demand. Perhaps Emily will be persuaded to present food from other nations too.

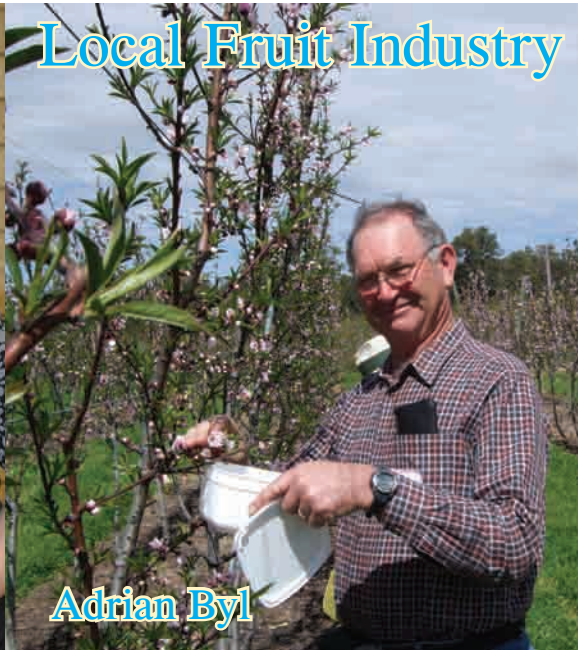
Pictured top right: Organiser Deanna with Presenter Emily - having a taste test!

At right: Kaye Manson. Below right: Chris Cairns kneads the Naan dough.

Below: Kerry gives the dough some punches.



Local Fruit Industry Fights Medfly



Adrian Byl

Department of Agriculture and Food has indicated that Roleystone has too many unmanaged fruit trees for it to be effective.'

'Trapping and baiting on its own is not enough to control Medfly. This is because they are only aimed to lure and kill the adult fly, which could be done AFTER they have stung several pieces of fruit. Without the cover spray there is nothing that will kill the larvae and so the cycle continues and an outbreak could occur.'

'We are very concerned with how we are to be expected to produce quality fruit when there is little we can do in the event of an outbreak.' Tim Byl said.

'We run our orchard under IPM (Integrated Pest Management) and try to use as little chemical as possible. We have found that baiting and trapping is definitely not enough on its own as we had to resort to cover sprays to save various blocks from huge losses.'

'So if locals want to continue to eat locally grown fresh produce, please bait your fruit trees three times a week, pick up any dropped fruit and treat it, trap and monitor Medfly, or remove your fruit trees and support your local growers and save the industry!!'

Locals should take note that citrus, figs and loquats harbour for Medfly over winter - so these need treatment too.

Community baiting schemes used to exist in our area but were discontinued when cover spraying was so effective and costs became prohibitive.

The Department of Agriculture will be demonstrating at the Karragullen Expo how to make your own traps. Fruit fly traps are available at Hills Cold Stores 9293 7152 and A Giunelli & Sons 9293 5444.

With the ban on cover sprays coming into place this season the only way local growers will be able to fight Medfly (Mediterranean fruit fly) is through an area-wide management strategy. Medfly is the most important insect pest for the fruit industry in WA, and is particularly a problem in the Perth Hills.

Dr Sonya Broughton from the Department of Agriculture and Food said: 'Without access to the traditional insecticides dimethoate and fenthion, our research indicates that area-wide management is the only strategy in most situations that will enable growers to produce fruit free of Medfly.' Medfly control on hobby farms and in backyards many kilometres distant becomes more important to orchardists trying to harvest crops of apricots, nectarines and peaches.

Local Roleystone commercial fruit growers Tim and Adrian Byl have an orchard that is surrounded by local homes and hobby farms.

'It is of utmost importance for the community to fully back this fight against Medfly, as history has shown that without an effective cover spray, it is pretty much impossible to control. It will be an uphill battle for the commercial growers to exist without these sprays - even the department admits 100% losses of some crops could occur,' Adrian Byl said.

'One method that has shown to be effective is the release of sterile male Medfly. However the

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YEAR 2 AND 3 STUDENTS 'MONSTER MASH'

On Thursday 16th August, Year 2 & Year 3 students from Roleystone Community College performed at the Primary Assembly.

A highlight of the performance was a wonderfully entertaining dance to the "Monster Mash" which was a great way to conclude the study theme of 'Fantasy Creatures'.

The parents did a terrific job of preparing their monster costumes, including zombies, mummies, vampires, witches, Frankenstein and even a werewolf.

The students looked fantastic and the audience of students, parents and staff thoroughly enjoyed their dance performance. Special thanks to the teachers: Mrs Rosalie Larkin and Mrs Unnur Hermannusson.
Paul Mutton



Family Fun at The Karragullen Expo

This is an early warning to all locals that the 2012 Karragullen Expo will be held on Saturday, October 13 on Karragullen Oval, Old Station Road Karragullen. This is always a fun day for the whole family and it enables Roleystone and Karragullen residents to support our local producers and links us to the region's orcharding legacy.

The event always showcases the latest in agricultural machinery, has fresh fruit, flowers and vegetables, provides practical advice on growing a range of plants and has activities for the whole family. There is always a range of tasty food available, a colouring competition for the school children and loads of interesting displays.

Children can play on the bouncy castle, have pony rides and pet the baby animals while Mums and Dads will enjoy the cooking and gardening demonstrations. Cooking demonstrations this year feature local cook Emily Primrose, and the gardening sessions will be presented by Sue McDougall and Peter Coppin.

The Vegie Man will be giving away goodies, the kids can make fruit and vegetable kebabs and you can collect a fresh fruit pack. This is all for free.

The gates open at 9am, with the Go for 2 & 5 marquee open from 10am. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for pensioners and children over 12 with the under 12s free.

The Karragullen Expo is proudly run and supported by the members of the Hills Orchard Improvement Group. There is still an opportunity for you to be involved so contact Roma Spiccia, Karragullen Expo Co-ordinator on 0418 938 134 or romaspiccia@hotmail.com

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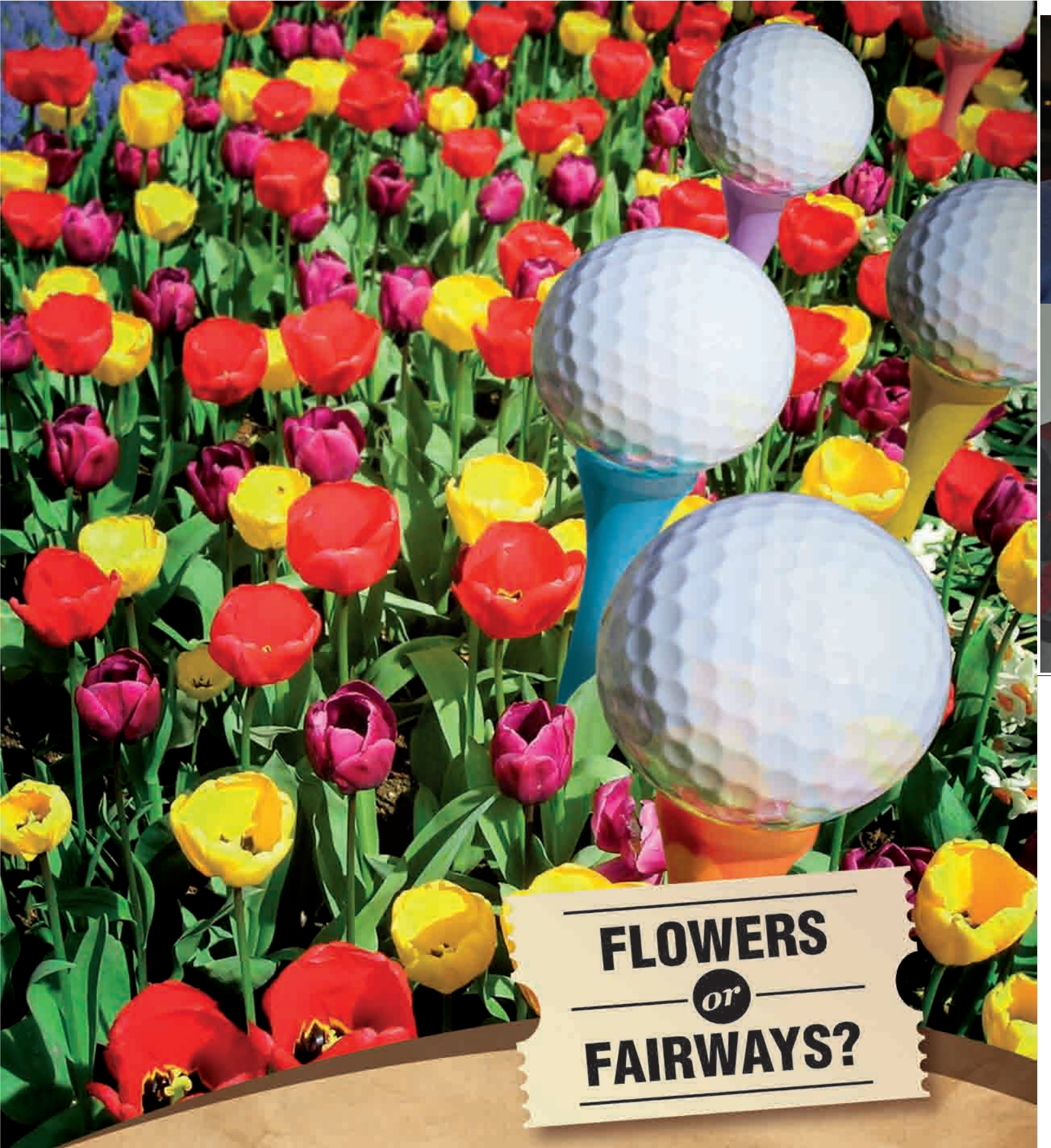


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The Shad Lads Rock Roley



The Shad Lads appeared at the Roleystone Country Club on August 18th. Pictured enjoying the night: Janise and David Wadsworth with Maureen Williams. Above: Lyn Anderson, Pauline McGregor and Donna Soft. At left: Tony Byrne, Sylvia Byrne, Tina Betts, Brian Betts, Maryke Newell and Susan Towler.

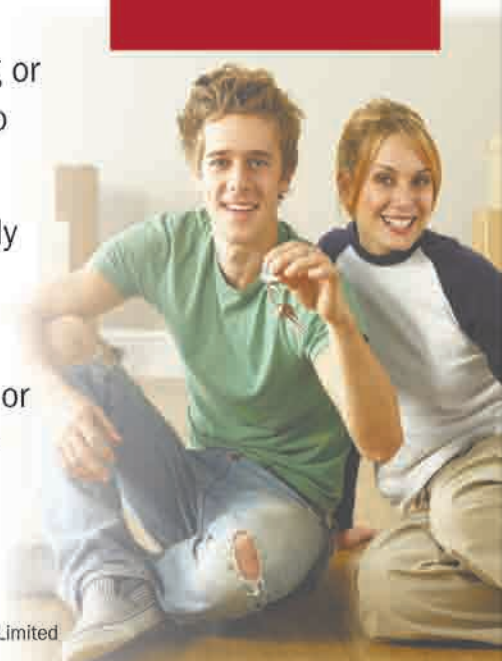
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One year ago the Roleystone Animal Hospital opened its doors and owners Richard and Debra Carrier and their staff look back on an excellent debut year. Business has grown from a small trickle a year ago to a busy client list today. Most of their customers are repeat patrons and they are pleased that many new clients are referred by others.

'We have really enjoyed the people we have met. Our customers are special - and we are very grateful to them for their wonderful support,' said Debra.

Richard still completes most of the Veterinary work but he is assisted by Debra and Andrew and two of their daughters Lois and Nicola, also work in the practice. A range of other staff provide Veterinary nursing and reception duties: Jade Pitman, Edgar Sherard and Bec Banting.

The Roleystone Animal Hospital offers complete care for animals plus they can cater for large animals like horses, dogs and cats and also provide care for a wide range of 'pocket pets' (like guinea pigs and rabbits). The Vets offer consulting

sessions, home visits and are able to conduct surgery when required. Their prices are very reasonable and there is a 10% discount for Seniors. The Carriers live in Roleystone and it was important to them to establish their veterinary practice 'close to home'; they are now permanently established in their converted homestead on Page Road, Clifton Hills (just towards Kelmscott after the funny roundabout on Gilwell Avenue).

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Richard and Debra's greatest strength is their manner; they form comfortable trusting relationships with their clients - and of course they love their animals. So happy Birthday to everyone at the Roleystone Animal Hospital.

Pictured top: Nicola, Richard, Debra and Lois - and the families King Charles Spaniels.

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IVOCII CHOIR SEPTEMBER MUSIC PERFORMANCES

We sang a program of songs from the hit shows by Rogers & Hammerstein, with a few other light numbers for good measure, for the City of Joondalup. We had sung a Christmas program for them last year in their 'Sunday Serenades' Series and they invited us back.

We were delighted to be advised earlier last week that our program had sold out and people had been turned away. Good news for us! The concert yesterday, to a full house, was wonderfully well received, with many folk making a point of speaking with me during the afternoon tea following the concert.

We have decided now to repeat this program on 23rd September at Wesley Church in the City, at 3.00pm as 'A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon.'

The admission charges for 23rd at Wesley are \$12 adult, \$10 concession and student.

John Christmass

NB John has not retired, he has just changed direction. He is doing a final Vienna Pops this year, the 25th anniversary of this program and he is writing his memoirs.



ROLEYSTONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM OVER TERMS 3 & 4

Across the school we have many events coming up in the area of Physical Education.

Parents and the school community are welcome to join us at these events.

At Roleystone CC we place a large emphasis on student health and well being and as research shows being physically active can play a major part in the wellbeing of children from all ages.

As our first year as a K-10 campus, we are trialling a few ways to combine previous events with new ideas and initiatives. Below are some key dates and events to keep an eye out for in the coming months.

On the 31st August the Interschool Cross country years 4-7 has been re-introduced to the Interschool Program. This will be followed up by the Interhouse Cross Country on the 7th September.

Times are as follows:

Year 9/10 - 11.15am;

Year 8 - 12.00pm;

Year 4 - 12.30pm;

Year 5 - 1.00pm;

Year 6 - 1.30pm;

Year 7 - 2.00pm.

14th September- School Fun Run day including lapathon, tabloid events and interhouse pony express X-C. (This will be held in the afternoon – time TBC)

24th - 28th September

Country Week (Year 7-10)

netball X2, Volleyball X2 and Soccer for selected students.

26th October

DDSA Interschool Jumps Carnival @ Westfield PS

For selected students from yr 3-7

30th October

Interhouse tabloid athletics carnival yr 1-4

2nd November

DDSA Interschool athletics venue T.B.C. For selected students from years 3-7.

9th November

Interhouse tabloid athletics carnival yr 5 - 10.

Mr Roger Mills

Mr Phil Springett

Mr Daniel Holliday

BENDIGO BANK & RKCC JOIN FORCES FOR THE COMMUNITY

The 2012/13 summer is looking exciting after the local Bendigo Bank branch reached a significant agreement with the Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club to bring a number of community events to Roleystone. Bendigo will officially join the club this season as it's community partner with numerous initiatives in the pipeline.

RKCC President John Lewis says the club is very excited about the partnership with Bendigo and the prospect of long term support from the bank.

"As a club we are really trying to get amongst the local community and with the support of Bendigo Bank we'll be able to do just that. We've got a lot to contribute and we don't want to be seen as an exclusive club for the players"

Some of the initiatives for the summer include a community open day, junior Christmas party, school holiday clinic and an open air movie night or concert.

The first of these events is the Bendigo Bank Community Open Day which will be held at Cross Park on Sunday September 23rd. It's a free family event with all welcome to attend. The day will include;

- Bouncy Castle
- Market Stalls
- Mini Games, Prizes & Giveaways
- Special Guests
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If you'd like to get involved with the event contact RKCC president John Lewis on john.lewis@nagrom.com.au

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John Lewis

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News From Our Seniors

With August done and dusted, we have all been tucking in against the cold.

The Club has been busy and active as usual with a few changes as well.

Monday 20th of August was the last lunch from Ruth and Doris, as they are taking some well deserved time for themselves.

Ruth has cooked for our club for 14 years and Doris has been her offsider for most of them.

After our fabulous



lunch we held our Annual General Meeting. Ruth and Doris were then awarded Life Membership to the Club (see them above with new President Albert Chambers). This was for the many hours and years they have given to the club. We will not be losing them, they are not going anywhere as we still need them for Bowl's practice

'A big thank you from all of the members of Roleystone Seniors' Ruth and Doris.

Christine Kent

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Every Wednesday	Indoor Bowls	9.45 am	\$3.00
Last Wednesday	Book Club	1pm	
Wednesday evening	Relaxation	6.30pm	\$8
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RECENT EVENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Thank you to all the members who attended our recent Annual General Meeting. Our new President is Graham Boase, our Secretary is Tracey Backhouse, our Treasurer is John Meharry and our Club Captain is Wendy Tucker. Thank you to all the members of the outgoing Committee. Your hard work on behalf of the Club is very much appreciated. At the Annual General Meeting Geoff Davies was elected a Life Member of our Club and our Club Person of the Year is Mel James. These awards will be presented at our Open Day which will be held on 16th September 2012 commencing at 1.30pm.

COMING EVENTS

2012-2013 OPEN DAY

Our Annual Open Day will be held on Sunday 16th September and will commence at 1.30pm. Weather permitting we will have the Ball Machine in operation. Sets of tennis will be played and we will have some games for children, afternoon tea and presentation of Life Member and Club Person of the Year awards. If you would like to come and give tennis a go we would love to welcome you. Everyone is welcome so please mark it on the calendar.

THE SPRING TOURNAMENT

This year the Spring Tournament will be held on Sunday 14th October. This will commence about 9.30-10.00am. Please put your name down at the Club if you are available or email roleystonetennisclub@yahoo.com.au The cost will be \$10.00 with lunch and prizes included.

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In July Perth received only 34.6mm of rain for the whole month, making it our driest July on record, with the previous record being 61.5mm of rain for July 1876.

The local effect is that monthly total rainfall for the Canning Dam is only 41.4mm; far below the 181mm average for the month.

Unfortunately, all of our metropolitan dams are recording similarly low rainfall figures and with the Weather Bureau warning that the dry weather is set to continue, managing our water consumption is becoming even more critical.

Hopefully, none of us need reminding that the winter sprinkler ban has been on from June 1 and will be in force for 3 months. Across the state, this initiative has already saved billions of litres (3.7 billion just last year) so please stick with it and remember that it applies to users of scheme water, garden bores and more than 600 licensed

bore owners.

Beyond the sprinkler ban, there are many ways that we can reduce our water usage around the home and this includes the "Showerhead Swap Program", which allows Perth residents to swap 2 old showerheads for a highly efficient showerhead for free. Since showers make up around 22% of total household water usage, this is an easy and effective way to save water and keep your bills down. A brochure with the full details on the Program should be enclosed in your next water use account from the Water Corporation.

If you have not received this brochure yet, or would like further information on the sprinkler ban or how you can save water at home, you can visit the Water Corporation's website (www.watercorporation.com.au) or alternatively, you can contact my office on 9452 8311, for these, or any other matters.

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Spring Exhibition Opens In Roleystone

Local art lovers will soon be able to experience a real treat: an art exhibition featuring three very talented artists. The 'Spring Exhibition' will show works by: Carl Haanappel, Sandy Tippett and emerging artist Rick Staker. It will open on September 9 at 10.00 at Carl Haanappel's Studio/Gallery on the corner of Brookton Highway and Soldiers Road in Roleystone. Carl owns and operates the gallery in Brackenridge Village. He is a self taught, professional artist with 30 years of painting experience. He works mainly in watercolour and oils plus he likes to use other mediums including charcoal. Carl's Dutch heritage and extensive travels throughout Europe reflect in his work. The images he puts down on paper and canvas are usually landscapes of places he has visited and the people he has met. Carl's work is represented in collections both nationally and internationally. Sandy Tippett was born in east Africa

and this background has led her to have an affinity with landscapes from the North-West and the Indian Ocean. Working with acrylic and oil in a semi abstract style Sandy uses a variety of methods and materials to completely capture the emotion and imagery of this great landscape drawing inspiration from sketches, photos and memories from many camping trips.

Roleystone resident Rick Staker is a promising artist who exhibits regularly in group exhibitions around Perth. Rick captures the local landscape and bush scenes in watercolour with some of his work reflecting a recent trip back to the UK.

'Spring Exhibition' is on show from Sunday 9th September until Sunday 30th September 2012. Carl Haanappel's Studio/Gallery is on the corner of Brookton Highway and Soldiers Road Roleystone. The gallery is open from Wednesday to Sunday 10:00am to 4:00pm daily.

GARDENING NOTES JEAN: 9397 5547

Rain is such a blessing although I don't like the gusty wind. The wet weather makes it possible to stop weeding and spend time at my computer. I hope you all have your roses pruned by now, next month it will be time to prune Hibiscus. At least there are no prickles on them.

If your Camellias need shaping or are getting too big, then pick your flowers going back into the hardwood, then give them a dressing of 9-month slow release fertiliser.

Neutrog have bought out a new Camellia-Azalea fertiliser. It has been extensively trialled in South Australia and some areas on the east coast but I do not know what the soil quality is over there and will not recommend it until I have used it. They have started trialling it at Araluen.

The Roleystone Gardening Group had a lovely outing to LYNDRHURST Road in KALAMUNDA to visit an orchid nursery. Jill had previously been there and so recommended it when Joyce suggested going to see orchids. My own orchid which Linda gave me a few years ago has three lovely sprays of flowers, I'm not so partial to the big cymbidiums but these orchids were mainly the spray types with smaller flowers, in tight clusters. We all came home with plants and I have distributed flyers advertising the Cannington Orchid show this weekend. Next month we will meet at Phillips Art Gallery and car pool to Bob's home in Mt Nasura. As always our meeting is on the third Thursday in the month at 10-00am. Bob has promised Pumpkin

Soup.

I have been doing quite a bit of gardening at the home in Bassendean that used to belong to my parents. It has been rented out over the past few years and certain plants have grown in the wrong places and others have outgrown their spaces. I took down a clump of snowflakes that Margaret gave me a number of years ago and planted them in the planter box out the front, only to discover that mum had planted these over the years and they are thriving out the back. There are also a number of daffodils. I had managed the garden for Mum for many years whilst she lived there. During that time I had put in Gerberas and Penstemons (these have continued to grow) and the daylilies and nasturtiums are prolific. The Sansivieria, (Mother in law's tongues) are large and plentiful, glad they have come back into fashion. Then there is the Rosemary hedge which we planted eight years ago having obtained the cuttings from the local patisserie. I am thankful for the screening. I realise how much I value my peace after living in Roleystone the past 26 years.

I hope that all our local gardeners are keeping out of the rain and refusing to allow chills, colds and flus to effect you. This season is one of joy and having Camellias makes it very tempting to get out and enjoy them, but please rug up warmly. To think that only yesterday I was worrying about sunburn and today it's raining. All the vegies should be starting to grow healthily and I'm certain many of you are enjoying munching your way around the garden. Protect against slugs and snails and those caterpillar grubs which enjoy a munch too.

Good Gardening

Jean



Twenty Years of Roleystone Body and Skin Care

In the September 1992 edition of the Roleystone Courier it was announced that 'June Copley was opening up in new premises in the centre of town - taking over the Beauty Spot.'

According to the article, June had already been operating a beauty business for and a12 half years prior to this. From 1986 June had been working with Margaret Slater in 'Margaret's Awareness House'. This business ran in the shop that is now Rosharnes in Brackenridge Village. 'The old drive in was still there then and the real estate office wasn't even built back then.' June recalls.

'Margaret's sister, Maureen McKercher was a naturopath and we shared a couple of rooms there. Margaret's Awareness House attracted people from near and far. She was well known for Aerobics, Jazz Dance, Yoga, and a modelling and deportment school was also very popular. We had great Melbourne Cup Luncheons at the Country Club where the girls would display their talents at modelling in fashion parades and Jazz dance girls would also entertain!

In 1992 June set up solo - moving to the site at the side of the Roleystone Recreation Centre. At first the shop was called 'Studio Beauty Care' which was changed to 'Roleystone Body and Skin Care' to adopt a more unisex appeal. They moved across to the Roleystone Shopping Centre three years ago and the rest is history.



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Roleystone Country Club Ramblings



If you missed the Shad Lads at the Club on Saturday 18th August then you missed out on a really enjoyable night's entertainment. This tribute group to the famous Cliff Richard & the Shadows really put on a fantastic show. Those who came had a great night of entertainment with good food at a very moderate price.

The great shows will continue under my direction. Next on the venue is the Fab Four. This group are the 'very best' when it comes to tribute groups. Please support this function on Saturday 22nd September. Tickets are available now at \$60 per head which includes a smorgasbord dinner. You can ring me at home 9397 5645 or at the Club on 9397 5665 to make your bookings. Be quick because they are moving fast and we are limited to 100 tickets.

Friday nights are gaining momentum, with increased attendances. The food is really good and very reasonably priced so make up a table! I do advise patrons to book in advance though to save disappointment.

If you enjoy playing a game of pool come up and have a game with us on a Friday night when we have a competition going. I can assure you that you will be challenged by some of our regular members.

Let me please remind you that the Club is a Member's club. We do encourage new members all the time. It is only fair to the financial members who pay their fees that we actively get non members to join up and become part of this very unique club.

The Melbourne Cup luncheon is on again this year on Tuesday November 6th. More information will be available in the coming months. This year there will be live music and other attractions. Keep this date free and join us.

I take the opportunity of welcoming Fidock & Co Real Estate as the new major sponsor for the bowls division. We really appreciate your support Rob and welcome aboard. It is always good to see that you always come to our functions as well! Thank you very much. That is it from me this month. Short and sweet as they say. Look forward to seeing you at the Club soon.

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The popular School Holiday Activity Days are on again in spring. These are designed to suit children from ages 3 to 14 years (accompanied by an adult) to explore their creativity. This is designed to keep them busy for hours. The activities include discovery trails from 10am to 11.30am followed by clay modelling and creative craft activities during the afternoon.

Cost: Adults \$4.00 Children \$3.00

Liz Dunn

TULIPS

What a wonderful time to visit Araluen with the first of the tulips in bloom. This year we planted 30,000 tulips on the hill above the Chalet and with the beautiful light grey trunks of the Eucalyptus viminalis (Manna Gums) as a backdrop this makes for a stunning photo. We have a coffee facility set up in the concourse area selling the full range of teas and coffees plus tempting muffins and other snacks. The train is running everyday from 10.30 to 4.30 to take you on a 15-minute tour of the Park.

The internationally recognized Camellias are at their best right now with the bushes covered in blooms. The Magnolias just get better and better every year, as they mature and grow in stature. Springtime at Araluen is fantastic with so much in bloom.

THE ROUNDHOUSE GIFT SHOP

After a complete makeover, the Roundhouse Gift Shop is looking fabulous. Patricia has managed to source some really unusual gift wear at very reasonable prices. The lower room is more reflective of 'home' and the adjoining room is more in keeping with the 'garden'. A visit to the gift shop is a must on your next visit.

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OUR LAST FIELD DAY

At our National Tree Day this year, over 30 willing workers planted 800 seedlings into Stonegate Reserve. Neighbours again helped out and achieved quite a lot. Plans were made by the Reserve Custodian to come back and weed more areas during the coming weeks. It is encouraging to see our work from previous years showing so much growth. A delicious morning tea was provided by Yvonne and Kathy. Help keep Roleystone "Dieback Protected". Our next field day will be the start of the Dieback Treatment Season.

The field days provide the opportunity for our community to learn how to treat their own blocks. Come along and help out that morning and then you can borrow our equipment for free. We also encourage you to check out our website to educate yourselves about this problem. It is cheaper to treat a tree than pay hundreds of dollars to remove a dead one. We will be going back to Lina Hart Memorial Park to finish off treatment of the trees for dieback disease on Sunday 23 September between 9.00am and noon. Meet in Westborne Road, Roleystone. Note: Check our website at 8.00am that morning for any cancellation notice.

Top left: Roley Bushcare Volunteers Jo & Matt Roshkov. Middle: Bernard & John. Left: Roleybushcare volunteer Dave Willis.



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Roleystone Theatre News

Blithe Spirit - an amusing, bright and brilliant farce, will be presented by the Roleystone Theatre on September 7th, 8th, 12th, 14th and 15th. This is a 3 act play written by Noel Coward and involves a stellar cast, under the direction of Stephen Lee, which brings the story to life. The story becomes very amusing when Madame Arcati contacts the

ghost of Elvira, Charles' first wife. Elvira, the ghost, is feisty, temperamental and unhappy with Charles' second wife Ruth. This leads to interesting interactions as Ruth cannot see or hear Elvira - ex wives can be so annoying! Tickets are available on line (roleystonetheatre.com.au) or from Bobbie/ Gerry Chapman on 93975730.

During the October school holidays the Theatre will be presenting 2 short musical plays for children. These will be held on the 1st, 3rd and 5th of October, with 2 sessions per day (11.00 am and 2.00 pm).

These are locally written and produced: *Squisher and Squasher* and *the Great Golden Butterfly*, and *Amy's Bedtime Story*.

The cost will be \$10 per child and will include light refreshments - caregivers and parents, free. Tickets available from Bobbie/ Gerry on 93975730.



Pictured at top: The cast in rehearsal. Above: Charles (David Gardette) and Ruth (Jenny McCann). Photos courtesy of Zyg Woltersdorf.

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Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant first opened in September 2007 and over the last five years it has flourished; today the restaurant is iconic both locally and across Perth. The restaurant owes its success to the creative vision, the belief in being part of a community and hard work and drive of sisters Rivka and Ita.

No restaurant can flourish unless the menu is right and at Genesis everyone is treated to a menu that caters for vegetarians, vegans and also for carnivores seeking to try new and different tastes of non - meat meal. They also cater for people with a range of food allergies like gluten, eggs, dairy and others. The menu has continued to evolve but is based on the wonderful food sensations of Central Europe and the Middle East. Many clients just come for the range of scrumptious cakes and coffee that have become house specialties.

The restaurant is perched on the side of a hill in the magic surroundings of the Canning Valley. From the moment customers enter the car park they are transfixed by the beautiful bush, tall trees, lovely gardens and quirky pieces of art.

Sponsoring creativity has also been important to Ita and Rivka. They continue to provide a location for talented artists to exhibit their art. Exhibitions change monthly as they have been in the last 5 years. Saturday Jazz sessions, established in their first year of operation, now have a regular following with jazz lovers from all over Perth arriving on the first Saturday every month.

Now in 2012 they have moved into sponsoring Literary events and are now introducing a 'Meet the Author' Series in Collaboration with Fremantle Press supporting WA publishing house. (You can also find a small selection of Fremantle Press books for sale.) The First of these meetings will be held on Saturday,

20th October 2012, 4:00 – 6:00 pm with Sabrina Hahn introducing: *Sabrina's Little Juicy Book of Citrus*. Sabrina is a popular columnist, ABC broadcaster and landscape gardener.

The sisters support creative and productive people across our local community. Their shop: Community Creative has become a real hit, selling surplus produce and pieces of art & crafts to customers. "We encourage any one who creates or have surplus produce in their garden to use the shop." "Food, art, creativity and caring about people and the world we live in go hand in hand. This is fundamental to the way we live and it is a social and economic statement.

This is why we always have new exhibitions, supporting and encouraging not only established artists, never charging commission or any fees. This way we all benefit.

So as they approach their fifth birthday what have they most enjoyed: 'The biggest joy has definitely been meeting people' says Ita.

'We have made Genesis more than a café/restaurant. Our place has become a place to meet, eat and discuss issues.'

So happy Birthday Genesis in the Hills. Rivka and Ita have created a wonderful place brimming with creativity and they serve wonderful food; their restaurant has become an important part of our community.

If you would like to experience their hospitality drop in to Genesis in the Hills at 124 Croyden Road Roleystone, give them a call on 9397 7799 or contact them via their website: www.genesisinthehills.com.au

NEW ART EXHIBITION BY ARTIST VERNA DUSCHER COOPS

Paintings by artist Verna Duscher Coops will be displayed at Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant on the 25th August to the 23rd September. An opening night will be held on Saturday 25th September from 6pm.

'My beacon of light was the late Nene Gere, an artist and writer who encouraged me to further my art', says Verna. 'I spent 8 years part time at Art school, acquiring several certificates in art and design. I've had several exhibitions, illustrated poetry and have won awards for my work. I enjoy a large range of styles and mediums and like to paint portraits, animals, scenes and abstract. I also enjoy working with clay, designing textiles and print making.' Readers are invited to join the artist for a glass of wine and yummy finger food at Genesis on the opening evening.

Ita Goldberger

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Phil den Boer from Nutri-Tech Solutions www.nutri-tech.com.au will explain what the home gardener can do to improve their soils and at the same time improve the nutrition in home grown food. He will show what home garden products are available locally and when they should be applied.

Phil was a market gardener for many years, where he grew over 30 different crops. He was also a part of a group of farmers who started the very successful Albany Farmers Market.

The meeting is on Wednesday September 12th at 7.30pm in the Roleystone Family Centre, 19 Wygonda Rd, Roleystone. Entry \$3-members free. Enquiries to Lisa 9399 2312.



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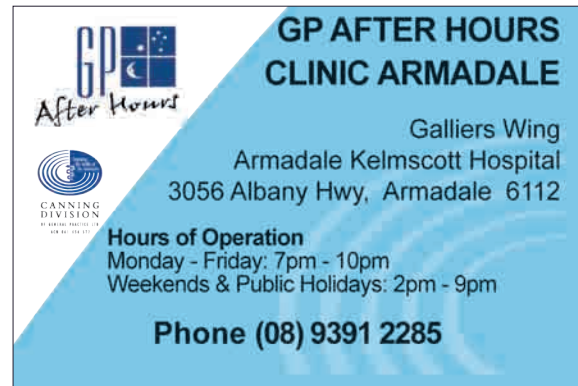
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Our social games are still on (weather permitting) Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and all are welcome.

The committee are in the throes of organising the summer competition and we will be resplendent in our new shirts with our major sponsors Fidock and Co and Jarrah Settlements. Thanks for your sponsorship.



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*Pictured above right:
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Armadale born Emily Little from the Australian Olympic Gymnastics Team was featured in the July Roleystone Courier. She achieved a personal best in her routine making it to the finals of the women's individual all-around event in London. This was a wonderful achievement for the 18 year old.

When our 300 Olympians returned home to Australia Canning MHR Don Randall reflected on Emily's performance: 'Well done, you have made your country proud and I am sure you had lots of local supporters cheering you on - including me.'

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Pro Bono: Religious Wine

David Bardsley, Minister Community Church



Dear Friends

I visited some friends recently and to my astonishment was offered a glass of "religious wine" on the basis that I was a "religious person".

It was a remarkably good drop though there was nothing sacred about it at all. But the comment did prompt discussion on Biblical references to wine and where the idea of total abstinence came from. I believe it emerged years ago as a pendulum swing against the degradation and horrors of severe alcohol abuse, particularly the consumption of gin by those at the bottom of the social pile.

Christian leaders took a stand and vowed never to drink alcohol in their fight to obliterate the terrible trade. It was social action prompted by the Biblical call to protect the exploited and abused.

When I left the very hospitable friends' home I pondered on the religious label I had been given. I had a bit of an itch because I don't actually see myself as a religious person. From my perspective a religious person is one who is good at "religion" itself and that in turn is all about rituals and rites - doing the "right" things and saying the "right" words as laid down by some overarching authority. It's the outward, visible workings of something which may or may not have a deeper meaning for the person performing them. And it's that deeper, inner stuff which is most important to me - that's about faith, not religion.

My faith revolves around my

relationships with God and with those around me. And there is something extra special about my relationship with those who also believe in Jesus Christ. They are my spiritual family. I revel in the sense of identity it gives me - I belong somewhere special, in fellowship with other believers. In fact it is these people that define "Church", not the building or even the religious stuff we do in the building. In many ways we are like a team, each individual with a different identity and different skills and abilities but through our relational links we endeavour to do what Jesus said we should do - love God, love your neighbour, love yourself...three pretty simple things really.

To use a cycling analogy, we get a medal when we do these three things. Fancy religious practice is like having the best bike and wearing the right brand of trainers, the best helmet and lycra shorts and the best style of riding etc. But it's no use someone being kitted out superbly if they don't get out there and race no matter how good they look. Incidentally, someone once told me that male racing cyclists shave their legs to reduce air resistance, not to look good - okay? It's actually much easier to look the part than to participate in the sport, any sport for that matter. Loving God, loving your neighbour, loving yourself aren't always actions done by folk who look good. Living out our Christian faith authentically can be distinctly messy, not at all like the refined and defined religious practices we sometimes identify with church. But the analogy breaks down. Life is a journey not a race and we don't earn a winner's medal. Jesus earned all the medals for all of us. There is indeed one for everybody who walks in the right direction whether or not they look good.

Religious wine? My friends finally confessed that it was a glass of cheap cleanskin plonk which I had enjoyed so much. Ah well, confession is one religious practice which is always good for the soul!

Yours in Christ,
David

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Roleystone Redbacks Little Athletics Club is just gearing up into summer action. The enrolment date is Sept 1st, however if you miss out feel free to make contact with club members listed below.

Little Athletics has been the backbone of our rising athletes for many years. Many of the athletes throughout the world that you have recently seen competing at the Olympics, had their first taste of sport at Little Athletics or a similar Foundation.

The Roleystone Redbacks are your local Little Athletics Club and are one of the 'Founding Clubs' of the DALE Little Athletics Centre which operates in the Armadale District.

Little Athletics promotes – Fun, Fitness and Family. It is something that the whole family can get involved with and it is one of the cheapest activities for children.

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Not all kids are champions! Little Athletics recognises this and we try to encourage them to have fun and to try their best.

So how about it? The contact details are Roleystone Redbacks Little Athletics Club Lainey: 0400 229 348 or Julie: 9496 0559. Training days are Monday & Wednesday afternoons 4.30 - 5.30 at the Roleystone Community College oval. Competition days are Saturdays at Morgan Park Armadale. Little Athletics is open for all children between the ages of 5 -17 years.

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The City have consulted an arbourist for advice. The advice was to horizontally mulch the trees and other measures to help with the summer water stress. The City further advises that they are implementing the recommendations and hopefully our trees can be saved.

The Araluen Estate Progress Association would like to invite all estate residents, landowners and any interested persons to join the association this financial year and as an incentive the association will be waiving membership fees for this year. Help keep your estate great, get involved and show your support. [To join log onto www.araluenpa.com](http://www.araluenpa.com) and fill out the application form or email your details to kerry@fidock.com. For the month of September there are no joining fees.

Rob Fidock

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Other highlights include the Schoolies Busker's Corner and a Silent Auction, raising much needed funds for the PMH Foundation.

For the young and young at heart, we have welcomed 'Popmagic' to our venue. He will be amazing us with his balloon art and fabulous magic tricks.

For all information please visit our website www.kelmscottshow.com.au or contact Jean on 9495 4001 or craftmarket@kelmscottshow.com.au

Pictured: Emma Hirschmann from Roleystone with her prize and trophy from the Kelmscott Show last year.

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Astronomical Highlights September

*Greg Lowe,
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September is an equinox month. The gradual return of the sun to the southern hemisphere means longer days, and warmer weather. My wife only just manages to survive winter, admittedly by spending a month of it up in the northern hemisphere. It would be cheaper to keep her home and crank up the heating, in spite of the spiralling cost of electricity.

But, back to the equinox story: it's on September 22nd. At 11pm on the 22nd the sun will be briefly in the same plane as the Earth's equator.

At equinox times, sunrise occurs due east and sunset due west. This applies only at equinox times, i.e. around September 22nd and March 20th.

When I was a kid, my parents and teachers persisted in stating the rule of thumb that the sun rises in the east and sets in the west and passes overhead at noon. Rubbish! The variation of sunrise from due east and sunset from due west is about +/- 28 degrees here in the Perth region: a total shift of 56 degrees, between the extremes of the summer and winter solstices. What's more, the sun never gets to be directly overhead. The closest it gets is 9 degrees from the zenith, at the summer solstice. Near enough, you might say. But at the winter solstice it gets no higher than 35 degrees up, and that's at local noon. If you go further south, the winter sun is even lower.

The moon's the dominant evening object

at the beginning of September, being full on the night of August 31st - September 1st.

The evening planets aren't exactly eye-catching. At dusk in early September Saturn's well up in the western sky, with the star Spica just below and to the left of it. At the same time Mars is up above the two of them, and getting further from them day by day. By the last week of the month, Spica and Saturn are setting in the evening twilight. On the other hand, Mars hangs in much the same position all month. Its setting times are about 10:15pm in early September, 10pm mid-month, and 9:50pm by month's end.

Jupiter and Venus are the brightest starlike objects in the morning sky. Now that it's on the wane, the moon will also be a morning object. In the very early morning of the 9th, the moon will pay Jupiter a brief visit. On the 13th at daybreak the waning crescent moon will be near Venus. Jupiter's rising now at about 1:30am in the ENE. By mid-month it's rising around 12:40am, and by month's end it's rising at about midnight. At daybreak it's well up in the northern sky. Venus is brilliant and rises around 4:15am all month; at daybreak you'll find it low in the NE sky.

The major phases of the moon for September are the last quarter on the 8th, the new moon on the 16th, the first quarter on the 23rd, and the full moon on the 30th.

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Toylibrary Report

Our AGM will be on the 29th August, 7.30 pm at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre. 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 in an excellent position with 30 members, \$5000 worth of new toys from the 2011 Lotteries West Grant and our new card system is nearing completion. Special thanks to Robyn Dawson for the wonderful toys she donated and Paul Liva from All Out Blinds for fixing our tunnel. We really appreciate the support we receive from our wonderful community. Please don't hesitate to email us at roleystonetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au or phone 9496 1115. *Linda Schaudin.*

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Sometimes Mum and some or all of her ducklings become separated or Mum has an accident and the ducklings become orphans. Young ducklings are totally reliant on Mum for warmth, protection and the vital oils to keep them waterproof so without her they need urgent help to survive.

If you find orphaned or abandoned ducklings the first thing to do is put them in a box and add a source of warmth such as a wheat pack, warm water bottle or similar then either take them to your local wildlife carer/shelter or care for them yourself.

Ducklings need secure housing like a cardboard or wooden box, with sides high enough to prevent them from jumping out. Cages are not recommended as they present too many opportunities for injuries. Bedding could be newspaper, a towel or similar, but always avoid paper from the shredder which is sharp and will result in paper cuts and any frayed materials which could cause tangling.

Warmth can be provided by a temperature controlled hot box or heat lamp.

Food is usually chick or duck starter crumbs offered in a non tip container that is small enough to prevent the ducklings from getting in and soiling. A small dish of finely chopped lettuce or

grass, sprinkled with a bit of insectivore and damped is also very much enjoyed. Don't worry if ducklings don't feed for the first day or so as prior to hatching they have absorbed the last nutrients of the egg.

Water must be available in a small container that the ducklings can't get into and become wet. Special water containers are available from stock feed or pet shops or you can make your own by cutting little circular holes (10c size) in the lid of a take away container filled with water – so that the ducklings can poke their beaks through to drink but will stay dry. It may sound odd that the ducklings must remain dry when they swim on lakes but without Mum's oils and warmth they will become wet, cold and die.

As the ducklings grow and the secondary feathers start to appear they can start to spend time outside on warm days, in a secure area with water provided for bathing. Soon the ducklings will need to move to a secure pond to learn their swimming and diving skills.

Finally it is time for release and maybe a little research will be needed to find an appropriate area with adequate good water. Your local wildlife carer/shelter may be able to offer suggestions or Local Council or DEC could be consulted for advice. Always be sure to go and check a release area in advance as things could have changed since it was last checked. Please contact me for help or advice about all orphaned or injured wildlife.

Roleystone MUSICIANS CLUB

Pictured below:

Mel Young organiser of the Unplugged Acoustic Folk Roots & Blues Sessions held at the Roleystone Country Club gets involved in the action.



Unplugged Event

The Second Unplugged Acoustic Folk Roots & Blues Session was held on Sunday 12th August. A brave group gathered at the Roleystone Country Club to participate and enjoy some unplugged music, despite the fierce weather. Some of the heaviest rain we have had for the year did not dampen the enthusiasm of participants and an appreciative audience.

Organiser Mel Young was very pleased with the afternoon.

He did reflect that it would be great to see some of the 'fair sex' having a go at the next meeting. The next **Unplugged Acoustic Folk, Roots & Blues event will be held** on September 9th at the Roleystone Country Club. So come on Girls!!

In Mel's words 'If you enjoyed the afternoon, tell a friend and come along next time.'

Mel Young

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REGISTRATION OPEN

The grass is freshly mowed, the crease and boundary paint has been mixed and it's starting to smell like cricket season! If you enjoy playing cricket, if you've played in the past or never played at all then Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club is for you! RKCC has teams from A grade through to E grade so no matter your crickering ability (or inability!) you'll fit in well at our club.

Registration for the 2012/13 season is now open! If you are FIFO, or unavailable to commit to play the full season we'd still love you to join our club and have membership fees to suit part-season players. To register online visit www.roleystonekarragullence.com.au

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