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December 2013

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To commemorate Seniors Week, the Bendigo Bank again hosted a Seniors Morning Tea/Breakfast at the Roleystone Seniors Centre on November 12th. The Seniors were waited on by Tony Jacobs, Shelley Clutton and Tania Ghilarducci, with support from Roy Hamilton. A large group attended and were entertained with beautiful music provided by Rachel John and Hazel Durrans and later, comical musical skits from the Seniors Singers. Raffles were held, with a range of prizes provided by local businesses. The wonderful food was provided, courtesy of the Roleystone Bendigo Bank staff. All had a wonderful time – particularly the sing along at the end.

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In November our Bendigo Bank once again recognised the contribution our Seniors have made to our community. A 'Seniors Morning Tea with Entertainment' was held and once again there was a full house. Members of the Classic Sounds Orchestra were on hand to provide a classical interlude. Hazel Durrans, Heidi and Rachel John posed for this photo, evocative of our Aussie Christmas and Community spirit. Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to All.

December Cover



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Adam Travels To Riga

'Riga? Where on earth is that?' It's a common response when I meet new people. I usually have to then fill in the "geographical map" for them.

"It used to be part of the soviet block. It is the largest city in The Baltics, (Lithuania and Estonia)."

I'm sure however, that after the recent tragic shopping centre collapse in November, Riga will now have a greater profile.

So why did I travel to Riga? Well, I travelled there recently courtesy of my lovely wife Vicki, who organised the whole trip secretly for my 50th birthday. Yes, she is the world's best wife!

Riga is home to my closest long time friend Aldis Bernsteins, who I met over 30 years ago when we studied together in Perth. Aldis left Perth in 2007 to follow his heart and married a local girl, Dagnija, in Riga. They have a gorgeous daughter Matilde.

This all happened in the years since Aldy left Perth and we had not been together since then.

Suffice it to say, Aldis was a co-conspirator in this wonderful surprise. Riga, is quite simply a beautiful city. Founded in 120, you can imagine the history, and there is a bounty of it.

Cobbled streets lined with buildings that have such ornate facades that you can't take it all in at once. It is a city that embraces its achievements and is actively restoring many of these incredible structures.

It is filled with architecture that quite literally 'dazzles the senses'.

More pleasing still is the fact Riga is a relatively low rise city - with few tall monoliths that dominate and suffocate most modern cities.

Getting around Riga is no problem either. If you're travelling out of Riga, by all means take a car - but 'city to suburbs' you have a choice of Trams, Trolley Buses and Trains. The true sign of a forward thinking city.

Of course I'm a serious foodie, so I was keen to check out the markets. Well - lending the words from "Crocodile Dundee". That's not a market - THIS is a market!" The central markets of Riga are astonishing. Five converted Zeppelin Hangers from WW2 now house the most incredible array of food.

1. Fish, fresh and smoked 2. Fruit and vegetables 3. Milk and cheese 4. Dry goods and bread 5. meat!

Then of course there are the hundreds of stalls outside the pavilion! The bars and cafes are fantastic.

Walk down any cobbled lane way and you'll happen upon a cosy basement bar or cafe, nestled under incredible gothic style vaulted ceilings. Probably built in the



1500's, give or take a few centuries!

A treat for me was to feast in an authentic medieval restaurant. Rozengrals is a "real" medieval restaurant. Built in 1293 - it is candle lit; staff are dressed for the part and the food is authentic.

I saw so much in my short stay in Riga - far too much to describe in detail in just a few paragraphs. The highlights for me were definitely:

- Standing in the ruins of a Castle built in 1209, where the crusades were fought.
- Experiencing the sheer opulence of a royal palace, (Rundale Palace was built in 1768 for the Duke of Courland, one time lover of Catherine the Great).
- Walking through a medieval castle at night. Enjoying fruit tea while relaxing on cushions in a stunning round wooden tea house in the centre of Riga.

Riga truly is the "jewel in the crown" of Europe. I walked the length and breadth of this magical city and I did it all with my best mate - and for that I can't thank my beautiful wife enough.

Adam Sallur



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TESTIMONIAL

Dear Maggie and Team

On behalf of my Mum, Dad, Grant, the kids and myself, I would like to say what an absolute pleasure it has been dealing with all of you throughout the emotional process of selling our beloved home in the Kelmscott Hills.

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THOMAS WAS IN A BIG HURRY

Our new baby Thomas was born on 3rd November at 4.20 am, a baby son for Josh and May Neilson. Thomas didn't make it to the hospital to be born, he was delivered by Josh in the car in their driveway at home. What a dramatic entrance into the world. Thanks and best wishes from proud grandparents Marg and Andy Neilson.

Stephen Spry is Mr November

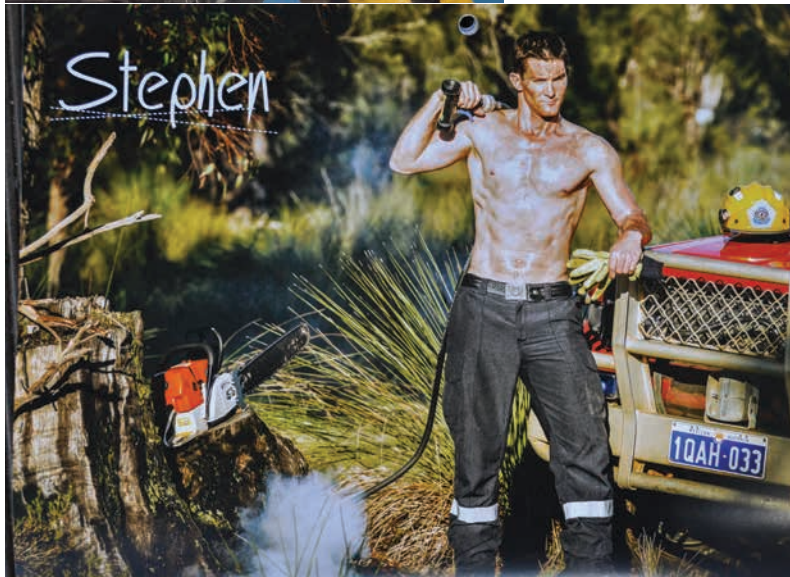
The 2014 Perth Firefighter's Calendar has recently gone on sale and once again they are raising funds for the Princess Margaret Hospital Burns Unit. Last year almost \$100 000 was donated to PMH from calendar sales.

Roleystone readers have an added incentive to buy a calendar as local lad, Stephen Spry is featured aka Mr November.



Stephen is following in the footsteps of his older brother Andrew who was featured in the 2009 calendar as Mr June.

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In 2012, as a 10 Year Waterwise School, we were the lucky recipients of a Sustainable Garden thanks to Guru Productions and the Water Corporation. Everybody in the school and community embraced the garden and together we have made a great success of it. Everybody has had a hand in it, from Kindy students to primary classes, to community busy bee's and volunteers, to the Senior Home Economics classes, Horticulture classes and Mr Huisman's Garden Boys. The art department is also constantly adding to the charm of the garden.

Presenter Tod Johnston and his film crew arrived bright and early and our students and chickens were fantastic during the interviews and conducted themselves very well. Mrs Bullock's Film and TV students came to observe the shoot and



they even got roped in to help.

The crew was very impressed with the progress the garden had made over the 19 months we have had it and although some dappled clouds, trucks going down Brookton Highway and the school siren caused many retakes, we all had fun and the crew assured us that they got very good footage.

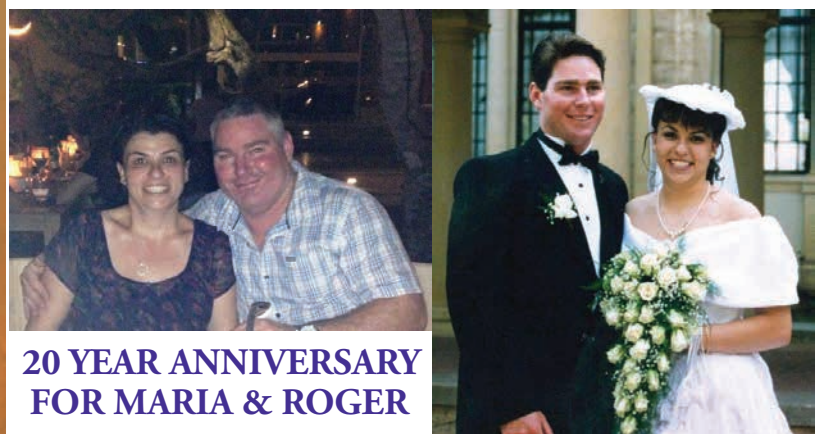
The Greenfingers episode featuring Roleystone Community College was aired on Channel 7 on Sunday 1 December at 5:30pm.

Mrs Greyling.

Home Economics Specialist



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20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY FOR MARIA & ROGER

Way back on November 7th 1993, Roger Ford married Maria Italiano. Now, twenty years later they are still very happily together and celebrated their 20 year anniversary with a romantic holiday to Bali.

To Roger and Maria Ford:
Congratulations.

Christmas Roleystone Markets

Dec 8
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HAYLEY BECOMES THE FIRST FEMALE LIVESTOCK AUCTIONEER IN WA

Hayley Goad, has recently become WA's first female livestock auctioneer! In August she completed her first cattle auction and her achievement was reported in the Countryman Newspaper. Hayley was brought up and completed her schooling in Roleystone and now works for Primaries of WA based in Muchea.



Now 23, Hayley works as a livestock representative, she was attracted to the buzz of the auctioneering and felt that she wanted to compete with the boys. Hayley has run a couple of sheep auctions but the auction of cattle at the Mount Barker Saleyard was her first foray into selling the larger animals.

She is enthusiastic to be seen as equal in this very male dominated industry.

Hayley acknowledged that there were significant barriers to woman but she has seen the industry become more accepting and she was very grateful to the many male mentors who had supported her along the way.

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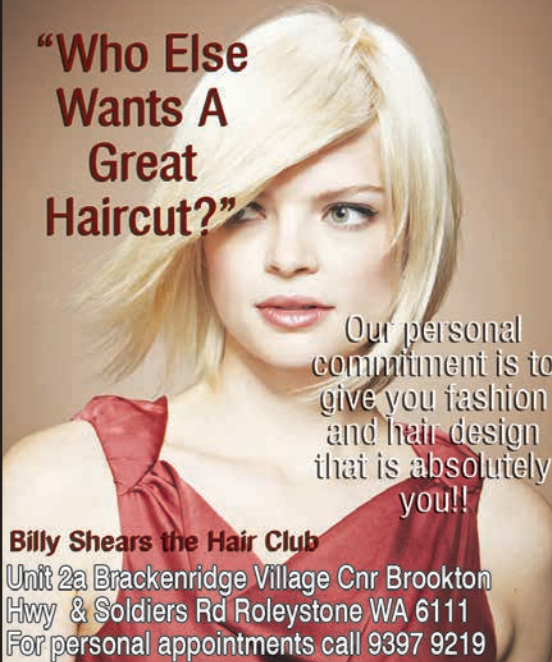
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CLARA HELMS REACHES FOR STARDOM

Former Roleystone resident Clara Helms is poised to become a major talent.

Clara achieved widespread recognition as an Australia's Got Talent finalist and she has now branched out into film. Clara has been cast as the iconic character 'Susie' in the Australian feature film Foreshadow, which opened nationally at Hoyts Cinemas on 8 November. Clara recalls her Roleystone childhood with great affection and despite working on a range of national projects, she has now returned to her hill's roots. She lived here until she was almost 11, attending Pioneer Village School and most of her formative education as a Home Schooler.

Some Roleystone Courier readers may recall seeing Clara locally when she was one of the stars in the Roleystone Theatre Production of Nine.

Her affiliation for our area was clearly in evidence when, in 2011, she organised a benefit concert for the victims of the Roleystone Kelmescott Bushfires.

Recently she has performed for the Prime Minister - Elect, Tony Abbott, at the Federal Election Gala Liberal Party Dinner; for our past Prime Minister, John Howard, at the Hyatt and numerous times for the WA Governor.

If you want to follow her on Twitter: @ ClaraHelms or search for her on Face book:



ClaraHelmsOfficial
 Clara has not let her passion for music lapse, she is working on her debut album release "First Kiss," expected to be released in 2014.
*Well done Clara!
 Clara is pictured above in a Ruth Tarrydas dress.*

A Busy Month for the Barritts

Recently Joan and Terry Barritt were special guests at a Melbourne function to share in a Rotary International twenty five year celebration. Terry had been District Governor of Rotary 9470 in 1988-89.

This has been a big month for the Barritts, as Terry has celebrated his 75th birthday on the 17th November and on the 30th November they celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary.

Fifty years of marital bliss.
Congratulations Joan and Terry.

Pictured above right: Terry and Joan on their wedding day.

At right: back Joan and Terry Barritt, front Royce and Jean Abbey, pictured in Melbourne.



Bush Dumping

I have lived in Karragullen, for the past 14 years and have enjoyed the State forest over that period, however, I continue to be annoyed by rubbish, green waste, household junk, car parts and other junk that continues to be dumped in the area.

Each year I spend a day cleaning up the bush prior to the Armadale City bulk pick up day and have retrieved many ute loads at those times. I have also been successful with DEC from the Mundaring office who have collected large loads that have been dumped.

I know my area is not the only one suffering in this way and, those who bushwalk or drive in the Roleystone - Karragullen area, will know that it is widespread.

The way to improve it may be two-fold.

Firstly, it requires widespread public awareness and secondly it needs to be cleaned up.

The various bodies controlling these open spaces have a definite 'demarcation attitude' which has to be managed, however this should not be unworkable.

My experience with DEC has been that they would respond with assistance, particularly if the community was involved through volunteers. I know that they also attempt to prosecute illegal dumpers and have done so with success. With assistance from the public, more convictions may be possible.

I am sure the City of Armadale would also be supportive of a joint effort with the community.

Is there an active community body, which has an interest in this subject, that I may be able to join and support?

If the Roleystone - Karragullen locals and the respective Governing bodies became united and determined to cleanup the area and do their utmost to identify the vandals we could return our surrounding region to pristine bush and parkland, rather than the dumping ground which it may become.

I certainly hope so.

Name and address withheld on request.

Please contact the Roleystone Courier, if you want to be put in contact with the author.

Crazy Footpaths

Is it just me or is it the Council that doesn't have a clue when it comes to the placement of the new footpaths on Tyers and nearby roads?

I frequently walk my dogs around these roads and what once gave me peace and tranquillity now brings me bafflement and bewilderment. These were done in sections on these roads due to budget restrictions, or so I thought, but since they are now all completed, I am beginning to wonder if the actual reason was that the person drawing up the plans had just come out of some kind of puzzlement course.

One would assume that the reason for these footpaths would be for the safety of the newly displaced school kids. They need a safe route to walk to their new school - right?

If this is the case, why in the world do the new footpaths have ten, YES TEN crossings instead of what should be four?

Kids are not deep thinkers, they are all for a quick solution to their everyday needs! The straight and quickest path is the one they want to take.

So one would wonder why anyone in their right mind, let alone a child, would unnecessarily stop on a chosen path and cross the road for any reason other than stupidity? At the corner of Parkin and Tyers, the path takes the pedestrian, needlessly, across Tyers Road. Then at the corner of Hart you have to cross the road back to take the corner of Hassett.

I am no surveyor, mathematician or concrete but I estimate the stupidity of the layout of these paths would have meant extra cement and lots in increased time to create.

The ridiculousness of the paths is not restricted to Tyers Rd but extends around to Welch.

In my amazement, and yes it does get to me, I thought perhaps the placement of aged trees could be a factor? Nope! On Tyers, near Hart, the concrete winds its way around a lovely old tree, so obviously that isn't the reason to make pedestrians dangerously and needlessly cross the roads. I don't get it!

If anyone can give me a fair and genuine explanation as to why we now have a snake of a footpath, winding its way along Tyers Rd, I would really appreciate it.

Kathy Berzins

Welcome Home

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Editorial

DECEMBER 2013



LINDA MOORE

2013 is nearly over and Christmas is upon us. So firstly: 'Merry Christmas to all'. I hope everyone gets to spend some quality time with family and friends.

And, as is always the case at this time of the year, it is good to reflect on the year that was!

I believe we have achieved some big steps forward for our town.

The skatepark has finally become a reality, the old Roleystone Primary School land has gone to tender and the Buckingham Bridge reconstruction has been built.

I also wish to reflect on the achievements and give thanks to the Courier folk I deal with each month. To our deliverers 'we cannot live with out you' and to the wonderful folk at Printsmart, 'Well done'.

Thanks to the 'regular correspondents', who take the time each month to write about their passion, sharing it with others so the passion grows. And thanks to the 'one off' contributors too - your stories

too, are wonderful. You also help the Courier be representative of the breath and diversity within our community.

To the many people who report the activities of their clubs, you are appreciated too. Often these folk are the hard workers 'behind the scenes' of our local organisations. Their dedication and effort provides the glue that binds our townspeople together and makes our community so very special.

I also thanks the Courier advertisers - most of these are small business owners providing us with local goods and services. Thank you for your continued custom, and I am proud to say, that so many residents use local tradespeople/shops whenever possible.

The Roleystone Courier's mantra: 'local people, doing local things, locally,' guides what I print each month.

The fact that I have no problem finding a wide range of articles and photos, shows just how much does go on across our town. Perhaps sleepy Roley isn't sleepy at all.

So as 2013 ticks down, I wish everyone 'Happy Reading'.

Linda Moore

Reminder: We do not produce a January Courier. Mike and I will be taking some time off (or perhaps not - I have a book to sell and another to write!) Ciao.



Welcome Jasper

Gill and Luke Nass were thrilled at the arrival of Jasper Luke Nilsson, their first grandson.

Mum Lucy and Dad Lyndon are stoked. Above, Jasper at seven weeks, is pretty happy to be here too.



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CELEBRATIONS

1. *Happy 18th Birthday Imogen Kemp. Immy shared a birthday bash with her mother Sue. Lots of celebrating in the Kemp house!*

2. *Peta Flynn and Pam Hunter seen at Pam's soiree: a celebration for special friends to introduce them to Linda Bettenay's new book. Thanks Pam. You're special.*

3. *Pauline Wilson celebrated her 60th birthday on the 24th of October. Her husband John and her family organised a small celebration for family and friends. All enjoyed themselves immensely. Happy Birthday Pauline. 60 years and still very YOUNG.*

HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY

BORN 20TH DECEMBER 1983, BRETT JAY MOORE.

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The Passing Of A Pioneer

Vic was born in Fremantle on 27/2/1921. As a young boy he worked with his father prospecting in the goldfields and later they lived and worked a farm at Narambean. At the age of 14 he left to walk to Perth. He got to Yellowdine from where he hitched a ride to Perth.

In 1940 at age 19 he joined the Royal Australian Navy and was in active sea service for 12 years serving in several ships both during and following the war. In 1941 he was drafted to the Corvette HMAS Bendigo in which he saw service in Darwin, Indonesia, Singapore and New Guinea. The ship was in the thick of the action encountering enemy aircraft and submarines. It was on the Bendigo he met his "go ashore oppo" and lifelong mate Jack (Tex) Proctor after whom he was many years later to name his little fox terrier, Tex. Despite Tex living in Sydney they remained close mates until Tex passed away earlier this year.

In 1952 he transferred to the Naval Dockyard Police where he served until he left the Navy in 1968.

He wasn't ashore for long before he joined the Commonwealth Dept of Transport Lighthouse tender MV Cape Don, servicing lights off the coast of Western Australia and Northern Territory, which he served on until retirement 10 years later.

As a young man in Fremantle he lived next door to a girl named Gwen Pearce but being 9 years older he never really noticed her until one day she had become a beautiful 18 year old young woman. Wearing his best dress uniform and armed with some fresh crayfish he went calling and the rest is history.

After a short romance (all chaperoned of course,

Gwen's father knew what sailors could be like) they were married in St Johns Church in Fremantle and they enjoyed 65 happy years together.

In 1952 they bought a block of land in Roleystone and subsequently built the home in which they have lived ever since and raised their family.

Vic became actively involved in the Roleystone community, joining the Volunteer Bushfire Brigade in 1953. He was a member for over ten years and Fire Control Officer for three.

He was a keen cricketer and played for Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club for six years but was an active member for much longer. He was involved in establishing Cross Park after the council levelled it in 1963 (prior to this it was on the same gradient as Jarrah Road).

As RKCC groundsman he supervised watering the newly planted grass with hand shifted sprinklers and hoses which took a couple of years before it could be honestly called a playing field. He was named RKCC best clubman twice and was awarded life membership in 1975.

Vic was also a tireless worker for the Roleystone Country Club, being a foundation member in 1972 and debenture holder.

He looked after the gardens for many years and established the beautiful roses that grow alongside the bowling greens today.

He played bowls for the Club and was a member of the infamous "F Troop" consisting of: Vic, Bill Campbell, Phil Moffit and Trevor Cook.

Vic was made the first Life Member of the club in 1983.

His wife and family wish to express their appreciation for all the messages of condolence and sympathy. Gwen would also like to thank Steve, Gary and staff of Roleystone Pharmacy for all of their help over the years.

Pictured below: Vic and Gwen with their great granddaughters, Lisa and Sarah, taken on his 90th birthday.



A Passionate Apology

With the sad passing of Vic Every, I have reprinted this article from the March 2008 edition of the Roleystone Courier....,

The following is a belated apology to Vic and Gwen Every for an act committed nearly half a century ago.

The Bettenay girls had a long walk home from Roleystone Primary School to their home in Irymple Road. Long walks gave rise to many opportunities for diversions. On the corner of Holden and Raeburn Roads (near the roundabout) the Every's house outer fence boasted a tremendous passion fruit vine which was always laden with fruit. The girls and their walking companion John VT (his name is hidden in the depths of time) lusted after this fruit, but they were law abiding citizens and were not tempted to steal even one passion fruit.

That is until Fiona Bettenay discovered a 'hidden law' that stated that owners only owned items on the inside of their property. Anything that was on the outside of the property was available to 'the common man'. (This was far before the invention of the Internet so she must have found and interpreted this law from one of the many books that she was always reading.) This would of course apply to fruit if it fell onto the ground outside the property. Fiona announced this wondrous discovery to Linda and John VT. The implications were obvious – the passion fruit were ours for the taking!

As Fiona and Linda were a little unsure whether the owners of this vine had read (and interpreted) this law in the same way, the girls sent John to do the collecting while they stood guard. For many days they collected the fruit, taking it to a hidden spot along Raeburn Road for storage and later consumption. My memories are vague and perhaps time has magnified this act, but I estimate that many 1000's of passion fruit were removed and consumed. We even invited other friends to 'our cubby' to share the spoils. So now it is time to 'come clean and fess up'. Nearly fifty years on, I have discovered Vic was very aware of our actions. So again a belated apology – those passion fruit were definitely forbidden fruit – but they were delicious!

In Fond Memory of Mr Vic Every.

Linda and Fiona Bettenay



Little Tiger Arrives: Wills Kenworthy

Sean and Danielle Kenworthy are excited to announce the arrival of their first son William Robert Kenworthy on the 28th of October 2013. William is the treasured first grandchild for Danielle's family, the Tillers, and the latest of many for Greg. He is a gorgeous, healthy baby and the new parents couldn't be more proud. A future Roleystone Tiger in the making.

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Poignant Memories at The Grove of the Unforgotten

As the years march on, The Grove of the Unforgotten at Araluen Botanic Park becomes more beautiful. This was again the setting for this year's Remembrance Service held on November 11. The tall cypress pines, planted for the fallen YAL boys and the wonderful jarrah that stands central to the shrine, again provided a wonderful back drop for the service. Plus of course the reflective pond, filled with water lilies and, by the end of the service, the floating wreaths of remembrance. The wreath laying has particular significance in this location and most of our local schools sent student representatives to place floral tributes into the lily pond.

This year our soloist was the amazing Jay Weston. The service was conducted by Rev Susan Thorpe Gudgeon and the highlight was our own amazing choir from Roleystone Community College, conducted by Karen West. The choir sang beautifully and behaved excellently, despite some technical difficulties and the distractions provided by heat and flies.

The beauty of the scenery and the poignancy of the service become even more relevant as the centenary of the beginning of the first World War is fast approaching.

Thank you to all of the Araluen staff, particularly Liz Dunn the event organiser, and the wonderful gardeners for their efforts in keeping the memory alive.





Book Club Mates

Louise Littlely and Jo Strutt celebrated the end of Louise's exams and the start of summer!

Oh, and they had just finished reading 'Secrets Mothers Keep' and Linda had been over to 'Share the Secrets' with their Book Club.

VALE CAM CLAY

On the 12th November Cam Clay passed away peacefully at the age of 73, with his family around him. Our district has lost a mountain of a man. Cam had devoted much of his life to volunteering and especially to saving our environment.

Cam was born Robert Cameron Clay on 9th August 1940, 6 Kelly Street, Donnybrook. He was born at home, even though a hospital was available because his doctor felt he would get better care at home from his maiden Aunt – a nurse. Sister Margaret joined him 7 years later!

Cam was a keen sportsman playing many sports including football at WAFL level and for Fitzroy in the VFL. Cam worked for the Bank of New South Wales, now Westpac, over much of his working career.

Cam married Faye in 1968 and they had two daughters Fiona and Meeghan. Cam is survived by 'his girls' and his two grandchildren Zara and Jon.

His involvement with Community was always strong and he had many years in a senior organisational role with Youth Hostels Australia. When he set up with Faye on the block in Bedforddale, he joined the Bedforddale Bushfire Brigade and this started a long association with this organisation. His long term efforts with the Bedforddale Volunteer Bushfire Brigade were recognised with a life membership.

Cam's greatest love in retirement was the environment. Cam was a proactive and much loved member of Roleybushcare and was seen frequently injecting trees and husbanding our bush reserves.

In 2011 Cam was the winner of the Citizen of the Year (25 years and over) for the City of Armadale and was also awarded the City of Armadale Environmental Contribution of the year. He was also an Honorary River Guardian through the Swan River Trust.

Cam was a leader in all aspects of caring for our environment over many years - including serving as the chairperson of AGLG (the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group) for 12 years. Cam always expressed his opinion strongly in support of the environment and was respected for this.

Cam was the treasurer of SERCUL for 10 years and also Deputy Chair of the City of Armadale Bushcare and Environmental Working Group

and was a member of the Armadale Wildflower Society. He also volunteered, on many occasions, for Settlers Common and Bungendore Park.

Cam, along with his wife Faye, volunteered in so many capacities and across so many community groups.

Cam Clay was a wonderful landcare and waterways crusader and will be sadly missed.



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Kelmscott Idol 2013

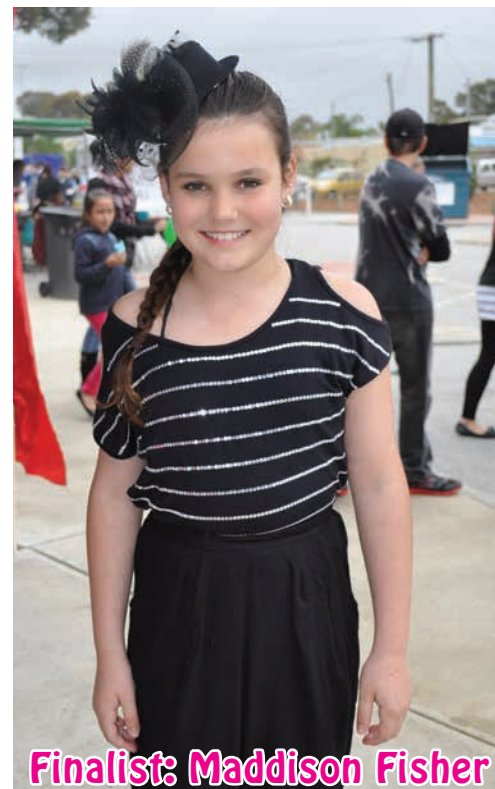
The inaugural Kelmscott Idol was held at the 2013 SmokeFree WA Kelmscott Annual Show, on Saturday 19th October.

The wet weather was no deterrent for the 24 finalists who performed with outstanding skill and made selecting a winner, a grueling task for the adjudicators.

Judged by local industry professionals: Tamara Birt (Armadale), Antonio Corea (Kelmscott), and Wendy Prior (Roleystone), the Junior Division (aged 8-12) winner was Kay-Lin McDonagh, with Amberley Dev and Mishka Miller as Junior Runner-Ups.

The Senior Division (aged 13-17) was won by Toby Muhafidin and Senior Runner-Ups were Ruby Bromwell and Isobel Wiltshire. The event was very proudly sponsored by the Roleystone-Karragullen Bendigo Bank Branch and it has certainly sent a buzz through the local community ready for 2014. Watch the Kelmscott Show website for application forms, ready for auditions to take place at WA Classic Sounds in September 2014.

Rachael Johns



Finalist: Maddison Fisher

Secrets Shared at Genesis in the Hills

On a beautiful balmy night in mid November Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant hosted 'Secrets Shared'. This was an opportunity for the Author, Linda Bettenay, to share some of the secrets and background behind 'Secrets Mothers Keep'.

Beautifully hosted by Ita and Rivka (we are so lucky to have these ladies) and gatecrashed by the rollicking celebrations of Roleybushcare, drinking to their most recent achievement, the evening was a huge success. Well done to all for this lovely night. This is such an exciting journey.



*Above: Liz Dunn and Kathy Moore.
 Below right: Flo Barnett, Lyn Place and Lucia Dulin. Below left: Millie Baguley*

Flo's Review

Step back into a time capsule of life in the early 1900's of Western Australian History. Crammed full of believable characters follow their lives, loves, losses, achievements and adventures. This is all woven together in a remarkable story that evokes so many emotions. A thoroughly enjoyable read. You won't want to put it down.
Flo Barnett.





At left: Felicity and her husband Bruno Rohner, enjoy the celebrations of Melbourne Cup Day, at the Roleystone Country Club.

A CHANCE MEETING

I was born and raised in Switzerland and grew up in a very close knit-family. Although my husband and I have lived in Australia for 32 years, 25 of these in Roleystone, I am still very close to my mother, sisters and brother, who all still reside in Switzerland.

In April 2012 my oldest sister was diagnosed with lung cancer stage 4, meaning the cancer had spread to her bones and liver. The whole family was in shock and disbelief and rallied to her support. I went to Switzerland in May/June 2012 to see her through a series of Chemotherapies.

Initially, she responded well to the Chemo, the cancer was reduced and she felt generally well again. But sadly this did not last and in September 2012 the cancer was back, bigger and more aggressive.

Her Oncologist by then had given up on her and sent her home to spend her last days with family.

But we as a family were not ready to give up. My younger sister, married to a Doctor herself, had a friend who used to work in a clinic in Germany. This clinic is a Hyperthermia Centre specializing in integrated Oncology and in treating the patient, as opposed to treating the cancer like most Oncologist would.

But this story is not about the clinic and the treatment there, although I am a big supporter of it. This story is about how small this world is. Refer to <http://www.bad-salzhausen.de/> if you would like more information about this treatment.

Being in Australia, half way around the world, I could not go and visit my sister on weekends or evenings as the rest of my family could. We spoke regularly on Skype, which helped us both, but was not enough. So I

decided to accompany my sister to this clinic in Bad Salzhausen, Germany and be with her through the treatment there.

I flew to Switzerland at the end of November 2012 to pick up my sister's car and drive the 300km to the clinic. The treatment would take three weeks.

The clinic provides accommodation and meals for both, the patient and the support person. They have a big buffet for lunch and for dinner, where everybody could help themselves to what and how much they would like to eat.

There were tables for four to eight people. One would get to talk to other patients and their supporters, share stories and experiences, good or bad.

So there we were, my sister and I, sitting at a table having dinner. Another patient approached us and asked if he could join us for dinner.

He spoke with the widest Aussie accent one could think of! Naturally, I laughed and asked where in Aussie-Land he came from. 'From Adelaide,' was the answer.

How small is the world, I thought. Here I am in Germany, supporting my sick sister and I meet an Australian!

But this is not the end of the story!

We spoke more and I told him that I, too, lived in Australia, although I was originally from Switzerland. Naturally, he wanted to know where in Australia I lived. So I said Perth, WA - why bother mentioning small Roleystone at this stage!

Next thing I know, the lady on the table behind us turns around and said:

"I heard you mentioning Perth. Me and my daughter here, we also come from Perth!"

Well, of course I want to know where in Perth she and her daughter come from! I could not believe what I heard next: "we live in Roleystone!" I almost fell off my chair!

I travel half way around the world to accompany my sister to a small clinic in country Germany, and I meet someone from Roleystone!

From then on Carol and her daughter Kayley, my sister and I, spent time together to go sightseeing and visit places around the clinic. The two of them even came to stay with us for a weekend at my sister's and mother's place in Basel, Switzerland. Sadly, my sister passed away in April 2013. The treatment in Germany gave her another four months of quality life, but could not cure her as her cancer was too far progressed.

But my friendship with Carol and her family is still going strong and I am happy to say that Carol is in remission and doing well. We occasionally meet for lunch or tea or coffee and chat endlessly!

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From the Archives Who Owns The Water?

This is an extract from The West Australian, October 29th, 1912. It is a reported speech by the Attorney General, Mr T. Walker, at the opening of The Kelmscott Show in 1912.....

.... Agriculturalists are the makers of nations. Not the statesmen, however valuable they might be, nor the members of the Parliament, the roads boards or the councils.

The nation builders are those who, on the land, provide the cereals and general sources of food supply. The Government is more-interested in hearing of the triumphs of the agriculturists than in reading of the great cattle kings and big-holding landlords.

The object of the Government is to cover the State with a population that will produce, not merely a sufficiency for local requirements, but a great surplus for the markets of the world. A surplus that will, by a great bridge of commerce, encircle the world.

While the local producers think they are but working for their own livelihood, they are indeed bringing the State into closer touch with the Empire and the commerce of the world. The great aim of the present Government is to make all the community helpful to every section of the community.

The Government desires to see a flourishing population of horticulturists and agriculturists and to see the establishment of dairy farming and other farms across Western Australia.

He (the Attorney General) was thankful that it was possible for him to say that there was every possibility of a bountiful harvest this year. Such a harvest as would give them every faith in a country, which so far they had just scratched and feebly tested. A country which would yet be one of the finest countries in the world in the proximity of life's bounties.

The Government to this end is anxious to help, and for that reason the new Irrigation Bill had been introduced.

It is no new experiment that the Government is trying, it has been

found to work well in New South Wales and in other countries where it has been tested.

The principle is that the Government did not desire the smallest amount of the water that Nature has blessed the country with, to run to waste or be unduly monopolised.

The Government desires, by control of all rivers, lakes, lagoons, and other fresh water supplies, whether natural or artificial, to make the earth more fertile. And surely those present would admit that that was a desirable thing.

The Government recognises in the Bill that no individual has the right to the whole of any river or stream; that a man with land on a river or stream has no right to dam or stop the water, preventing it flowing down through a neighbour's holding; that he has no right to pollute the water of such stream or river; that he has a right to his supply of water from it for stock and other necessary purposes, but that if he wanted more than was justly allocated to him, he would have to pay for it.

Such a landholder in the meantime would also have the benefit of the irrigation scheme. There might be some instances where, under the provisions of the Bill, some slight injustice might be done to landholders. Provision however, was made for compensation.

He (the Attorney-General) could not conceive that any injustice to speak of would be perpetrated under the provisions of the Bill. It was, he would say, however, a measure aimed at the general good, by making more fertile the land and improving the water supplies by removing any monopolising of water. He congratulated the Society on the excellence of the display, and had special pleasure in formally declaring the 22nd Kelmscott Agricultural Show Open.



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Secrets@The Narrogin Inne



A full house, with over seventy people, crowded into the upstairs room at the Narrogin Inne on the 13th of November to listen to readings from 'Secrets Mothers Keep', a novel recently released by Linda J Bettenay. And the crowd were not disappointed.

The spellbound audience listened, transfixed, as actors Bree Hartley and Michael Forman from the Roleystone Theatre and author Linda, read letters from the haunting chapters dealing with the war front in Gallipoli.

The music, especially composed for 'Secrets Mothers Keep' by Guitar Virtuoso Kim Bettenay, added to the ambience of the night. As the final chords faded a loud ovation revealed the enthusiasm of the entranced audience.

In the book, the three best friends decide to enlist at the Narrogin Inne in 1914, so holding this event in this iconic location added to the 'sense of place' for the performance.

'The strength of the performance of the two actors was truly amazing. The audience was drawn into their characters and experienced the euphoria and excitement of parting, the reality of long separation and finally the brutality and personality altering aspects of an unforgiving war.' Bettenay said, 'Bree and Michael were brilliant.'

This event was celebrating 'Write Along the Highway', a focus on National Novel Writing Month.

Organiser Jan Pedroli from the City of Armadale Libraries, stressed the importance of writing and encouraged all budding writers to try to write 50 000 words over November. The selection of local Linda Bettenay and the focus on her locally written novel, reinforced that you 'do not need to be an internationally acclaimed author to write'.

In his submission to 'The West Australian Information Network' Jan Pedroli said:

'The Armadale Library was fortunate to host local author Linda Bettenay last Wednesday. She is currently promoting her book "Secrets Mothers Keep".

'Rather than giving a 'standard' author talk, Linda set up a performance where local actors "performed" sections of her book with Linda herself being the narrator and a guitarist providing background music as well as interludes between reading sections. This performance all happened in the upper storey at the Narrogin Inne - a location that appears in the book. All in all, this was a performance that had the crowd very excited and appreciative of the 'show'.

'If you're looking for events for your library I highly recommended you get in touch with Linda!'

'Thanks so much to the actors, Kim for his wonderful music, the staff of the Narrogin Inne for the hospitality and, of course, Jan Pedroli and the City of Armadale Libraries for sponsoring this event. Plus, I really appreciate the wonderful audience support - a full house is amazing.' Linda said in conclusion.

For more information on Secrets Mothers Keep and to purchase the novel search for lindasbookswa on Facebook or visit her website: lindasbooks.com.au.

If you missed out, you can book to attend a repeat of this performance at Kwinana on the 12th February.

Other venues and dates to follow.



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Linda you should be so proud of what happened last night!

Rarely have I seen a crowd so enthralled by a performance; from the back I could see that not a single person made a move throughout the performance.

This morning I spoke with one of the attendees with whom I am organising the Write along the Highway event and she too was still excited about the event. Your brother truly is a musical genius, the way he 'knitted' segments together was wonderful and I even more liked his little background chords that were so much in tune with the highs and lows of the spoken word presented by the 3 of you.

Roleystone collaboration worked its magic!

It has been a pleasure and honour, Linda, to have been involved with you and your promotion. Trust me to promote your efforts in the library community.

*Thank you
Jan Pedroli,
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Next Performance

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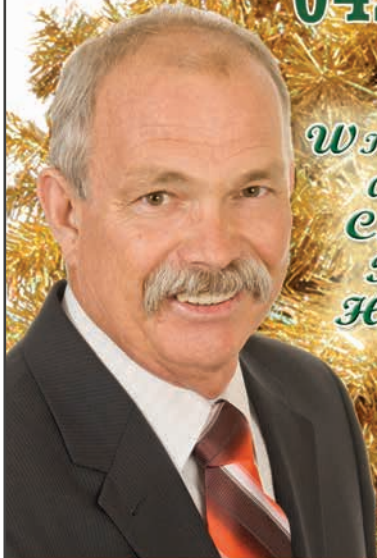
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Artists of the Roleystone Family Centre gathered once again for our annual art exhibition on Friday 15th of November. On show was a fabulous collection of artworks and a wide variety of styles and mediums. Thank you to all those who supported us by visiting the exhibition over the weekend, more than 90 people! Twelve of whom purchased an original painting. Congratulations to all the artists! For enquiries about art classes call the Family Centre on 9496 1115.

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I am normally a pretty relaxed jogger, just with my dogs as company, so I especially washed all my running gear so as not to scare off any of the other more civil participants!

I managed to stay in the lead group all the way, which had some disadvantages when the front runners did not know Armadale very well and had evidently not studied the course map too well.

We did an extra large lap around the oval missing the first drink station and then when approaching the welcomed finish line – which was meant to be a pretty easy lap around the lake at Minnowarra Park and finish in Memorial Park.

The lead pack instead decided to go that little bit further and headed off up Church Ave in the totally wrong direction towards the starting line! Oh dear!

I left the front three running off up the hill and turned towards the rest of the runners, down past The Manse to the Memorial Park finishing line.

I reported the lost runners - they eventually came back after tiring themselves out and got a prize - and I myself got fifth overall and first girl. Not a bad effort!

Cr Caroline Wielinga

Pictured above left: Caroline and her daughter Zamia, before the start of the Kilt Run.

At left: Perhaps Cr Kerry Busby really did get lost! Kerry did his run at Ayers Rock.

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The Old Armadale Hall looked brilliant for the Business Armadale Awards Night held on 8th November. Over one hundred people celebrated their year in business, with the highest achievers recognised on this gala occasion, by the group designed to promote business interests across our City.



Guests enjoyed the wonderful three course meal provided by Gary Smith of the Manse Restaurant and superb wines from Churchview Margaret River. Outgoing President Peter Mulder and City Mayor Henry Zelones gave heartfelt and inspiring speeches. The winners of the awards over the evening were:

- Community Participation: Options Employment
- Consistent Quality and Service: Alita Construction
- President's Award for Innovation: Seadragonz Swim School
- Industrial and Commerce: Goad Resources
- Tourism and Hospitality: Araluen Botanic Park
- Social Inclusion Award: Dome Cafe

The overall Business of the Year Award went to Araluen Botanic Park. Well done to all winners and to the Committee and organisers.

1. Lari McDonald: Seadragonz
2. Lea and Peter Mulder: Leeder Services
3. Jim Hobbs Turner & Alison Bramwell: Dale Cottages
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Even with the wettest October in years, the sun managed to shine down on the pair during their ceremony which was situated overlooking the beautiful lake on Larikin's Farm.

Rob and Kirsty would like to thank their family and friends for joining them on their special day and making it a great weekend away in Margaret River.



A HAPPY OCCASION FOR RACHAEL AND SEAN

Rachael Wall and Sean Blakeley of Roleystone were married in Araluen Botanic Park on Saturday 12th October, 2013 surrounded by their family and friends.

The couple's reception followed, a night of dinner and dancing, which was held in the Roleystone Country Club's Function Room. This was beautifully decorated by Wedding World with the aid of the bridesmaids and family

members.

The couple are now settled in their home at Byford.

Groomsmen and Bridesmaids (starting from the top of the stairs down) Groomsmen: Mack Yates, Jeff Gough, Simon Wingate, Liam Fagan and Lee Pearce - Best Man Bridesmaids: Rachel Davies, Cherie Ansell, Amy Roe, Lynda Albanese and Celeste Zaverri - Matron of Honor.



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The Scarlet Darlings Go Spooky



The Scarlet Darlings, Red Hat group, embraced the spirit of Halloween recently and had a fabulous night of fun and frivolity. Pizzas and ice cream were the order of the night, and everyone took part in lots of great party games. The ethos of 'Red Hatting' is to grow old disgracefully and that we do by having lots of simple fun.

Maureen Woltersdorf

The Halloween Photo from left to right: Caren McLaren, Christine Lockyer, (whose idea it was), Madeline Granville, Sherrill Wallis, Jenny Corry, Maureen Woltersdorf, Chris Clay, June Cranfield.

Below: The Scarlett Darlings enjoy their Christmas Function.



Break Ins Over Rolesy

Over the last few weeks there have been a spate of break-ins. Here are two recent stories. Names are withheld, on request.

Central Roleystone 9th November

My neighbour works fly in and fly out and on Friday morning, I heard some noise coming from the next door house. I decided to investigate because the wife and children are there alone. I found an Aboriginal male ransacking the house. I gave chase, I threw something at him and yelled some obscenities. Then we rang the police.

Very Early Morning

Central Roleystone 10th November

So it was our turn this morning.

*We were broken into at 5.30 am by 2 men in their late 30's. One was white, the other was an aboriginal and their car an old brown Kingswood station wagon was being driven by an aboriginal female. They took my bag and our computer. My husband heard them and chased them and they dropped everything on the way out except my bag. My husband chased them to their car and a struggle started. They threatened to stab my husband who then bailed from their car with my handbag and one of their shoes and cap!
My husband has been hurt, losing the skin off his back.*



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November Club Night

Let's Hear It For The Girls!

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Newcomers, Jac and Greg arrived and performed a set of blues/gospel songs. Our members Kim (guitar) and Glen (drums) joined them to complete their set. As an encore, Jac gave us her acapella version of Mercedes Benz. We were delighted to hear a girl in the room and what a great voice she has too!

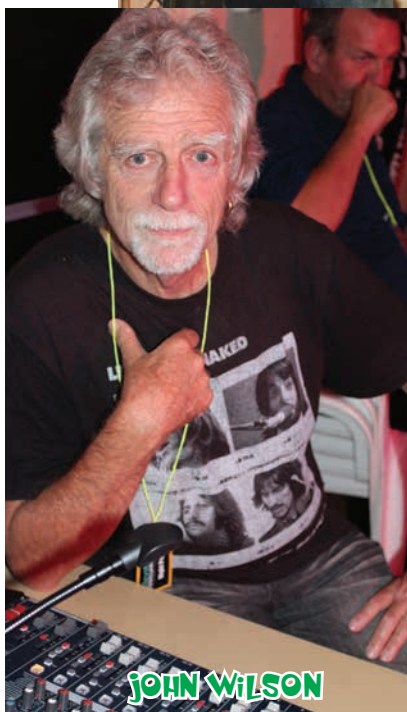
New member Dave performed a great set of originals and covers accompanied by Evie on vocals. Another female vocalist with a strong voice. We loved hearing her rendition of Amy Winehouse's Rehab. Thanks Evie!

A big thanks to my friend Deric who opened the night with his set of acoustic numbers. This was Deric's first time at the Club and, the consummate performer that he is, he was happy to open the night for us.

New drummer Sean slotted right in with Mike B's version of the Beatles "Come Together". Mike, Enno, Jeff, Kim, John, Dale, Tim, Jasper and Sean mixed it up for a few sets to entertain us to the end of the night.

Thanks Guys and Girls for another great night!

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Harmony & The Opening of 4indiversity

Harmony the Carnaby Cockatoo took pride of place at the Opening of 4indiversity at the Zig Zag Cultural Centre and Gallery in Kalamunda on the 16th November. The opening night was a great success with over 70 folk attending with standing room only. Everyone enjoyed themselves and managed to mingle with glass in hand while viewing the exhibits. Glenn Dewhurst from the Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Rehabilitation Centre opened the event. A proportion of the sales was gifted to Kaarakin to help them with the rehabilitation of these unique, but endangered birds.



Irene Young
Pictured top right: The Artists at the 4indiversity Exhibition Opening Night, Wayne Jeffery, Isabel Colenutt, Christina Verbrugge and Irene Young.
At right: Harmony the Carnaby Cockatoo. Glenn Dehurst is behind.



GRAFFITI IS VANDALISM

In early November the walls and fences behind the Doctor's Surgery and the Dentist's surgery were severely vandalised by graffiti.

Owners called the Graffiti hotline and the problem was rectified very efficiently by a volunteer group who have the name "Civic Pride". These volunteers work very hard to keep the City of Armadale clear of graffiti and we thank them again for their selfless actions.

This last act revealed a new tag previously unknown to the graffiti team who in partnership with the City of Armadale and Police take photographic evidence in an effort to trace and track the culprits.

A spokesperson from the group wished to reinforce to residents that if they have any information about the vandals they should contact the **Graffiti Hotline 1800 442255**.

A cautionary warning from the graffiti removal volunteers to the pavement artist who recently decorated the path to the Family Centre and the Wygonda/Jarrah roundabout in October and created the artwork 'Lest We Forget' just prior to Remembrance Day. Although this was creative, and to many beautiful, even this ephemeral art transmits a clear message to others that wilfully marking public property is okay.

All forms of art on public or private property, without the express permission of the owner is illegal and perpetrators could be charged.



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Bec Webb holds a Lions Christmas Cake.



Liz Dunn

ARALUEN NOTES

Bendigo Bank's Carols by Torchlight - Sunday 15 December

Come and join in the spirit of Christmas in the picturesque setting of Araluen Botanic Park on Sunday 15 December. You are welcome to come early and enjoy a picnic tea before the Carols commence at 7.00pm.

At 7:00pm popular Mix94.5 media personality, Blake Williams, will introduce the evening's performers commencing with the Town of Victoria Park Brass, which will set the mood with a medley of Christmas music. The community singing of carols will be led by the beautiful

voices of the Carradine Choir and the Roleystone Community College Choir. A special guest appearance by the ever-popular and talented Jay Weston will add to the evening's enjoyment.

Fruit mince pies, soft drinks, sausage sizzle and tea and coffee will be on sale.

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

Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Day Service held on Monday 11 November and was very well attended by school students, veterans and the general public. Thank you to the Reverend Susan Thorpe Gudgeon who conducted the special service.

Our thanks must also go to Karen West and the students from the Roleystone Community College and soloist Jay Weston who all sung so beautifully despite a problem with the sound, which was soon rectified. Thank you Len Copley for reciting the 'Ode' - you do it so well.

Volunteers Evening

Araluen is very fortunate to have a great team of dedicated hard working volunteers who help in the

garden, drive the train and help in the Roundhouse Gift shop. As a small token of our appreciation, we hosted a cocktail evening at the Mary Hargreaves Pergola on the Centenary Lawn on Sunday 24 November.

Despite the weather turning a little chilly as the evening wore on (with jackets starting to appear) a great time was enjoyed by all. The Park is certainly very beautiful at night under the lights.

Carol Night 2010



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So get Fire Ready and have your Green Bag ready in your Emergency Evacuation kit. Most folk already have a Green Bag - if you do not, these Green Bags are available from all Coles and IGA stores. For more information there will be a meeting at the Roleystone Fire Station in Jarrah Rd at 7.30pm on Thursday 12 December. Everyone is Welcome. Make 'Saving Lives' Your Priority!

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I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout my first year as a Minister. My Ministerial portfolio has been a wonderful and challenging experience thanks to the support of my supporters, staff, friends and of course my family, we have risen to the challenge. We are off to a great start but there is a long road ahead. It is at this time of year that we are especially grateful to have our family and friends around us. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2014.

*Tony Simpson
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Our team, The Escapees, raised over \$15,000 in total and were part of a mammoth fundraising event that raised over \$5.3 million dollars for the Western Australian Institute for Medical Research. Special thanks to the wonderful Roleystone Community for your incredible support in helping us achieve and exceed our goal.
The Escapees.



Reunion of Old Friends

On Saturday 30th November, four school friends spent a lovely day at Melville Rose farm laughing about old school days. Most of the girls had met at Roleystone PS over fifty years ago. Pictured: Mary Gwynne (Bullen), Nicola Ritter, Linda Moore (Bettenay) and Isobel Davies.

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What a wonderful morning we enjoyed, at Pam and Stans' beautiful garden here in Roleystone.

The moment we drove into the yard I was spellbound at the beautiful Pierre de Ronstadt rose climbing up the corner of the house. It was fully in flower and looked crisp and lovely. Then I noticed the healthy lush camellia bushes and the Flanders poppies just finishing the flowering season with so many seed pods ripe for sowing next year.

The garden had hedges of low alyssum, Chinese tallow trees surrounded by pea straw, flourishing in the front garden. The calibrachos in the urns at the top of the stairs set the pattern for the formality of the garden and starting to bloom were the structural plantings or agapanthus and the gardenias.

The Myrsine African hedge lined the lawn with tall roses behind, then the scene changed to be less formal with many different native plants and over the inner driveway were many *Arcanthus mollis* still brandishing the spears. Around the side of the front garden was a mesh of large shrubs that had been planted to replace a horrendous, Japanese pepper corn, that had previously dominated the yard but had been disposed of because of its foul habit of suckering.

A range of different trees made a border to the block including: conifers, plumbago, philadelphus, and Claret and Desert Ash.

Up the back of the yard near the swimming pool but outside the pool yard was the most magnificent *Prunus elvins*, which Pam bemoaned its suckering.

I have always loved the ones that sucker because they look so natural and the suckers grow readily when transplanted.

Margaret gave me a pink version some years ago when we visited her lovely garden. It thrives and has already given me a couple of suckering plants.

GARDENING NOTES BY JEAN EVANS

A lush wisteria covers a solid framework for the full length of the garden at the back of the house. Very sensibly they have compost bins around the yard and a large rainwater tank.

After our walk through the garden we were entertained by a video of the garden taken in peak time. This is a garden for all seasons with somewhere to sit and rest in either cosy corners in the winter or shade in the summer.

Looking back over the many years of the garden group, we have had so many lovely outings over the years. If you would like visits from the group or know of gardens that have either the need of friendly advice or established gardens you would think we would enjoy please feel free to contact myself or Lynn.

Have any of the garden club members a piece of the orchid I divided a few years ago? The lady who originally owned it has returned to live in Roleystone and I'd like to return some to her as it was a present she received from her mother.

Last night I went book-shopping. I was looking for children's books but I couldn't help checking out the gardening section. One book I noticed was a new Paul Bangay book for \$100.00! Very expensive but what a lovely gift for a gardener.

There are a lot of less expensive books that would be most appreciated by our loved ones. Or even quality garden tools or some form of green-life for the not so black-thumbed. Good relaxing, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jean

The Roleystone Garden Group

Many thanks to Pam and Stan Mott for inviting the Roleystone Garden Group into their lovely garden in Windsor Avenue last month and turning on a wonderful morning tea/come early lunch. It was much enjoyed by all. This year's Christmas Wind-up for the Group will take place on the 12th December (the second Thursday of the month) from 12 noon, and Bob McDonald has put his culinary reputation on the line by taking on the challenge of catering for the entire group! Bob's garden and 'cuisine corner' is located at 36 Blackwood Drive, Mt Nasura. The group will take a break during the two hottest months of summer and resume garden visits on the third Thursday in March, 2014.

Best wishes,

Lynn Matthews

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Kym Grimes is currently faced with a huge challenge. The fight to survive against cancer. Kym Grimes (Greenshields) is the type of person who would put her hand up to help anyone.

So now it is our turn to help her and her family out.

The families at John Wollaston Anglican Community School are getting together to

help one of the their own. They will have a Christmas themed activity stall at the Roleystone Markets.

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Maria Ford



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Unplugged Acoustic Folk Roots & Blues



ANDREW

The 'Unplugged Acoustic Folk Roots & Blues' message is travelling far and wide. This month a lady had travelled up from Mandurah for the afternoon session!

Jeanie played guitar and sang, then joined by her friend Wendy did some of the best harmonised singing I have heard in a long, long time.

After a far too long a break, the 'Williams & Burton Duo' returned. They specialise in brush drumming and piano accordion. Tony, using a brand new accordion with built in sound system, could replicate sounds from: a piano, synthesizer, strings to a Wurlitzer Organ.

Most of 'Beatzwukin' group provided some 'smoooooth' listening. (We will get them all there sometime). Patrick now driving a ¾ size double bass giving their sound depth.

After holidaying here for the last few months; we had to say goodbye to Mr Lin Zhong Jiang, his spell binding playing of the Erhu will be missed. We wish him a safe trip home and hope he will

return and join us again.

Another new comer Andrew, put smiles on everyone's face with some very comical songs and expressions. Andrew is involved with the 'Men Shed' in Maddington. Many of the usual supporters were on hand, at one time just about filling the Wygonda Lounge. Once again, thanks to everyone who supported our event.

The next 'Unplugged Folk Roots & Blues' will be on December 8th. The theme will be John Lennon. For more information contact Mel on mgyoung@westnet.com.au or text on 0406 190 822.

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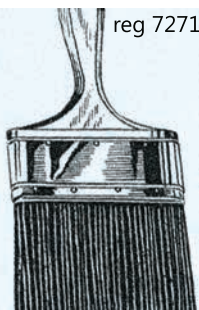
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THEATRE NEWS

November has been a busy month for Roleystone Theatre.

On Sunday, the 3rd of November, Roleystone Theatre celebrated its 80th Birthday with a birthday party and BBQ picnic at Churchman's Brook Dam. Lunch was followed by some traditional party games - pass the parcel, an egg and spoon race and pin the tail on the donkey. To cap off the day, we all celebrated with some Birthday cake.

On the 22nd of November, our current production, Peter Pan, opened to an almost full house.

Kids and adults both delighted in the wonderful tale of the boy who never grew up.

With adventures involving Pirates, Mermaids, Indians and Lost Boys, there has never been a dull moment in this production. Many local children (and adults!) have joined the Theatre as part of this production and we welcome them all with open arms. It has been a pleasure and delight to work with such a great cast.

On a sadder note, Roleystone Theatre recently lost one of its long time theatre members, with the passing of Don Morris in late

October.

Don joined the theatre in 1970's when he moved to Roleystone and started working at the then Roleystone Primary School. He has performed in, as well as been involved 'behind the scenes' in numerous productions since joining the theatre.

Whist Don had not been an overly active member over the past few years (he was last seen in *The Crucible*) he was loved and will be missed, by many in our community.

This month we are also pleased to announce the following productions for our 2014 season:

- March - *The House that Jack Built*. An original play, written and directed by Mark Thompson.
- May - *A Trip to Bountiful*. Directed by Kim Martin.
- July - *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*. Directed by Lorna Mackie.
- October - *Storytime in the Hills*.
- November - *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Directed by Lys Tickner.

Continuing on with the opportunities we've had to work with children this year, we are planning further youth orientated activities including another acting for screen workshop.

Please remember, new members are welcome anytime and we look forward to seeing you at our next production.

Kathryn Ramsell



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RCC Students Win First Prize at Film Festival

Roleystone Community College's Specialist Film and TV Department is celebrating an award winning year with top honours in two local festivals.

The College won first prize at the inaugural Atwell Film Festival with 'Last Letter' winning best short film in the U18 category.

Directed by Year 10 student Ciera Bayley and written by Year 9 students Luke Allanson and Hannah Solomon, it tells the story of a young boy 'reading' the last letter from his mother who has since died.

This short film was shot on location during the Film and TV New Norcia film camp this year. Earlier this month Film and TV Teacher Mrs Bullock and her talented group of Year 8 students won this year's 'Smarter Than Smoking' Young Director's Festival.

Coordinated by the Smarter than Smoking Project and South Metropolitan Public Health Unit in Armadale, the Festival is an innovative approach to health promotion in the school setting.

The winning 30 second commercial will now be screened at Armadale Grand Cinema before each film during the summer.

The Judges led by a panel of leading WA health

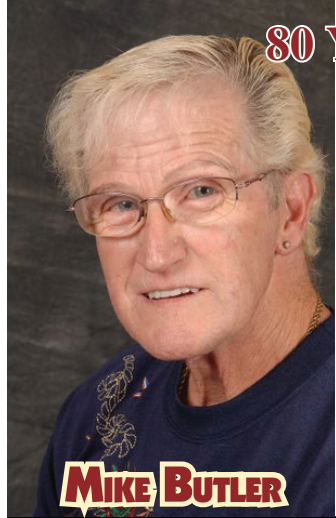
agencies, Murdoch University, and a 'Smarter Than Smoking' youth committee member said Roleystone Community College's commercial with the tagline of 'Live Life, Love Life, Don't Smoke', successfully communicated the social cost of smoking.

To celebrate this most successful year for the program, a special Showcase Screening evening for Parents and Caregivers was held on Wednesday 4 December at the College.

Vicki Sallur



80 Years of Performance



MIKE BUTLER

Mike Butler

Mike's association with the Roleystone Theatre started with The Pirates Of Penzance in 1972. Since then he was involved as an actor and director.

In 1978 he wrote and directed Robbin Hood and the Babes In The Wood. He appeared in Salad Days, The Boyfriend and Esther, to name but a few. He chose and directed the highly successful White Horse Inn. He won the Finlay Award for the Theatre with The Pyjama Game, an outstanding show.

Mike appeared professionally on stage and in movies, both here and overseas.

Mike also loved Old Time Music Hall which he often appeared in. He was also the Theatre President for many years and was responsible for many of the Theatre upgrades. Mike was also made a Life Member for his contribution to the Theatre both on and off stage.

Joy Martin

Since Joy Martin joined the Roleystone Theatre, she rapidly involved herself in all aspects of Theatre Life. Her strong deep singing voice was first heard and appreciated in the Theatre's Old Time Music Hall. She appeared in such productions as Iolanthe, Esther, South Pacific and she had a major role in Pardon Me Prime Minister. She directed Annie and was an assistant director of White Horse Inn. Joy was Theatre Secretary



JOY MARTIN

for many years and was the Publisher of the Theatre's Newsletter THE CALLBOY. Joy was made a Life Member for her outstanding contribution to the Theatre. Sadly, she is now longer with us but her memory will live on forever.

I have enjoyed writing the monthly notes about the Theatre's contributors in our 80th Anniversary year. There are so many more individuals who I could have written about (eleven months is not nearly long enough).

To all who have not been mentioned, 'Congratulations' to all of you. You have contributed to making the Theatre what it is today.

May I wish all Theatre supporters a Very Merry Christmas.

Zyg Woltersdorf.

A NEW BUSINESS ARMADALE COMMITTEE



The new Committee of Business Armadale has recently been announced with: Paul Harrison as President, Craig Renshaw as Vice President, Rod Ross as Treasurer, Peter Mulder as immediate Past President. Lari McDonald and Graeme Hill are Board Members.

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Pictured: Paul Harrison, President of BA.



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This fun competition can accommodate 24 teams so there is room for you. No experience or equipment needed as coaching will be available.

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Gerry Chapman

*Above: Ladies first day of the season
Below: the Bowlers on President's Day.*

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1. Eric Wats, Susan Towler and Arthur Towse.
2. Diana Hagget, Cheryl Bettridge, Tracie Barker, Tashia with Rob Van Uden behind.
3. The Aura Girls: Belinda, Anna, Shannon and Alisa.





ROLEY CLUB NEWS

Over November, the Roleystone Country Club had a huge month of parties, functions and events including: the highly successful Melbourne Cup Luncheon, a very well attended Quiz Night and a member's House-warming party.

One of the major events in December will be the Kids Xmas Party on the 22nd of December featuring Drippy the Dragon, a huge bouncy castle, Father Xmas (arriving on the Fire Truck), live music, face painting and a sausage sizzle. Drinks and food will be available, so make sure you put this date in your diary. The fun gets under way at 11.00am, continuing on through the afternoon and into the early evening.

While we are talking about the Kids, the fantastic Disney Mural was completed by local artist Vicky Alchin and now has pride of place on the wall of the Kids Room at the Club. Next time you come to the Club, check out the magnificent mural.

With Xmas fast approaching, the Club will be decked out with Xmas decorations and to compliment this, our Restaurant 'Windows on Wygonda' will introduce a new Summer Menu. Patrons are invited to come along and sample the wonderful meals on Wednesday, Friday or Saturday nights. As we are now having large numbers in the restaurant please reserve your table first, on 93975665.

On a sad note, we extend our sympathies to Gwen and the Every Family on the recent loss of Vic. Vic Every was a Foundation Member of the Club and was the first person to be granted Life Membership. He will be sadly missed by his many friends at the Club. After his funeral, many people came back to the Club for his wake which was a lively affair where many shared humorous stories about Vic and the old days of Roleystone.

We wish all our members a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year. For all information on the Club's activities, please check out our Facebook page or go to our new website at roleystonecountryclub@inet.com

I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

Michael Hansen
President



1. Vic Every
2. Alan Mazzacchelli and David Ward.
2. Peta Walsh, Rocco Safiotti and Felicity Veducci.



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Roleybushcare Notes Next Field Day



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We will be treating the trees in Garland Reserve to protect them against dieback disease on Sunday 8th December. We will start at 9.00am and finish by noon, maybe sooner.

Instruction in treating the trees is available from very knowledgeable people. If you help out at the field day then you will be allowed to take home our equipment to treat your own trees.

Morning tea is provided and all are welcome.

Important Note: Please check our website at 8.00am on the morning of the field day for any cancellation notice.

Roleybushcare wishes our community a happy and safe holiday and we thank you for the support we continue to receive each year.

Celebration

Last month Roleybushcare took out the Landcare Innovative Community Group Award and part of their prize was a huge bottle of champers. So they all gathered at Genesis in The Hills Vegetarian Restaurant on the 17th November to celebrate. And most stayed on to join into Linda's Party: 'Secrets Revealed'. We all had a wonderful night.

1. Kathy Blaney Murphy and Chris Ranger.
2. Tim Lardner and Ian Colquhoun
3. Terry and Janice Dawson
4. Frank Baguley and John Horgan.
5. Marian Meharry and Jackie Ashford



Farewell Cam: A True Rbc Stalwart



Members of Roleybushcare have been saddened by the death of Cam Clay, a long term member of the group. Cam had a huge appetite for helping others and helping all local community conservation groups.

At his funeral we found out about the long list of groups he helped to get started and other groups he joined to help them develop. He was also on a range of committees which influenced environmental policies of local and state governments. We were appreciative of both his help in the forest - removing weeds and protecting trees from dieback but also his help when we raised environmental issues with the City of Armadale; his verbal support always helped our cause. His happy face and playful demeanour always served to add enthusiasm to our field days or life to an otherwise boring meeting. We will miss him, but we will always remember him.

*Ian Colquhoun
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GUMNUT FAMILY FUN DAY 2013

We all had a blast at our annual Family Fun Day. The day's great success was due to a lot of help from our parents. Lee Purchase, Kerry Davis & Claire Spry were just a few of the hard workers! Thank you to all the ladies who stayed behind to clean up. You all did an amazing job. A special 'thank you' goes to Janice Mclean's Mum for helping with the doughnuts, they were delicious. A big thanks to the mums and dads who did the BBQ sausages.

Our face painters were brilliant, Veronica Smit and Leone Williams did a wonderful job as always, thanks ladies you're one in a million. We were given fruit from Rodger - a local orchardist, the children loved the freshness for the crisp apples and pears.

We had Yogi Pammy and the children really enjoyed trying to copy her moves, it was wonderful to watch. Thanks Pam for joining us on our special day. And we cannot forget our very special Bananas the clown. He is the best! It is always a pleasure to see our children smile and giggle at his antics. I would like to thank our community who helped us have such a fanatic day. With your support we achieved a lot for our children.

Thank you and have a Merry Christmas and A safe relaxing New Year.

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I don't think I have ever been past the facility without seeing someone using it, from toddlers with their mum standing in the middle keeping an eye on them, to the experts doing some amazing tricks.

I was very impressed with the etiquette of the users as there seemed to be people going in all directions but having very few collisions, good humour and lots of tips and suggestions for the younger users. I would like to thank the council officers for all their work in listening to the suggestions made and then incorporating them, with Convic, into the final design and construction. I think this has been a great outcome for young people and for Roleystone.

On the odd times when Andrea & I are both at home we enjoy walking around Roleystone. It is great to now have some of the footpaths joined up, especially the new piece around the Jarrah Rd/ Raeburn Rd corner where we used to either walk on the gravel on the side of the hill or walk on the road. It has now made the walk much safer apart from the marri nuts. Footpaths are one of the frequent questions we are asked about. A few years ago the CoA came up with a system to decide the order in which paths would be installed around the suburbs. This is still how the issue is decided although suggestions can be made if changes happen in the street.

Caroline and I would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and a safe and exciting New Year.

Grant and Caroline

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Cr Grant Nixon
0418449611



Cr Caroline Wielinga
0488 900 307

November Weather

Weather Statistics David Elliott:
Your Official Roleystone Weather Site.

November Rainfall Average

November average 34.0 on 7 days
Total Jan 1 to November 30, 1058.4 on 142 days
Year average to November 30th, 1014.6 on 111 days

Temperatures

Lowest Min 8.5 (25th)
Highest Min 17.7 (4th)
Lowest Max 23.1 (18th)
Highest Max 36.8 (16th)

November Rainfall

Year	mm	# days
2007	0.4	1
2008	75.0	10
2009	61.0	5
2010	14.2	4
2011	57.2	10
2012	46.8	6
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Helping The Phillipines: by Keith Wheeler

Dear People of Roleystone,
You may have been wondering, like many Saint Christopher's people, how or where to respond to the cataclysmic 'natural' disaster in the Philippines. So, on Sunday 15th December we have a Carols Service at 9.00am and the total amount of money donated on that day will go to the Philippines' disaster relief fund.

You are invited to come and enjoy the carols but more specifically to stop for a time and enjoy our Christmas activities. Be one with the families and towns and villages where there may be no baby - even in a manger.

It is good for us to celebrate! The Christmas story really is a story about unexpected pregnancy and birth (not in the most acceptable circumstances or conditions).

The resulting effects on: literature; the arts; music and the changes to our social conscience, have been profound. This event has revolutionized the world.

BUT if we do not stop and connect with our fellow humans, who are suffering or in pain, then all that other stuff is just 'stuff and nonsense'.

So please come and join us on the 15th Dec at Saint Christophers.

I Love the Christmas Season.

Some people say that Christmas is for children and at one level I very much agree, angels, stars, shepherds, 'wise men', babies and magical stuff. Beautiful!!

On another level of course, it gets a whole heap more serious and complicated. When the innocence is squashed by 'the world' and dismissed as irrelevant by this very modern and sophisticated society we live in.

The church has tried to follow the way of love but like all religious and welfare groups, we have found ourselves to be deficient and often irrelevant. We hold onto 'the dream' but we're caught in phraseology/terminology/religious talk, that leaves the majority of people dismissive, even of our good intent.

Only if people are prepared to let the Spirit of Love and self sacrifice, guide their way to relate to others will truth, goodness and peace become an overwhelming force in the world.

May you all have a delightful Christmas.

One that doesn't do harm to yourself or to anyone else. And please, open up your doors to a new year of optimism arising out of your healthful choices.

Love to you all

Keith Wheeler and the Community of Saint Christophers



Christmas Services

Merry Christmas

St Christophers Anglican Church

- Sunday 15 Dec. 9.00am PHILIPPINES/CHRISTMAS CAROLS - all offerings to go to the Philippines
- Sunday 22 Dec. 9.00am Celebration/Preparation
- Tuesday 24 Dec. 11.30pm Christmas Eve Communion and Carols - Rev Keith Wheeler
- Wednesday- Christmas Day 9.00am - Eucharist
Rev. Dr. Lesley Borowitska to take the service.
- Sunday 29 Dec. 9.00am - Waking the baby - High Morning tea.
Have a lovely Christmas - choose wisely and safely for yourself and others.

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- Sunday 15th December, 9.30am - Children's Christmas play
- Sunday Night 22nd December 6:30pm "CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT" family friendly (Bush Style) @ Roleystone Community Church, 1 Croyden Rd. Roleystone
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- Wednesday 25th December 9.30am, Christmas Morning Celebration

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- Tuesday, 24 December 6.30pm - Children's Mass, 8.30pm - Latin Mass, 11.30pm - Carols (then Midnight Mass)
- Wednesday, 25 December: 12.00am - Midnight Mass, 10.00am - Mass for Christmas, NO EVENING MASS

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Roleystone Mens Shed Now has over 50 Members

Well, what a year it's been. At the start of 2013 we had 26 members and this has steadily increased to reach the magic 50!

Shed equipment has built up to make the woodworking section fully stocked with almost all the tools we need, whilst the metalwork section has grown from practically nothing to a well equipped workshop. All this progress would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors, the Roleystone-Karragullen Bendigo Community Bank[®], Fidock Real Estate, The Roleystone Family Medical Centre, The Roleystone Community Family Centre and the Roleystone Recreation Centre. Along with our sponsors' donations of money and services, gifts too numerous to mention of equipment from individuals and businesses in and around Roleystone have made our progress rapid and enjoyable.

As many will know, we are situated at the old Roleystone Primary School through the indulgence of the WA Education Authority, to whom we are eternally grateful. We hear the site will be sold early next year, and we hope to negotiate with the new owners to remain here until our permanent Shed is available, adjacent to the Community Hall.

Over 2013 the Shed has been involved in numerous projects and events. The year started with one of our more prominent members, Mr Tony Simpson MLA, attending our February "Sundowner", along with Mr Tony Jacobs of the Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bendigo Bank[®], who gave us a talk.

March saw the first of the Roleystone Markets at which we pitched our tent and held an Open Day for visitors. Later that month we helped "Crossway", a Church based community service, to restructure their premises in Kelmscott. To raise money we held a sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Maddington in April as well as one with our main 2013 sponsor, Fidock Real Estate. The year continued on successive Market days and Shed Open days as well as the Karragullen Expo, where we manned the tent handing out "Show Bags". Members have also been involved in two radio interviews to promote the Shed.

Various projects undertaken through the year include making



Pictured top: Gerritt Rynen at work in the Men's Shed doing electronic work.

Above: Eugene (Lenny) Lensink using the Compound Sliding Saw.

equipment for the Roleystone Gymnastics Club, repairing seats for the Roleystone Bowls Club, picture framing, working at Karrakin Cockatoo Sanctuary and, in conjunction with the Lions Club, helping repair a lady's home in Roleystone in need of some urgent work. Other projects that are in hand are the construction of Bowling Ball boxes for the Bowls Club and the construction of Possum boxes.

As part of our Charter to work with the Community, we recently started a "Skateboard Construction Class" with the help of Joyce and Stuart, Roleystone's Church based community social workers. This, we hope, will enable us to aid and build links with the youth of Roleystone, and allow us to impart knowledge and provide mentoring.

The other aim of our Shed is to promote Men's Health. To this end we have held talks at our monthly "Sundowners" from Dr Ojo of the Roleystone Medical Centre, The Cancer Council of Australia, the Injury Control Council of Australia as well as holding a First Aid course for members.

We look forward to building on our success in 2014, and in particular, to welcoming new members. Just call in at any of the Shed open times.

Phil Aked
Chairman

Roleystone Men's Community Shed
www.roleystemensshed.com.au

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The Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre staff and Committee would like to wish everyone in the community a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.
We would like to thank everyone who participated in all events, courses or meetings held in the Family Centre and also our regular user groups. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the new year.
Special thank you to our wonderful committee for their hard work and dedication
The Centre office will be closed for January for a much needed rest and recuperation. For usage of the Centre during January please call the Centre and leave your contact details on the answering machine. Someone will get in touch and arrange usage for you. Don't forget to look on our Facebook page and website for upcoming events.
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The Fuller Cup

The annual Fuller Cup event concluded on Monday 25th November.

It was a very well attended event and we had 6 teams participating over 3 consecutive Monday nights. Our winning team was: Tony Jacobs, Vicki Maughan, Judy Smith and Mel James with Matthew Splatt filling in for them on some of the nights.

The tennis was played in great spirit and some very close games were played each night. Thanks to Helen Mantle for her work in the kitchen. Everyone enjoyed a nice

supper each night over the 3 weeks. Thanks to everyone for participating.

Coming Events

Xmas BBQ

Our Club Xmas BBQ will be held on Sunday 8th December. We will have a tennis afternoon and finish with a BBQ. BYO meat and a salad to share.

The Roleystone Open

Our Roleystone Open will be on Sunday 2nd February 2014. This will be a team event and will start around 3.30pm and finish with a sausage sizzle for dinner. Sign-up sheets will be up at the club soon so all financial club members should get their names down. The cost will be \$10.00.

Taste Of Tennis Coaching

There will be a free taste of tennis day on Thursday 30th January conducted by our Club Coach. For more information please contact Cameron on 9457 9704 or 0439 960 629. This is a free event for any interested juniors during the holidays.

Pictured at left the winners of the Fuller Cup: Matthew Splatt, Vicki Maughan, Judy Smith, Tony Jacobs and Mel James.

The Armadale Penguin Club

The Penguin Club of Armadale is a speaking group which helps women gain experience in all areas of Public Speaking. In November, the Penguin Club enjoyed a presentation by Linda Bettenay on her new book 'Secrets Mothers Keep'. Questions ranged over many topics but included a focus on how best to make a presentation in public - an aspect of great interest to the members of this group.

The Penguin Club meets regularly to celebrate and practice all areas of public communication. This year they celebrated their 50th Anniversary.

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Astrological Highlights December & January
 Greg Lowe Perth Observatory

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I wonder what the next End of Days silliness will be. The summer solstice this year is on December 22nd: longest days, shortest nights - not so great for astronomers.

Venus is coming to the end of a 7-month period of dominating the western evening sky as the "evening star". It'll set earlier and earlier this month, remaining in view just long enough to do a turn as the Christmas star, then will vanish into the glare of the sun by New Year. It passes between Earth and the sun on January 11th. At the end of January it reappears as a morning object and will be the "morning star" until September.

As Venus slips from the evening sky, Jupiter comes along to take on the mantle of brightest starlike object. In early December the giant planet rises in the ENE around 9:45pm. By mid-month it's rising at about 8:45, and by New Year it's visible in the ENE at dusk. On January 6th Jupiter's at opposition, i.e. on the opposite side of Earth from the sun. This means it's as near and as bright as it can be, and is visible all

night. Perth Observatory's summer holiday viewing programme will feature Jupiter as the "star of the show".

Mars is the next planet to come into view, rising in the east at about 1:40am in early December, 1:15am mid-month, and 12:30am by New Year. Daybreak finds it in the NE sky throughout December. Its orange colour helps with identification. Through January the rising time keeps getting earlier - about midnight in the middle of the month, and 11:30pm at month's end, by which time it's in the north at dawn.

Saturn's poised to reappear in the morning sky, rising just to the south of east at daybreak (about 4:15am) in early December, then about a half-hour earlier each week: 3:15am mid-month, and 2:15am by New Year. In January it continues to rise about 30 minutes earlier, week by week. By the end of January it's coming up just after midnight.

The major moon phases
 In December: new moon on the 3rd, first quarter the 9th, full moon the 17th, last quarter the 25th. In January: new moon on the 1st, first quarter the 8th, full moon the 16th, last quarter the 24th, and new moon the 31st.

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

December & January@the Seniors

What is coming up at the Seniors Club over the next two months?

On December 8th we will hold a Sunday market. Phone Christine on 93975047, the cost is \$8.00 per stall

On December 16th the Club will be holding their Xmas lunch at the Manse Restaurant. This will start at 12.00 noon and the approximate cost will be: \$30 (NB everyone needs to byo drinks). Please advise attendance by 2/12 and pay by 9/12. If you want to come, please contact Pauline on 93975498 as bookings are essential.

On December 20th the Club will have a

Christmas social at 4.00pm (after bowls). Please bring a plate to share and byo drinks.

The Club will be closed for the Christmas break from 20/12/2013 to 6/01/2014 with the normal programme resuming after this date.

To celebrate our New Year we will be having a BBQ on January 17th starting at 4.00pm. The cost is \$4 for members and \$5 for non members, byo drinks. Please phone Albert on 93906114 if you would like to come along.

Albert Chambers

Seniors Club Calendar
Closed from Christmas - 6 January
Merry Christmas to all.

Every Tuesday	Mahjong	12.30 pm	\$1.00
Every Tuesday	Pilates	5.30pm	
Every Wednesday	Indoor Bowls	9.45 am	\$3.00
Last Wednesday	Book Club	1pm	
Wednesday evening	Relaxation	6.30pm	\$8
Every Thursday	Yoga	9.30 am	\$10/\$12
Friday	Bowls	1.00pm	
4th Friday	Social	Bring a plate and BYO	

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Wild Gossip: Wildlife Carer Challenges

I have been receiving numerous enquiries about baby birds and lots are being brought to my house which is often quite unnecessary.

If you see a feathered baby bird on the ground, watch from a distance to see if the parents are in attendance and feeding it.

If dogs or cats may be a problem and cannot be confined then the baby bird will need to be gently picked up and placed on a nearby tree branch (Y shaped is good) and observed from a distance to ensure the parent birds are attending it. It is amazing to see a parent bird come to a young bird on a tree branch and use its wings to flick it back up to the nest and safety.

Unfeathered young birds will need an artificial nest, which can be as simple as a padded hanging basket, placed in a nearby tree with a warmth source such as a warm wheat pack or warm water bottle inside. This should be observed from a distance and if a parent bird does not return in a few hours your local carer should be contacted for advice.

Injured young birds will need to be gently picked up and taken to your local carer or shelter.

Sometimes young birds can be caught out of their normal time frame eg a magpie at night or a Tawny during the day. In this case the bird should be gently picked up and placed in a warm, dark, quiet place. The bird should be returned as close as

possible to the original location at the appropriate time – morning for magpies and other diurnal birds and evening for Tawnys and other nocturnal birds. If in doubt contact your local carer for advice.

I recently had an injured, pouch young, joey brought to me by the couple who had hit mum and she had run off leaving the joey behind. I took the joey into care overnight and made a vet appointment the following day. Sadly the joey's back was broken in two places so it had to be euthanized. I was amazed to be charged \$50 for this as normally wildlife consultations are free and I only pay for medication. I contacted the couple concerned and informed them of the sad news and they also expressed disbelief at being charged! The couple said that they would pay and would drop the money in my mailbox the following day. That was three weeks ago so I guess it is not coming! I have retired for health reasons and my husband has been unemployed for eight weeks so this money had to be paid from our savings. My concern is that with limited savings, whilst I can usually pay animal food bills and for medication, the extra burden of paying for euthanasia might make it impossible for me to continue. This would be sad as I love our wildlife and all wildlife deserves our love and care.

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

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Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club

Wow, time flies! We're already approaching Christmas which means we should be well and truly in the swing of things.

A-Grade tend to agree, sitting on top of the ladder where they belong and with first innings points in the bag for the current match in progress and an outright win looming, we can be reasonably assured that we'll go in to the Christmas break with high heads.

The always loveable Trent Stuart leading the way as usual with the ball, picking up 11 wickets so far at an average of 10.91.

Unfortunately the same can't necessarily be said for C's and D's.

C's are a good game or so out of the top 4 and without a win whereas D Gold are only a couple of points adrift.

D Green however remain winless after 7 rounds and are really struggling to find form. Of the few highlights in either grade, Jayden Norris (87) and Feidhilm Bennetts (79*), Beau Moulton (7/21) and Justin Dickenson (6/we won't say) were the shining stars in what has been a tough season so far. The season is long though and the performances are bound to come aplenty.

A strong showing so far from B Grade though who are well in the mix of a pretty tight top 4 thanks to some brilliant batting performances over the weeks including 122 from Scott Gaunson and 114 from Sam Ierino. Brett Turner meanwhile has consistently managed to chip in with the ball for B's, picking up 10 valuable wickets for just 99.

It's really been a team effort though in B's and with new captain Greg James at the helm the passion is there to steamroll through the rest of the season.

E Grade has now been split into North and South competitions, making cricket even more accessible to those who don't want to travel too far.

Even after the split, our beloved E-Grade continue to be a force to be reckoned with and their 3rd spot placing doesn't do justice to some of their performances so far this season. Of special note is Matt Faranda's performances so far, having racked up 245 runs at an average of 61.25, including an unbeaten 114 against Maylands earlier this month. Veteran Vinnie Baeli has also showed his usual fighting spirit with both bat and ball and has managed to snare 13 wickets already this season for just 106 runs.

With six teams competing there's still plenty of time to get involved in one of the greatest sports in the land.

Doesn't matter if you're sporting a filthy moe for Movember or unable to grow a hair on your head, everyone is welcome to try and be the next RKCC champion. Just visit www.roleystonekarragullenc.com.au and sign up!

Todd Bendall

VALE VIC EVERY

In very sad news for the club, Life Member Vic Every passed away recently.

Vic, a long time Roleystone resident and personality played for the RKCC 1963-69.

During that time he was twice clubman of the year in 64-65 and 67-68. ...

As a tireless worker and supporter over many years he was awarded the RKCC's highest honour with life membership of the club in 1976.

Many RKCC members attended the funeral and paid their respects.

Our thoughts are with wife Gwen, daughter Sue, sons Peter and Ken and all their families.

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John Lewis, President
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