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April Cover

Australia's biggest chilli festival ignites taste buds in Freo!

A large number of locals, workers, volunteers and visitors flocked to the Esplanade Reserve in Fremantle to this year's Chilli Festival. While at the end of the day it's 'just a herb', there is still something mystical about the humble chilli that continues to capture people's imagination.

This fascination was on show with the annual LiveLighter Araluen Chilli Festival, supported by the City of Fremantle, attracting amazing crowds to the Port city's Esplanade Reserve.

Australia's largest and most successful chilli festival and arguably the world's most popular hot food festival, saw around 100 stalls full of everything from chilli plants, condiments, sweets, foods, beverages and more, as well as roving entertainment and cooking demonstrations by local celebrity chefs.

Plus all who came had a great time too.

This month's cover features three local ladies Emma Nixon, Kathy Moore and Abbie Cross who frolicked on the train display, when they weren't rushed off their feet serving customers who flocked to the event to buy various chill plants.

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High Tea: A Wonderful Success

On Sunday 23rd March, the Intensive Crew hosted their High Tea Fundraising event to raise money & awareness for the Intensive Care Foundation.

Sharon, Bev and her team were very active in letting all of Roleystone and 'The Surrounds' know about this event which was a sell-out a week before hand! This year's event was held in the spacious Roleystone Country Club and the one hundred guests enjoyed the wonderful High Tea supplied by High Tea Social Club. There were silent auctions, door prizes, spot prizes & raffles drawn by our youngest team member Niamh.

Coordinator Sharon Knapp spoke about the Intensive Care Foundation, why it exists & where the money raised goes to.

Marina Fredericks (ICU nurse at RPH) spoke about the work done by Intensive Care Units across our country. The highlight of the afternoon came when Dwayne Knapp spoke about his accident, his injuries, his stay in hospital & what he has achieved since that fateful crash.

Everyone was entertained by the amazing 3piece group "NightOwl".

The Team members worked hard as wait staff, serving the guests with tea and scrumptious treats.

The event was an amazing success, raising \$4,752 for this very worthwhile cause. If you would still like to support Intensive Crew team, you can do so by donating on their Hero page https:// hbfrun2014.everydayhero.com/au/ intensive-crew



Well done to Sharon and her team for their amazing effort and to everyone who went along and supported the cause so enthusiastically.





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Letters to the Editor

Fun Corporate Bowls Turns Into Stealing Spree

I have been playing in the Corporate Bowls for many years. It's such a great competition for everyone who plays in it. I was in a team this year without my dad, due to him being in hospital having had a kidney removed.

I took his bowls over to the Club so the guys in my team could use them for the 6 weeks of the competition. I put them in the back room, where everyone puts their bowls after the games on the Wednesday nights. This was OK for three weeks.

On the fourth game, my dad was feeling much better so he came along to watch the game.

I went to the back room to get his trolley with the bowls in it, like I had for the previous three weeks, only to find that his bowls had been put into a cardboard box and there was no bowl's trolley.

The next week we both went over to see if it had been returned. Sadly, no it hadn't. I think this is extremely rude to think that someone has taken his bowl's trolley. He has been bowling there since the bowling club started many, many years ago. His trolley also had his name on an RCC key ring.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of his trolley or if the perpetrator is reading this, please bring it back to the club where you took it from.

It would be the right thing to do. *Name and address withheld*

Hurrah for Roley Women

How fortunate we are to have so many dedicated women in our community with so much drive and energy, taking time to raise funds for others, while at the same time giving enjoyment and entertainment to many.

It is so pleasing to read of their

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achievements and I am sure many others wish to say a big 'Thank You' for their commitment and generosity of time.

Along with the numerous other organisations and businesses in Roleystone-Karragullen, all playing roles in supporting our community, it shows the strength and depth of commitment to others and the reason why this is a great place to call home.

Pat Hart

Dog Owners - Be Responsible

I do ask respect from our four legged friend owners to please take responsibility to ensure that neighbours are not continually annoyed, upset and distressed by having to listen to constant barking from first thing in the morning, throughout the day, evening and night, day after day.

This is not only irresponsible of the owners but simply unkind to our four legged friends as their continuous barking creates agitation, anxiousness, sore throats to mention but a few areas of the stress it causes for them.

Please consider those who are shift workers, the aged, the unwell, those who happen to be at home daily and the disturbance it causes to our unique tranquil area that we have the privilege to be part of.

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Amalgamation Progress

The third meeting of the Local Implementation Committee (LIC) for the City of Armadale, Shire of Murray and Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale, was held at the City of Armadale on Tuesday 25 March 2014. Chairperson of the LIC, Mayor Henry Zelones said "The position of Project Officer to support the work

on Local Government reform has been advertised by the City of Armadale."

"The Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB) have requested the LIC reach an agreed position on Wards and Councillor representation by 30 April 2014. This will be a priority for the Governance Working Group."

"It was agreed that an early priority for the Human Resources Working Group will be to establish the principles (perhaps through a Memorandum of Understanding) governing how Serpentine Jarrahdale staff would be transferred to the two expanded Armadale and Murray local governments."

"The City of Armadale and Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale are two of the fastest growing local governments in the metropolitan area, and we are already dealing with enormous growth, the added pressure of reform matters is affecting customer



"We are seeking an early commitment from the Government that it will fund the extra staff needed to expedite and guide the change process. Growth Councils can't 'park' projects and allocate staff to the process, they need extra resources to deal with the process, while maintaining growth and development," said Mayor Zelones.

The Chief Executive Officers and the Human Resource and Governance working groups will meet next week to consider matters such as Wards and Councillor representation; staff matters; and the appointment of a Project Coordinator.

Our Deepest Sympathy

RIP Kym To the Grimes family on the sad passing of Kym Greenshields after her brave fight with a brain tumour. A woman with a true, generous spirit; the death of a lady, far too young and too full of life.

The Grimes Family fundraising committee would like everyone to know that fundraising is still continuing for this family.

Please see the Bogan Bingo advert on page 41.





Nendv Gary

Seen at the High Tea for Intensive Care -Gary Smith and his Mum Wendy Smith of the Manse Restaurant in Armadale. Memories of Gary's dear dad 'Docker Dave' - who passed away 27/3/2012.

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We put the sparkle back





Well known Roleystone identity Liz Zidich, made the decision to become an Australian Citizen at an evening ceremony at the City of Armadale in March.

Most of us thought she was 'already an Aussie' but Liz was born in New Zealand. She has been in Australia for 34 years and Roleystone for the past 22 of these. She declared that she is 'very proud'. Well done 'Aussie Liz'.

viv Keelt

In August 1977, Viv Keelty first developed and distributed the Roleystone Advertiser - which soon morphed into The Roleystone Courier. Since that time, consecutive owners have churned out this publication monthly. I ran into Viv, happy and living in Donnybrook. Thanks for your wonderful insight and hard work in getting The Courier started. We all Thank You Viv!



Become A Little Crochet

Classic Sounds (locally owned and operated by The John Family - a family of musicians) has exciting new classes happening this year! LITTLE CROTCHETS, is a music appreciation class for children aged 5 and under. Little Crotchets is locally run by professional musicians.

Their multi-instrumental skills will make sure your child's "hands on' introduction to music will be a fun filled experience. Enrolments for term 2 are now taking place. Term 2 will also premiere the long anticipated arrival of Classic Sounds Performance Classes. Junior SONG and DANCE (Contemporary), MUSICAL THEATRE and Senior SONG and DANCE (Contemporary) will launch on Friday afternoons. Places are strictly limited so be quick to secure your place. Oh, and if you haven't already checked out our GUITAR BUILDING WORKSHOPS you are

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LINDA MOORE APRIL 2014

As I write this there are actually grey skies - the rain is threatening and will be very welcome for us all. Still we have managed to get through the sizzling summer and relief is only a few weeks away. (See Liz

Agafonoff's gorgeous picture of dawn after our first rain - bottom right.)

I am prompted to write this month on a theme raised in Pat Hart's letter about our amazing 'Roleystone Women'.

Over March we have seen a number of events that have been overseen by some amazing local women: The Concert in The Park was orchestrated by the amazing Deb DeBoer. The energy in this 'pocket rocket' is astounding. As the President of the Roleystone Musicians Club, she manages to bring order and calm to a group of eclectic, albeit exceptionally talented, individuals. Her skills enable the event to happen and allow the Roleystone public to view our wonderful musos doing what they do best.

This year the concert was held in unison with the Roleystone Markets. The Market Committee consists of some impressive, hard working, persuasive and exceptionally talented women: Maria Ford, Pam Edwards Catherine Schaefer, Lorraine Hine, Christine Heavey, Joanne Meuli, Leandra Purchase, Wendy Van derLaan, Rhoda Downey. (Sorry Fraser Williams, you are in this group but you don't have the right gender to be caught up in this global compliment) You are all astounding! No-one could have predicted how successful these markets were going to be. They go from strength to strength and are renowned amongst 'the market world' as being some of the best organised and most popular.

And while we are talking about local women doing extraordinary things, the ladies from Girls on the Porch have exceeded all expectations. This has grown from a few girls doing some 'minor fundraising for cancer' to a state recognised major fundraiser. Well done to you all.

Recently we saw the astounding success of the High Tea Fundraiser for the Intensive Care Foundation.

There is no doubt that Sharon Knapp has had huge motivation for this. Her own son Dwayne, lost his legs in a car accident and has benefited from the extraordinary work done be the Intensive Care Unit in Royal Perth. Sharon has repaid this by becoming the biggest fundraiser for this group in Australia.

Her infectious enthusiasm for this cause has made us all more aware and very grateful that we live in a society where such excellent medical treatment is available. Well done Sharon, and her offsider in this - Bev Krebs. Other outstanding women in our location perform exceptionally in their jobs. Locals may not know that the major organiser of the Araluen Chilli Festival is Liz Dunn. Quiet, unassuming but immensely capable, Liz just coordinated this two day event that saw 100 stall holders, multiple performers and 25000 visitors come together. The festival is growing every year and it is sited 30 kilometres away from Araluen so everything needs to be transported down the hill.... and brought back up again. Wow.

Now these are just a few of our wonderful Roleystone Women. They are everywhere across our town. My congratulations and thanks to you all.

Happy Reading *Linda Moore*



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Some folk would say that as a Minister at Roleystone I spent more than a little time addressing the issue of "Life after Death."

It may be true but I am certain that all that I did and still do is grounded on an eternal, infinite perspective with our mortal frames inextricably joined at the hip to the hereafter!

Being in pastures new, however, I have been asked to address a rather more temporal issue - "Life after Roleystone". Our hearts may remain in your amazing community but another place now has a call on our lives.

We took our leave from Roleystone in late Spring 2011. Hilary and I abandoned full time employment and entered a new phase of life commonly known as retirement, relocating to the house we had built in Bridgetown.

The vocation of Christian pastoral care doesn't really allow for retirement, merely a change of context but perhaps that's splitting hairs. Anyway, apart from our spiritual Master, we are no longer answerable to anybody for our day to day activities. We're largely free to do what we choose to do and that has a huge impact on Life, irrespective of location.

For economic and practical reasons we couldn't stay on in Roleystone, but why go to Bridgetown?

Initially we took a rather clinical approach, identifying various attributes and ticking boxes for alternative locations. In the event though, it came down to a rather less objective methodology. We felt really drawn to Bridgetown and took the way "doors" opened as confirmation. In fact this place did tick a lot of the boxes. A hospital, medical centre, theatre, recreation centre, swimming pool, reasonable day to day shops, restaurants and other desirable infrastructure facilities are all here and – huge bonus – all within walking distance of the quarter acre town block we aquired.

Oh, and the library. They built a brand spanking new, state of the art, beautiful library just for us!

At least its opening coincided with our move so I presume somebody knew about our preferences. Bridgetown hosts a number of shows and events throughout the year so there are times when it is disproportionately lively for a town of this size.

Is it as cold as its reputation? That's for us to know and you to find out. Suffice to say, the town has re-invented itself as the Winter Capital of WA and the streets are lit with blue fairy lights from June to August. Our morning circular walk from home taking in a few kilometres of the Blackwood River bank is as delightful as strolling round Roley pool in any season.



I caught up with David and Hilary on my recent Author tour of Bridgetown. They are happy and very well settled!

We love it as a location but mercifully it's not everybody's cup of tea.

The one aspect which remains unknown until after you have made the move is the social scene. Our Church involvement obviously gave us an advantage with an instant "family" who welcomed us immediately but outside that context, it's pot luck as to what you find. Roleystone would be a hard act to follow, but in fact it seems that in Bridgetown it has an equal. It now takes us up to an hour to buy a carton of milk at the local IGA, just as it did in Roleystone when meeting friends was inevitable.

Of course, to a large extent you get out what you put in. How you find a place socially has as much to do with your own personality and character as with the new community. So others may have a different experience but we are doing OK thank you very much.

On balance, it's "so far, so good." And I have had a ball converting a building site into a home with a garden.

There are lots of things we miss about Roleystone, primarily our friends of course, but Life after Roleystone in Bridgetown is fine by us. It will do...at least until the hereafter!

Yours in absentia,

David Bardsley

PS. One blot on the landscape is the local magazine. Don't tell Linda.

Below: Linda 'posing' at the amazing brand new, Bridgetown Library - a truly awe inspiring building.





Roleystone Markets and Concert in the Park 2014 What a great evening we had, right here in Roleystone, on Sunday of the March long weekend! Despite the 37 degree afternoon, which delayed the start of the Concert, we had a huge turnout to enjoy performances by members of the RMC.

Thanks to the RMC Kids, Dave & Evie, Lucky & Johnny and Jacqueline Anne, Blue Mana, The Redeemers, Hawkstone and Acertijo Latino for providing such a wide range of music to please everyone.

We've had so much positive feedback from everybody; thank you so very much. The Concert is a terrific opportunity for our members to play to friends, neighbours and family; and what a beautiful night it was, under a starry sky with the trees behind the stage lit up. A 'Big Thank You' to the Market Committee. The girls work tirelessly and voluntarily, coordinating every aspect to ensure a fantastic event is held. The combination of Markets and Free Music makes for a wonderful local summer event for all Roleystone residents to enjoy.

Thanks also to the City of Armadale for their generous funding support again this year and to the Courier's Linda and Mike for the poster design and, as always, their generous support.

The RMC meet once a month at the Roleystone Football Clubhouse at Cross Park on Jarrah Road Roleystone. For more information check our website <u>www.rmcwa.com.au</u>; email <u>president@rmcwa.com.</u> <u>au</u>; call or SMS Deb 0468 626868.

Deb DeBoer

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AT ARALUEN

Araluen Botanic Park, Roleystone is the perfect location for indulging the kids in a fun, wholesome, educational and environment-friendly adventure during the autumn school holidays. From 10am to 2pm on the Tuesdays, 15th and 22nd April, our dedicated team of qualified volunteers will conduct a range of "Tulip" - themed activities, including Discovery Trails, Clay Modelling and Craft. Just \$3 children and \$4 adults. Between 10am and

índa's Books

BOOK CLUBS Below: Thanks to the ladies from 'The Stony Brook Book Club' especially Val for your hospitality!



11.30am – the opportunity to participate in 3 discovery trails.

Between 12.45pm and 2pm - clay modelling and craft.

Educational activities to explain important environmental issues.

Children are required to have their own adult supervision and it is strongly recommended that closed shoes, hat and sunscreen be worn. *Rod Ross*

> I have been in my book club for over 40 years now and our book this month was your lovely "Secrets Mothers Keep" which I have just finished. I want to congratulate you on such a great first novel. It was so beautifully constructed. I would like to know before our book club meeting just how much of the story is fact? Obviously the murder etc was, but was the story of Cliff also from fact?

I gather your husband is the grandson of Harold and maybe the son of Peggy? Also, did Vonny recover enough to lead a normal life? and what of Lillian did she ever remarry? Also, was the Store burnt down or was this fiction? You can see this book has really got to me, I just loved it! Kind regards Laurel Kerrigan Well Read Book Club, Morley



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At the recent Roleystone Markets two contestants in the Miss Humanity Australia 2014 Pageant came to visit. Pictured right: Janet, Amiia and Marinda.

By the time the April Courier is released the Charity Event for Janet Pan, will have been held.

Local café owner Audrey Wee will have hosted 'Music in the Hills', on Sunday, 30th March at 3pm at the Affinity Café in Roleystone.

They are aiming to raise funds and awareness for charity: water, a nonprofit organization bringing clean and safe drinking water to people in developing nations.

If you would like to donate please contact Janet on poonyiyan@hotmail. com.

WELCOME

There are new owners at the deli on Brookton Highway in the Kelmscott Hills, formerly known as Mon Petit Gourmet. It will be now called Hills Cafe and Lunch Bar. The owners have temporarily returned to Italy but will be back to Australia later this year.

Some of the gourmet lines will be cleared as the new manager would like to redecorate as a comfortable Cafe Lounge. They will be introducing Italian Tortes and Cakes in the future. They have already introduced a new line of yummy Italian home cooked biscuits.

They new manager Jenn has already started to put some of her new ideas in place.

"We have commenced trading on the weekends, plus we are now doing breakfast. Patrons can come in from 6am on week days and from 8am to 4pm on the weekends. So please drop in and see us soon."

Good luck in your new venture Jenn and team.









The Sun Dye Workshop held at the RNFC on Saturday 22nd March was an amazing success.

The essence of the Sun Dye workshop is that artists use transparent light activated paints to create really unusual works of art. The colours are amazing - rich and vibrant. As the process needs the sun to bring out the colours it is only run once per year while the summer heat is still truly with us. Although no artistic talent or experience was necessary, all participants were shown how they too could create their own masterpieces.

The group had a wonderful time, marvelling at their creations being transformed under the beautiful March sunshine while enjoying a shared lunch together.

Well done Deanna, Wendy and all the team at the Family Centre for hosting it.

Baby Rhyme Time

These sessions provide you and your baby with the chance to bounce and sing-a-long to some favourite rhymes, plus learn new tunes to entertain and educate your baby at home.

The sessions run on Wednesdays from 10.30 - 11 am and are suitable for babies and children up to two years of age. Siblings are welcome. As space is limited, please leave prams at home when possible.

Seville Grove Library – 2 April Kelmscott Library – 9 April Armadale Library – 16 April Contact Armadale Library on 9399 0125 for further session details.

Lari is One of The Top 100

Lari McDonald of Seadragonz Swim School in Forrestdale was named in the Nifnex 'Top 100 Influential Person of the year within Perth's Small Business Community' awards.



Over 300 people attended the award evening at the Hyatt Hotel in the city. Lari said she was honoured to have been nominated and thrilled to have been voted into the top 100 people of influence. It is humbling to be recognised among your peers in the small business community and she thanked all the anonymous people who cast their votes for her. Lari is the owner of Seadragonz, WA's most awarded swim school, and is a board member of Business Armadale and a member of the Small Business Advisory panel for the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in

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Reflecting On What Really Matte

Scott Pape of The 'Barefoot Investor' fame, granted the Roleystone Courier permission to publish his gut wrenching account of the aftermath of the recent Melbourne fires which destroyed his home and neighbourhood.

As a reminder, three years ago, 72 homes were lost to the Kelmscott/Roleystone fires. Scott's article is apt in many situations here depicting grief and loss.

Thank you Scott and family and may this next part of your life bring you many new fond memories.

"We lost everything. Three words that get to the guts of it.

It took a few days to process, but now the enormity of what has just happened to my family has finally sunk in.

So let me tell you what happened - and how waking up to a new day with not much else but the clothes on my back affected me in ways I never thought it would.

It's Too Late to Leave

My family has a very simple fire plan: on potentially bad fire days, my wife packs up our son Louie and heads into the city. I was sitting at the kitchen table of my farm. I knew there were fires, but I wasn't worried. As a member of the local CFA, I have a pager that calls my brigade to emergencies, and it hadn't gone off — yet.

What I didn't know was that the areas surrounding me were already being evacuated.

As the smoke thickened I decided to head to my neighbours. As I jumped in the car, the ABC radio announcer said of my area: "It's too late to leave. You must take shelter now to protect yourself."

The next 24 hours are a blur. I remember being on the back of the CFA truck defending my back paddock. Rounding up my sheep. Grabbing my dogs. Flooring it out the driveway. Staring into my rear-view mirror and, for a split second, thinking about going back inside and getting our valuables. But I fled.

The Castle

I could have lived in Toorak.

Luckily I found my own Toorak - sixty clicks away in the bush.

When I found the farm I wanted, I stalked it for years — literally — and in that time I saved up a big deposit (luckily for me, farms don't change hands quickly).

All the money was in the land. The farmhouse wasn't flash but my wife and I had set about making it our castle, bit by bit. A month ago, sitting on the couch, I said to my wife: "no matter how much money we make in the future, I never want to leave this place. This is enough. This is home."

When you stop competing, stop looking for the next place, it allows you to fully engage with your community; your neighbours. Don't Get Emotional

A side-effect of living through the world's

longest and strongest property boom is that many of us are trained in the status-hugging art of 'property pawn'. A house is just a chess piece to hold on to long enough for the equity to rise — then you trade up to a newer, flashier suburb with newer, flashier neighbours.

"Property is just a numbers game," say the gurus. Rubbish.

You should not get emotional about your home." How can you not?

It's the place I proposed to my wife.

It's the place we got married (under a big tree just down from the shearing shed).

It's the place we (nervously) brought our newborn son home to. And now it's all gone. Two chimneys and a pile of rubble are the sum total of a lifetime of possessions.

I'm not a materialistic person, but the realisation that everything was gone was like a hard punch in the guts.

At the start of the week, Louie didn't have any pants. My wife only had the clothes she was wearing. Even today I keep reaching for things only to realise they're gone.

Still, we're luckier than most. We're temporarily holed up at Barefoot HQ. Three people, three dogs, and our staff - in an apartment. It's painful, but temporary.

After all we have insurance. We'll buy more stuff, and we'll build again. But it's the things in my castle that can never be replaced which truly break my heart: old photos, Louie's first pair of booties, treasured paintings ... the list goes on.

The Romsey Pub

I walked into the Pub with my CFA uniform on.

The bar lady took one look at me and said, 'You look like you need a beer."

"My house has just burned down. I actually don't have any money ... " She poured me one anyway.

As I sat staring at the floor, a woman I've never met walked up behind me, gave me a gentle hug and put a \$100 note on the bar. 'That's for you."

Many people have questioned our decision to live in the country. Many more will question our decision to rebuild after what we've been through. But I moved to the area because I wanted to be part of a community. To lay down my roots. Make a life for our family among good, honest people. And with everything now gone, we've worked out how much we've got.

Without me asking, or knowing, my neighbours fought shoulder to shoulder throughout the night to try and save my house.

Despite their efforts it didn't make it, but the tree we got married under is still standing.

So maybe I'm wrong. Maybe I didn't lose everything."

Tread Your Own Path! Scott Pape

(The Barefoot Investor)



Patient of the Month

Roleystone Animal Hospital was lucky enough to have an unusual patient brought into the clinic the other week – a Kookaburra.

The clinic provides veterinary care for the birds brought into Darling Range Wildlife Shelter and sees Avian patients from the Shelter several times a week. Dr Tiffany Jacobs has worked with wildlife for many years and assists with the teaching of the Murdoch University Veterinary students in Wildlife Medicine.

The Kookaburra has a wing injury that is responding to good supportive care and pain relief at the Shelter.

He was a very good patient to examine and treat in hospital. Kookaburras are originally native to the Eastern States, but are thought to have been introduced to Western Australia in the late 19th Century.

It is believed that Kookaburras mate for life, so both Roleystone Animal Hospital and Darling Range Wildlife are keen to see this patient returned to his home territory as soon as possible.

If you are interested in volunteering with Darling Range Wildlife Shelter, please contact: 9394 0885

COTTON BUSH IS ON THE MOVE

Even with the small amounts of rain we have been experiencing recently, it is enough to get the Cotton Bush seeds germinating. Young plants up to 40cm can be seen flourishing around the City along with many larger old plants. With the City of Armadale's local law to ban Narrow Leaf Cottonbush coming into effect as from 1st July 2014, there is a requirement to remove or control the weed. So now is the time to get to these new plants before they get beyond hand removal!

Even if you have never had cottonbush on your property can I suggest you all keep a close eye on your property as many millions of seeds have been dispersed over the past year. It is best if you can stop them from spreading even further. For those who have masses of this weed growing on your place, I know the City will shortly be holding a community workshop to assist you in understanding the best methods to either eradicate or control it, depending on how extreme the situation is on your property.

It is indeed a massive problem not only in some areas in Roleystone but throughout the whole of the City of Armadale. With some of the old bushes it will need huge loppers or even chainsaws to remove it.

For information and control options go to the website and key in Narrow Leaf Cottonbush for a DAWA Farmnote.

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On Saturday 1st March 2014, high school sweethearts Bryce Archibald and Louise Nicoll from Roleystone were married on 'The 9th Green' at Araluen Golf Resort, in the company of their children, family and close friends. Following the ceremony guests were treated to a delicious three course meal reception in Views 101. Special thanks to Corah Gillett and staff who delivered great service throughout the night!

Bryce and Louise would like to thank all their family and friends for sharing this special day and Angie Delarie Photography for taking some gorgeous photos during the ceremony and reception. Pictured above front: Andrea Edowai, Jody Lockton, Louise Archibald, Bryce Archibald, Amanda Clews, Krystel Brandis. Back Row: Matthew Brandis, Michael Stewart, Ben Fubbs, Adam Robertson.



JOSh and Melissa are Engaged

On the 9th of March, long time Roleystone resident Josh Stokes celebrated his engagement to Melissa Higgins, formerly of Queensland. The party had a tropical theme because the couple first met on Day Dream Island in the Whitsundays where both of them were working.

We met four years ago. I was chasing Melissa for four weeks up and down the island, it took breaking my spine to catch her attention. Then she nursed me back to health and we have been inseparable ever since,' said Josh.

Their engagement party was a great success. The couple are now planning their wedding for mid 2015. Josh has asked his two best friends, Roleystone lads Matt Plowman and Rory Neaves to be his best men.

Best of luck Josh and Melissa

Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank® Branch News

Across Australia there are 540 Community Banks but, more importantly, jointly they have returned more than \$100 million to a huge variety of community projects. Our bank, the Roleystone-Karragullen Community branch has contributed to this amount by helping a number of local sporting and community groups with much needed equipment and help with special projects. Over the past 12 months we have been able to help the following Community Groups:

- Good Shepherd Netball Club
- Roleystone Netball Club
- Roleystone Bowling Club
- The Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre
- Hill Orchard Improvement Group
- Roleystone Gumnut Play Group
- Araluen Botanic Park Carols by Torchlight
- Kelmscott Show Idol Competition
- Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club
- The Roleystone Markets

If you are in a sporting or community group which needs a little help with equipment or a project, call into the local branch and pick up an application form. Limited funds are available from the Bank's Market Development Fund for groups and individuals which meet the Bank's sponsorship criteria.

The Bank undertakes sponsorships to support community organisations and activities that add to the wellbeing of the community as a whole. In demonstrating this commitment to the community, we also seek to highlight the benefits of the Community Bank model in its ability, as a community-owned enterprise, to support & enhance local organisations, events and initiatives.

Pictured: Maddison Fisher Kelmscott Idol Finalist

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The Secret Keepers - Book Review

Wow, what a horrific tragedy. I think many people can relate to shocking family secrets.

Amazing isn't it, the secrets we keep to protect other people. I have witnessed in my own life, and in my practice as a psychologist, the very heavy burden that being 'The Secret Keeper' can have. A job most acquire against their will yet feel compelled to keep. The truth will set the Secret Keeper free, but they are often too afraid to break their silence. Quite a horrible predicament. I wish people knew that they do NOT have to be a secret keeper!! They are not responsible for the consequences that the truth may have on other people. It's actually a very interesting topic in itself!

Your book is an intriguing read! I loved it and will be recommending it to all of my friends - including those who deal with the mentally ill. Your insight into the horrors which beset folk who are plagued by this most excrucaiting of conditions, was truly inspirational. Thank you Linda. I loved Secrets Mothers Keep. *Name withheld* Rarely do I buy a book from an unknown local author! Sadly there are just too many duds out there. But my neighbour had read your book Secrets Mothers Keep so I decided to chance it.

You have blown me away. This book is easily one of my favourites. I just loved it. The story itself is harrowing but the people are so uplifting. And it all takes place in locations in my own state places I relate to and know about. You have really made a wonderful start to your writing career. Please keep going! I cannot wait for your second book. Marcia Kitterson

Marcia Kitterson Fremantle

Genesis in The Hills is Still Delightful

Hopefully 'the word' is out already about Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant on Croyden Road.

I'm happy to report it's still a lovely place to visit with the same smiling faces and lovely service. Although Ita and Rivka aren't there, it's a great legacy they've left in the capable hands it seems of Kathleen. A large group of us descended one day for morning tea and we weren't disappointed as the great array of yummy cakes we've become accustomed to and great coffee were still on offer. I've also been told that breakfast is recommended here, so I must put it on my 'to do' list, as I'm sure by the looks of the menu there's lots of delicious food to experience.

I hope Ita and Rivka enjoy their well earned retirement, in the knowledge that their groundwork is being preserved and appreciated still.

Call in soon to experience the great location and support Kathleen's brave entry into the business world. We wish you all the best for the future.

June Copley

(and the Roleystone Pilates Ladies) June is pictured below at the Roleystone Markets in early March - sharing a joke with Harry Newell



What's New At Genesis in the Hills in April?

Our new website is up and running! You can see the complete current menu, the list of coming events, make a booking online, and more. The website has a mobile version too, so save the link to your favourites.

Easter

Easter is sneaking up on us (April 20!) Did you know that Genesis is able to make cakes to order and take away for your celebrations? Enquire by phone or email for whole cake prices. This Easter we are also raising money for the Australian Conservation Foundation, so take home a gorgeous bunny and chocolate egg - \$4 out of \$5 goes to the cause. They are selling out every weekend, so we are taking orders! Wouldn't they make a lovely Easter gift for the kids?

Jazz On the first Saturday in April (5th) we've got more live JAZZ for you. The Jazz trio performing for you next week will be Chris Tarr (drums), Karl Forisson (double bass) and Fred Grigson (guitar). Be sure to make a booking for these popular jazz events!

RECENT REVIEWS

I just had to let you know that I have finished your very compelling story 'Secrets Mothers Keep' - couldn't put it down and found it thoroughly absorbing! When next in Pemberton I will pop into the Discovery Shop and let them know that it is a great read and an author's visit would be a great idea. Best wishes for your continued success Joanne Jones Pemberton

....., and one from Beth

It's always great to read a book, with places you can relate to, especially when you live in the area. The early 1900s was a tough time for people, during the war and after. Linda placed me in that time and I felt all the characters pleasure and pain and was emotionally spent by the end. Amazing job, Linda. Beth Woodland Roleystone



O Rakia Stokell

Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup Easter Fundraiser

Are your children needing something to do or do you just need to get out of the house? Why not enrol your child/ children in your local playgroup. A fun, safe environment for your little ones to experience new and exciting things and a great place for parents to catch up and chat.

Playgroup is also running an Easter fundraiser with some fantastic hampers up for grabs and easter eggs to buy. Come down to the Roleystone Family Centre to purchase your Easter eggs and raffle tickets or just to chat about enrolling in Playgroup. You can also contact our registrar Marie Hoffman at rpgregistrar@gmail.com or 0404 996 670 or Kerry Davis atkerry.s.davis@gmail.com or 0439 914 011 *Claire Spry*



Linda's Books

I recently purchased Secrets Mothers Keep which you kindly signed for me recently at the Fremantle Chilli Festival. I haven't actually had time to read it but my 87 year old Mum has.

She thoroughly enjoyed it and read it over two days. So many things reminded her of her own father's life.

Mum was diagnosed with blood cancer a few days previous to her reading the book so it has given her something to distract her for a few hours as she has declined treatment.

Having always been an avid reader, she hasn't read much lately but she is now back to reading other books on her shelf.

Thank you for writing the book and giving my dear Mum such pleasure.

I too will read your book very soon. Janie



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The day was hot, oh so very hot, and the first folk to arrive at last month's Twilight Roleystone Markets sizzled. But the hot start mellowed into a wonderful, summer evening, with great music, the biggest ever range of stall holders and a brand new location for this year's Concert in the Park and Twilight Market.

It was exceptionally well attended and everyone was unanimous in declaring it a huge success. Families and friends gathered with picnics and a few drinks to relax and socialise.

A range of bands from the Roleystone Musicians Club provided wonderful, professional entertainment. This year, duos and single performers 'up front' entertained the crowd while the next band prepared, so there was no break in the music. The Roleystone Kids band started off at 4pm and they were followed by: Hawkstone, the Redeemers, Blue Manna, Jacqueline Anne, Jonny and Lucky, Dave and Evie.

The Musical Highlight of the night was provided by Acertijo Latino, with amazing hip swivelling Latino tunes. Thanks so much to everyone concerned for a wonderful evening: the bands and their support crews, The Roleystone Musicians Club, main coordinator Deb DeBoer, and the amazing Roleystone Market Committee who keep on getting better and better.



5. Brent, Cam and Lynn.

Pauline Peacock

6. Jean Chambers, Lorna Chambers and

Seen at the markets: 1. Hans Lotstra who moved to Roleystone in August. 2. Desiree Della Franca

- 3. Mark and Robin
- 4. After the last band: Albert, Dave, Gary
- and Enno the roadies pack up!
- 7. Pauline and Martin 8. Phil Akhed is excited about the Men's shed (or something!!!)

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Changing of the Guard at Miaflora Garden Centre and Teahouse Karragullen

John and Bruce's final day of operating as Miaflora, Karragullen will be on Sunday 27th April 2014. Until then, there will be 35% off all trees, plants, seated arches, arches, water features and the odd large sculpture.

There will be 25% off all jewellery and overseas art.

Do not despair about the passing of this iconic premises, the new owners will continue the theme of Miaflora Karragullen.

Both John and Bruce would like to take this opportunity to thank all of their patrons for supporting them since 30th October 2007.

'We wish the new owners: Chris, Fran, John and Sarah all the very best for the future.'

"We are looking forward to seeing you all at our new Miaflora Garden Centre and Cafe at Kavanagh House Winchester 161, State Highway 1, Canterbury New Zealand."

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John and Bruce









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FAREWELL LOVELYLAD

A group of friends gathered at the Roleystone Country Club in late March, to farewell Deb Wagstaff as she leaves Roleystone and Australia to return to the UK to build her new life with her daughter and family. Thanks for everything Deb and good luck in your new venture.



Paul Eubank will be opening his garage soon in the centre of Roleystone. Good luck with your new business Paul.







Recently I had the opportunity to join in with the Foothills Rostrum Club. They meet weekly to talk!

Their charter is to speak in a variety of different ways, public speaking short speeches, impromptu responses and of course the importance of running an effective meeting.

Rostrum is a not for profit public speaking organisation that started in the UK in 1923 and came to Western Australia in 1948. There are over 350 members in WA and local members attend the Foothills Rostrum Club 11 that meets at the Gosnells Hotel. The club's website is www. rostrum.websyte.com.au and further information about the workshop can be obtained by e-mailing rostrumclub11@bigpond.com

Pictured above: two Roleystone residents who are members of Foothills Rostrum: Rick and Carmel.



Team Boobies

On 5th and 6th April three sisters will be joining with hundreds of others to walk in the Relay for Life at Serpentine Jarrahdale.

Roleystone resident Pam Edwards will be walking with her two sisters, Isabel Colenutt from Mundijong and Maggie Munkley from Byford in the aptly named team "Team Boo-Bees".

Maggie is a cancer survivor and is the driving force behind the team of 10, which also includes well known locals Kerry Fidock and Maria Ford, and all of them will be doing the walk to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost and raise much needed funds to support the fight back against this dreadful disease.

The walk is the major fund raising event for the year but Maggie's fund raising efforts continue all year including having a stall at the recent Roleystone Markets to sell her hand-made candles where she was assisted by sister Isabel and caught up with Pam who is one of the hard working Market Committee.

The walk takes place over 24 hours and the sisters and the whole Team Boo-Bees team hope that their sore feet and lack of sleep is rewarded with a substantial amount to be donated to the cause. It's a great cause and if you would like to help the sisters and donate then you can do that on line to the Cancer Council relay for life page and look for Team Boo-Bees at the Serpentine Jarrahdale walk.

Pam Edwards

THE HA'PENNY BOX by Marie Smith A memory of Bartons Mill - submitted by Gordon Freegard

After Mr. Cook died, his wife gave up being the post mistress. Mill bosses built a one room place for the new post office, living quarters separated by a brown, cotton curtain. Doris Gray, one of the Hewison girls from Pickering Brook, became our new post mistress.

Her blonde, golden coloured hair, so curly it made her bob inches deep on the bottom, was the envy of all the girls. First to get the mail, really get a good look at her, were rewarded by a marvellous find - the ha'penny box.

It sat on the counter, low enough for kids to scrutinize its contents, one of a kind lollies, some wrapped, others their colours tempting rainbows of sweetness.

No-one minded going to pick up mail anymore.

Even if we didn't have a ha'penny to spend, We'd go through the box, plan what we



would buy next time we had one.

When a new box was opened, we did our best to scrounge a copper or two.

When I was seven and Mrs. Gray had disappeared through the brown curtain to get Mum's parcel I was waiting to collect, I sorted through the box, without any intention or means of buying.

Temptation got the better of me. I palmed two small lollies.

I was about to put them back when Doris parted the curtains. She'd know I had thought of stealing them if I returned them now. My face crimson, I took Mum's parcel from her, left.

I hurried home, delivered the parcel, didn't even wait to see what it held. I had to hide the lollies from Bethie.

I thought of dropping them in the dunny the next time I went.

But I made the mistake of licking one. I waited, ate them that night, after Mum thought I was asleep.

For a moment, sweetness clouded guilt.

When I was grown, I wrote a letter, enclosed a shilling, then found she had died.

I wonder ---- did she know? Did she let a lollie starved child get away with theft?

Pictured: locals with Loco at Jarrahwood - from Marie Smith's collection.



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Michelle@The Core Cider House Bridal Expo

On Friday The Core Cider House held an exclusive Bridal Expo, for 15 lucky couples.

The participants included brides and their girlfriends/bridesmaids. Michelle Edmead from Travel Managers was one of the 11 exhibitors outlining how their wares could assist the complete bridal experience. Other exhibits included florists, wedding planners, photographers and of course the Core Čider house.

As Michele said afterwards: 'the night had a really exclusive feel. All the groups were given a tour of the grounds, where their special ceremony would take place, and they came back to try tasty morsels prepared by the chef, taste the ciders and wine made on the premises, as well as spend time chatting to the exhibitors.'

Michelle gave away a bottle of Champagne and it was won by Melissa Mammone.

So what did TravelManagers have to offer the exited bridal groups? 'I had a special gift bag for each bride on the night, with brochures and exclusive honeymoon specials to the Maldives, Mauritius and Thailand.'

'I also presented a Wedding registry plan where the bride and groom use TravelManagers as a registry to go towards their honeymoon instead of the normal wedding gifts.' Michelle said.

What a lovely idea, and all in our own backyard.





Claire South and Craig Talbot



Active After-School Sport at RCC

Students at Roleystone Community College absolutely love the afterhours sports activities on offer, which have been running throughout first term.

Thanks to funding from the Australian Sports Commission, the College was able to run it for the first time this year.

Regional Coordinator for the AASC Program Claire South has been so impressed with Mr Talbot and his running of the program, that she visited the College last week and congratulated him on a fantastic job.

The Active After-School Communities program provides an opportunity for primary school children in Years 5 and 6 to participate in sport and other physical activity programs after school. Currently more than three thousand schools across Australia participate. Every session is free and initially each one was held at the College with the P and C canteen supplying afternoon tea. The two programs are being run by Roleystone community members from our local Roleystone Country Club Lawn Bowls and Araluen Golf Course and the activities for this term have been lawn bowls and golf.

Currently sessions are being run at the Roleystone Country Club with support from club members. This has been really well run and a very positive experience for all involved. Mr Talbot would like to thank all the community members who supported and helped with the program.





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My reflection on the year: 'it's always enjoyable to keep core treatments, but super exciting to introduce high technology treatments that specialise in anti-ageing and skin correction. Our IPL is creating hair free body parts in super quick times and Dermabrasion & Peels are smoothing out the wrinkles in Roleystone. Courier readers

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Celebrate the Vibrancy of Armadale During the Minnawarra Festival

Minnawarra Park will come alive with a wide range of art, cultural attractions and entertainment at this year's Minnawarra Festival celebrations on Sunday 6 April from 10am to 4pm.

A celebration in the heart of Armadale, the festival provides the opportunity to engage in vibrant, exciting, and interactive cultural experiences.

There is something for everyone to enjoy: aromas from around the world in the international food area; a coffee/chai tent area to relax and hide from the sun; two stages with global music from live performers; an interactive children's world; an artists' precinct; and a natural wonders photo display.

Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones said the festival's broad appeal drew a large number of residents and visitors to Minnawarra Park, year after year.

"This is one of the City's largest community events, and it is a great day out for the whole family, with a variety of music and lots of attractions for the kids and the young at heart.

"Coinciding with the festival this year, the magnificent Minnawarra Art Awards Exhibition will also be available to the public on the same Sunday.

"The Armadale region is home to a vibrant arts community and visitors to the Festival have the added opportunity to view some fantastic art works by West Australian artists.

"We invite the public to enjoy two special recitals by harpist Anthony Maydwell at noon and 2pm at the Armadale District Hall. A tram will be available to ferry participants from the Minnawarra Festival to the Armadale District Hall," said Mayor Zelones.

The Minnawarra Art Awards Exhibition is open to the public at the Armadale District Hall, Jull Street, between 11am and 4pm daily from 29 March until Sunday 13 April. Armadale is also holding its annual Blessing of the Roads ceremony that Sunday, which will take place under the shade structures of Memorial Park, commencing at 10.30am. For more information about the Minnawarra Festival, visit <u>www.armadale.wa.gov.au</u> or contact the City on 9399 0111.

New Tougher Home Invasion Laws

On March 12th the Liberal National Government delivered on its election commitment to reform and toughen up the State's home invasion laws, with Police Minister, Liza Harvey introducing legislation to tighten mandatory sentencing laws for serial burglars and impose the toughest penalties in Australia for serious home invasions.

We must make the victims of home burglaries the priority, the people who have their houses broken into repeatedly, or worse, those who have been attacked and assaulted during a home invasion. We all have the right to feel safe and be safe in our own homes.

The new legislation mandates minimum jail terms of 75 per cent of the maximum available for an adult offender who committed serious physical or sexual assaults in the course of a home burglary. This means:

•An offender who breaks into a house and violently rapes someone will face a minimum of 15 years jail

•An offender who breaks into a house and seriously physically assaults someone will face a minimum of 7 years and 6 months jail

•An offender who breaks into a house and indecently assaults someone in aggravated circumstances will face a minimum of 5 years and 3 months jail

A three-year mandatory minimum period of detention will apply to juveniles aged 16 and above who commit serious offences of physical or sexual violence in the course of a home invasion.

The Government's amendments will bring the punishment for home burglaries more into line with community expectations. The changes include reforming the counting rules to calculate burglary 'strikes'.

The three strikes rule was introduced in 1996 to ensure that repeat offenders would not avoid imprisonment, however, the counting rules meant that sometimes multiple burglaries committed over several days would count as only one strike. That will no longer be the case. Third strike adult offenders will be sentenced to a minimum of two years imprisonment.

It is important that people feel secure in their homes and that those who invade their sanctuary are punished for doing so.

Facts file

•Across all levels of adult courts, just 49% of aggravated burglary and home burglary offences resulted in a term of imprisonment in 2012, with an average of 15 months

•Offences will no longer get bundled up in 'one strike' As always, my office is here to help.

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Mason and Barb





HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 15 & 22 - 10am to 2pm The popular School Holiday Activity Days are on again in autumn. These are designed to suit children from ages 3 to 14 years (accompanied by an adult) to explore their creativity. They are designed to keep them busy for hours! Activities include discovery trails from 10am to 11.30am, followed by clay modelling, and creative craft activities during the afternoon. The theme this year is tulips. The cost: Adults \$4.00 Children \$3.00

Springtime and Tulips

The Springtime Festival at Araluen has traditionally proven to be one of the most popular annual gardening events in Western Australia.

We are all very excited about this coming Spring Festival and we will be working with the Consulate of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Consulate of the Republic of Turkey to feature the history of the tulip and its cultural impact on these two great nations.

For the first time in Araluen's history, 120,000 tulips will be planted in a spectacular display that will feature a Dutch and Turkish theme. This theme will not be limited to a floral display, it will extend to food, music and dance.

We will need many pairs of hands to help plant our biggest ever display.

Planting days: 24 & 25 May and 7 & 8 June.

The history of the Tulip is filled with intrigue, skulduggery, thievery, instant fortunes and broken hearts. And, although these flowers are synonymous with the Dutch, Tulips did not originate in the Netherlands! Nor were the Dutch always at the forefront of breeding these beauties. The Dutch obsession with Tulips belongs to the relatively recent history of the Tulip.

The attempts to trace the exact history of the Tulip have been thwarted by a lack of reliable documentation over the centuries although art from as early as the 12th century does give some clues.

What historians have been able to establish is that Tulips probably originated thousands of years ago in a 'corridor' which stretches along the 40° latitude between Northern China and Southern Europe.

The obsession with the tulip occurred way back in 1500's in Turkey - which was the time of the Ottoman Empire and of Sultan Suleiman I (1494-1566). Tulips became highly cultivated blooms, developed for the pleasure of the Sultan and his entourage. During the Turkish reign of Ahmed III (1703-30) it is believed that the Tulip reigned supreme as a symbol of wealth and prestige and the period later became known as 'Age of the Tulips'.

The Turks had strict laws governing the cultivation and sale of Tulips. For example: during the reign of Sultan Ahmed III, it was forbidden to buy or sell tulips outside the capital – a crime punishable by exile (which is a mild punishment compared to torture). It was often commented that, during this time, the tulip was more highly valued than a human life.

It was during the early 1700's that the Turks began what was probably the first of the Tulip Festivals, which was held at night during a full moon.

The May edition of the Courier will explore the Dutch obsession with the tulip.

All Pictures: Roleystone Folk at the Chilli Festival Cocktail Party at the Esplanade.







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Getting Ready for Winter Veggies and Herbs

Roleystone Organic Growers is getting started again and the April meeting will be a hands on one-sowing vegetable and herbs seeds that love the winter!

For success in growing vegetables and herbs, it is important to time the planting of seeds and seedlings to take advantage of seasonal conditions most favourable for their growth. The marvellous thing about autumn is that it is a good time that you can put in those seeds that thrive in the winter.

At the meeting, we will talk about how deep to sow seeds, how to water, fertilise and transplant.

Please bring all you need to get your seeds into soil: Seeds, trowel, gloves, punnets, trays, plant tags/labels, permanent marking pen, and seed raising mix.

When you sow vegetables from seed in punnets/trays, it gives you an enormous choice of different varieties-you may like to bring some of the following seeds to be sure you sow what you want to grow: Beetroot, Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflowers, Brussel sprouts, Kohlrabi, Kale, Silverbeet, Spinach, Leeks, Lettuce, Parsley, Florence fennel, Early White onions., Chives, Chinese Cabbage, Radish, Swedes, Mustard, Turnips, Coriander, Rocket, Mizuna, Pak Choy. Some of these seeds may be available on the night from our seed bank and plus we will share seeds with each other.

We suggest planting organic non-hybrid or heirloom seeds, as you can then save the seeds for the future. These can be either purchased at local retailers or online.

The meeting is on Wednesday April 9th at 7.30pm in the Roleystone Family Centre, 19 Wygonda Rd, Roleystone. Entry \$3-members free. Enquiries to Lisa 9399 2312.

Pictured: Alex Fisher Sewing Winter Veggies

The Roleystone Garden Group Meet at Miaflora

This month's Garden Group gathering will be at the much loved Miaflora on Brookton Highway, Karragullen on Thursday 17th April at 10.30am. With the premises in the process of being sold, this will be one of the last chances we have to enjoy the little slice of paradise right on our door-step. We will also take the opportunity to draw up a programme of activities/ outings for the remainder of the year and enjoy some of John's wonderful culinary creations over morning tea or a light lunch.

So put your 'thinking caps' on and bring along any suggestions you have on gardens, parks or commercial garden premises that you would like to visit in the future.

For more information ring Lynn 9397 5784 or 0419 927 807. *Lynn Matthews*

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Gardeners Circle Garden Open



The Hill's group, Gardeners Circle, will be holding a Bush fire garden open fundraiser AUTUMN COLOURS at 655 Fagan Street, Sawyers Valley on Saturday 12th April 10.002m to 4.00pm.

Adults \$5 entry with no charge for children.

There will be morning and afternoon teas, plants, functional and decorative garden items for sale.

The fire completely destroyed 57 homes and 203 properties were damaged, many of those severely. As well as losing gardens, patios/verandahs, sheds and contents, fences, vehicles and animals. As you can imagine, people are traumatized.

All proceeds will assist the 260 houses, re-establish gardens lost or damaged.

The Fagan street garden is on 5 acres, featuring an arboretum of more than 200 trees with a large cottage garden. There is an olive grove, sandalwood grove and a walk in orchard, with a vege patch. Truly a beautiful garden to visit.

Beth Woodland

GARDENING NOTES: WITH JEAN

At long last nature thinks it is time for a change! The Autumn leaves are slowly colouring up and starting to fall but we have not seen much sign of rain yet. Do we still remember what it feels like?

As I have been out and about I cannot help but notice how many mature trees appear to have totally succumbed and lost their fight for water. Particularly in cleared areas, where only one or two trees had been left.

The first of my Nerines has been flowering for a few weeks, reminding me that it is time to look at the bulb displays in catalogues and nurseries. When you select bulbs make sure they feel solid.

The Belladonna lily, or Easter Lily, is bursting forth into its pink colours. They appear first without leaves and then, after flowering, the leaves appear. I wonder how they last forever as normally they do not appear in catalogues. Another bulb that I haven't seen for a very long time is the beautiful and spectacular, Brunsvigia Josephine. Very shy blooming, you will have many years wait for a newly planted bulb to flower. When I first came to Roleystone I planted one near a citrus tree, I was so surprised when I saw it flower. But it never flowered again. Just a dim memory from the past.

One of the plants that seems to be having a resurgence in popularity is the pelargonium. These colourful plants were considered

'common' but we now realise, as our parents did, that no matter how little water and attention we give them they still reward us with a blaze of colours and flowers.

Many geraniums are available and there are still geranium specialists ehere we can purchase unusual ones. White flowering plants look brilliant and set off the colour of everything else. Cut them back now and stick the cuttings in the dirt and they will continue to reward. Pick off spent flowers for continuous flowering.

The Roleystone Garden Group, started the 2014 season with a visit to the wonderfully exciting Byford property of Shirley Fisher, a treat that was enjoyed by all. Sadly, I missed it as I had committed myself to talking to the Midland Friendly Garden Club, on Frangipanis. Check out Lynn's notes to see what adventure you can have this month. There are so many good and keen gardeners here and we love to meet you all. Come along and share our interest. Morning tea and a garden walk are generally a part of the outing, and sometimes we are enjoying

ourselves so much we stay out for lunch. Linda's new book will be out later this year, then we can while away the hours in a special sunny nook and really enjoy our garden. Keep up the watering until the rains really come, then plant your everlasting seeds. *Good Gardening.*



New Frangipanis!

Sasanqua Camellias Ready to Flower







THEATRE NEWS

This month has heralded our first production for Roleystone Theatre this year. 'A House that Jack Built' is a locally written and directed play by Mark Thompson and its production at Roleystone was its Australian premier.

The cast for this show came from far and wide; as far as Nannup for the couple who played the roles of Jack's grandparents, former Roleystone community members John and Penny Ramsell. We welcomed back to our stage: Sam Barnett, Brad Towton, Montana Tickner and Liam Borbas from last year's production of Peter Pan.

New to our theatre but giving strong performances were Niamh Taggart, Mikaela Innes, Fiona Blakeley and Paul Borbas. A House that Jack Built, was also our first show on our recently rebuilt stage. Vince Daly and his crew did a wonderful job bringing new life to our beloved stage and we owe him many thanks for it. Our next production, the play 'A Trip to Bountiful', is already well into rehearsals.

Directed by Kim Martin, with cast members of the likes including Simon O'Neil and Bree Hartley, this play promises to be a wonderful production.

Tickets are already on sale, so to book, please head to our website <u>www.roleystonetheatre.</u> <u>com.au</u> or call 9397 5730. We have many exciting things planned for this year including an adult acting for screen workshop,



a youth acting for screen workshop and a junior workshop, just to name a few.

Please keep your eyes open for more information in coming issues. New members are always welcome! *Kathryn Ramsell*

RMC Kids Are Looking For A New Bass Guitarist.

The RMC Kids Band is looking for a Bass Guitarist to take over from Declan later this year. This will suit a 13 - 15 year old with a minimum of 3 years playing experience - with bass or guitar. Practice is every second Saturday 2pm - 4pm.

For more info please call Deb 9397 7007 or email president@rmcwa.com.au



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FREE QUOTES Phone: 9495 1551



Linda J Bettenay

Wednesday 23 April 2014, 6.30pm City of Joondalup Libraries - Joondalup Secrets Mothers Keep

When Linda discovered that her husband's grandfather was actually brutally murdered in a country town in Western Australia, rather than dying in an airplane crash during the First World War as they had been told, she decided to base her first novel around this event and the impact that horrific occurrence had on the people involved.

Linda has woven a fascinating tale around the facts and the majority of this happens in familiar places throughout WA.

"I feel that this amazing tale needs to be told. Our state has been built by inspirational people and often these people were responding to events they did not choose. Secrets Mothers Keep tells the story of some of these amazing pioneers."

This event will feature Bree Hartley and Michael Forman from the Roleystone Theatre combining with the author to read excerpts from the book, and background music will also be provided by Kim Bettenay. Copies of Linda's books will be available for purchase and signing

on the night. Cost: \$3.00 - includes refreshments Book online or call 9400 4751. joondalup.wa.gov.au

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Roleystone Performers Go to Venues Across Perth

What better way to bring a historical fiction novel to life than to present a live theatrical book reading, enhanced by haunting guitar melodies created for the book.

This performance of chapters from Linda J Bettenay's book: 'Secrets Mothers Keep' has now played to a full house at the 'Narrogin Inne' in Armadale and last month in the beautiful new



theatre library complex in Kwinana. It is now destined to play at venues across Perth over the next nine months. With the added significance of 2014/2015 being the centenary of the start of WW1, a few locations have opted for their performances to coincide with ANZAC Day. In April there will be performances in both Joondalup and Subiaco.

'At the Going Down of the Sun', an extract from this book, will be performed by Bree Hartley and Michael Foreman of the Roleystone Theatre with narration provided by author Linda. The evening will include live music by Kim Bettenay. The performance features actors reading letters from a sweetheart to her soldier boyfriend in Gallipoli. It is sure to bring the audience to tears. With 2014 being the centenary of the embarkation of our first troops leaving from Fremantle, this performance brings this historical period to life.

'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. Guitarist Kim Bettenay truly is a musical genius, the way he 'knitted' segments together was wonderful and I even more like his little background chords that were so much in tune with the highs and lows of the spoken word presented by the performers. Your collaboration worked its magic! It has been a pleasure and honour, to have been involved with 'At the Going Down of the Sun'.

Jan Pedroli, Community Involvement Librarian, City of Armadale Libraries. The City of Joondalup Public Library will host this special event on Wednesday 23rd April and the Subiaco Public Library will host their event on the 28th April.

Those interested in theatre, history and a well written local book are invited to come along to the performance; reserve your seat by phoning either the Joondalup Library on 9400 4751 or the Subiaco Library on: 9237 9300.

Light refreshments will be available. Other performances will be held at : Victoria Park on 23rd May,

South Perth on 5th June, Cockburn on 4th August, Mt Claremont on 11th September, Fremantle on 30th October, Bayswater on 11th November and Belmont on 20th November.

For further information about 'Secrets Mothers Keep', go to www. lindasbooks.com.au or follow the progress of this book on www. facebook.com/lindasbookswa.



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Roleystone Community Garden

Congratulations to Trish, the winner of our raffle from the Market day held earlier in March. The next market day is on 15 June. Keep that day free.

If you have passed by the old primary school site in recent weeks, you would have noticed a For Sale sign has been displayed.

Whilst this may mean that independent living for residents over the age of 55 may have to wait a bit longer to move in, it gives the Community Garden and the Men's Shed breathing space to prepare for our eventual move to Cross Park. Discussions are continuing with Council with a hopeful resolution not too far away.

The Garden has experienced very minor acts of vandalism to our garden beds. It's a pity the same could not be said about the buildings on the site. Members of the community are encouraged to report any act of vandalism to the Armadale Police Station.

There are 15 garden beds that are available for hire on an annual basis for a nominal fee. If you are interested in hiring a bed, please contact us via our Facebook page. Currently two beds are under hire.

This year we are hoping to add infrastructure to the garden to become more water wise and take advantage of the water tank on site. Over the next few months a windmill is likely to be added to assist in drawing water from the tank. Any technical expert advice would be greatly appreciated.



We are also in discussions with the Hills Orchard Improvement Group in developing a partnership, to the mutual benefit to each organisation.

It is also hopeful that this group can assist in providing plant stock to add to our current plantings.

Finally, we have a trained horticulturalist as a member of the garden, who would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you at the garden between 4:00PM and 6:00PM each Sunday with your questions or to simply come and enjoy refreshment and a chat.

Happy gardening Laurie Scidone

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What was happening in Roleystone and Surrounding areas in 1928.....

ROLEYSTONE'S BACHELOR BALL

On Saturday night the young men of Roleystone held a Bachelors' Ball, and it was very successful. The hall was artistically draped with flags and masses of lilies adorned the walls and the stage. From a palm-screened and flower-bedecked recess, Howard's orchestra (Kelmscott) dispensed the latest music. A waltzing competition was won by Mrs N Buckingham, and Mr Frank Martin; and prizes for Spot Waltzes went to Miss Hilton and Mr Hurtle and to Miss Doonan and Mr Dyer. Mr A Doolan was M.C. for the night.

ROADWORKS IN ROLEYSTONE

Considerable activity is being displayed by the local road board in the matter of road repairs and improvements. Several dangerous corners along the Kelmscott-Roleystone Road have been rounded off and the turn-offs to Peet and Croyden-roads have been widened.

The grader has been over practically the whole length of the main road in the district, and once the gravelling sets, the road should be equal to any in the hills. The Main Roads Board granted £500 (under the £ for £ subsidy) for the construction of a bridge at Kangaroo Gully, on the Dale Road. The new Dale Road through Karragullen is nearing completion. It is a great improvement on the old bush road that has done duty up to date. About £600 is to be spent on Urch Road, clearing, and extending it to connect with Mountain Road.

This will be welcomed by a number of settlers in the vicinity, since it will provide them with an outlet to the main road. Mountain Road has received some attention, and is now in a better state than ever before.

SPRING WEATHER BRINGS VISITORS

Spring weather has brought hundreds of motor cars and other vehicles to the district each weekend, and the guest-houses are

Scitech - Mystery at the Manor

Thursday 10 April 6 – 7pm Armadale Library

Use science enquiry skills to investigate the evidence collected from the scene of a crime. Make observations, analyze results and develop explanations to solve a crime.

This is based on an actual crime and developed by real forensic scientists from the University of Western Australia.

This session is suitable for children aged 10 years and over. Refreshments will be provided. Bookings are essential – phone 9399 0125. finding their accommodation taxed to its limit. The district has become a popular rendezvous for motor cycle and other club outings.

Recent heavy rains filled the reservoir at Churchman's Brook, and the surplus water, escaping through the spill-way, makes a very beautiful picture. Work at the Brook has ceased, save for a few men engaged on cleaning up.

START MADE ON THE CANNING WEIR

A start is being made with the preliminary work for the new Canning Weir, some three miles above the present pipe-head dam. The surveying of a new road and bridges to the site is proceeding, and is providing work for a number of men. Building activities include three new cottages and additions to several of the existing structures.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

At intervals for many years past, efforts have been made to secure a supply of electric current for the district; the latest advice is that current can only come via Kalamunda.

CONCERT AND DANCE

A concert and dance, organised by Mrs. Newman, in aid of the Children's Hospital, was the means of raising over £10.

The hall committee reports that the new lighting system is giving satisfaction, and that the debt incurred by its installation has been wiped off. A series of fortnightly dances, in addition to several special efforts, reduced the debt on the hall by an appreciable amount.

The Citizens' Association has decided not to hold its usual Floral and Industrial Exhibition this year. A Christmas tree for the children has been decided on, and, to raise funds for this, two earlier fixtures: a children's Fancy Dress Ball on October 13, and a sports meeting at Cross Park in the second week in November, are to be held.

Blessing of the Roads

Be aware and travel safely on the roads this Easter.

The Blessing of the Roads campaign is a message to everyone to slow down, not use mobile phones, avoid alcohol, wear seatbelts, ensure children are properly restrained and take breaks to avoid fatigue when travelling. The City of Armadale's annual Blessing of the Roads ceremony will take place under the shade structures of Memorial Park on Sunday 6 April, 2014 commencing at 10.30am.

More information on the Blessing of the Roads campaign can be found at <u>www.</u> <u>roadwise.asn.au</u>.







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Roleystone Country Club Notes

The months are just flying passed at the moment with Easter just around the corner and hopefully some rain on the horizon.

During March the Club was extremely busy with a highly successful St Patrick's Night with great Irish fare and a rollicking night of Irish Music provided by the Ferrymen.

The welcome addition of our ex Bar Manager Jane provided the highlight with some fancy violin and singing to the delight of our members.

During March, we had our popular half price Membership Promotion which has attracted an unprecedented increase in our membership - we are now at record levels! It is a pleasure to welcome all these new members and we hope they continue to enjoy the excellent facilities.

The dining facilities in the Windows on Wygonda Restaurant are also experiencing a surge in demand as we have introduced the new Wednesday Hump Day Specials. These include \$20 Meals and a free drink!

The "kids eat free" promotion runs on Saturday nights and when combined with the ever popular Friday night meals, this has generated high numbers of bookings. So don't forget to ring the club on 93975665 and book your table so that you don't miss out.

The new Autumn Menu commences in the restaurant on April 4^{th} . A sneak preview of this menu highlights some fantastic new meals at highly competitive prices as well as the ever popular 'a la carte' options. So come in to the Club to try out the new menu and enjoy our Friday Night music.

The Club is in the process of negotiating to put 15Kva Solar Panels on the roof to 'future proof' us against the ever increasing costs of our power. Members may see some activity in

this regard over the next few months. The committee agreed to move to this solution after investigating many options and after experiencing extremely large increases in our power costs over the last 6 months.

We continue to offer new members half price membership until June 30th. Single Membership will cost you \$30.00 and Family Membership is now at a very low \$50.00!

Please fill in a membership application and take



Former Bar Manager Jane, now playing with the Ferrymen.

advantage of the 20% discount members enjoy on their drinks. The savings you make will quickly repay the cost of your membership and you will have access to one of the best facilities in Roleystone.

The Chase the Joker competition is still going strong. The current jackpot is now over \$950 with over \$1000 still to be won in consolation prizes if you don't get to pick the Joker. This is held every Monday and Wednesday night and you must be present to pick up the Joker.

For all information on the Club's activities check out our Facebook page or go to our new website at <u>roleystonecountryclub@</u> <u>iinet.com</u>

I look forward to seeing you at the Club. *Michael Hansen President*

Gerry Chapman relaxes at the Club during the Corporate Bowls Season.



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Roleybushcare **Notes April**

Warwick Savage Park

This lovely reserve is a hidden gem and everyone has worked hard to protect it from dieback thanks to our dedicated volunteers. In the centre of this reserve is an area that was very degraded by earlier earthworks and money has been allocated by the City of Armadale to clean it up. Roleybushcare hopes to use this open area as a seed orchard. Seed will be collected from plants already growing in our area and then spread over this land.

Please respect and take heed of the sign on this reserve. Use the existing paths to walk through and remember that your cars, bikes and horses could spread dieback disease and are prohibited.

LAST CHANCE UNTIL SPRING

April will be the last dieback treatment day until spring so come along and learn how to treat your trees. If you help out at the field day then you will be able to take home our equipment to treat your own trees.



NEXT FIELD DAY

We will be treating the trees to protect them against dieback disease again in Warwick Savage Park on Sunday 13th April. We will start at 9.00am and finish by noon. The meeting place will be off Simons Drive, Roleystone. Morning tea is provided and everyone is welcome.

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

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA 2014 Bedfordale Residents Association

Despite a problematic start, with no kits arriving from Clean Up Australia, the two sites in Bedfordale had really good results. Our thanks go to all those who took part, particularly the Bedfordale

Volunteer Fire Brigade, who did a marvellous job with all the heavy items that we found at a tip site above Churchman Brook Dam.

This is on Water Corporation Land and should not be accessible to the public, but is each year proving worse than the last with quantities of rubbish.

Churchman Brook Community Hall recorded 25 volunteers, including 5 hardworking children and their parents and grandparents. Travis Wildsmith, aged 9years, is becoming a regular. Well done and many thanks. This site collected 45 bags of rubbish and in all, one and a half tons (approx) of rubbish.

Bedfordale Hall on Admiral Road recorded 12 volunteers and collected 43 bags of rubbish, much of it from the Albany Hwy. Many thanks to all.

Jackie Thomas

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March AGM & CLUB NIGHT

AGM

Fifty seven members arrived for our March AGM and Club Night.

The voting results for our 2014 Committee are: President:Deb de Boer Vice President: Graham Van Zuilecom Treasurer: Dave Willis Secretary: Mike Bailey General Committee Members John Wilson, Jeff Young, Ian Mason, Clive Ascot, Enno de Boer.

On behalf of the 2014 Committee, thankyou for your vote of confidence and we look forward to a great year of music! Deb de Boer

MARCH CLUB NIGHT

New Member Kristie started the night off with a set of acoustic numbers followed by new band Mozkeeto playing originals. Steely Blues, Jacqueline Anne's new band, were cookin' and Dave Willis' new lineup, Rough Shot, gave us a great set with a 4 piece version of the White







Stripes Seven Nation Army. Blue Mana performed their set to close the night after Hawkstone slipped in a last performance with drummer Chris Fielding who is driving back east after spending a year here in Roleystone with his wife Beth.

Hawkstone have very fond memories of the year rehearsing and playing with Chris. Safe travel home Chris and Beth!

Jasper started the End of Night Jam playing



Black Sabbath's ballad Planet Caravan with Enno and new drummer Todd with Richard joining in on electric violin and Rob jumping in on acoustic guitar. The packed house again proved RMC's worth as a fantastic community group. Come along to our next Club Night and see what the fuss is all about! Our April Club Night is yet to be finalised, look for our Posters around the Roleystone Shopping Centre, check out our website www.rmcwa.com.au, email president@rmcwa.com.au, call or SMS Deb on 0468 62 68 68.

- Pictured: 1. New Drummer Todd
- 2. Kristie
- 3. Moskeeto
- 4. Jasper
- 5. Jordan





The Toy Library Committee met at the Genesis Café on March 23 to discuss important topics such as a new fundraising direction, the purchasing of new toys for our library and the improvement of our information about our group, please feel storage space, among other subjects. It was a very productive meeting and we thank the by email at <u>roleystonetoylibrary@yahoo</u>. Committee members for their attendance. We would like to say goodbye to some members who have given their time and 12:15 pm) or Saturdays (9:30 to 10:30 support so generously to our toy library am). over the years.

Eleanor Fairweather and Adrienne Byrne, you will all be missed.

A very special mention and thank you also Rogers. goes to Natalie Cirillo who says goodbye Lina Uribe-Rivero

Toy Library Crew: (left to right) Cathy Kren, Monica Henry, Peta Vetta, Neil Hamerton, Belinda Bloxsome and Lina Uribe-Rivero.

after ten years of membership. These are some of her kind farewell words: "I have enjoyed my time and it is with regret that I leave behind a much loved part of my children's and my life [....] Ten years is a long time, but I have had the opportunity to save heaps of money, grow as a person by taking on committee roles, meet many wonderful people and make lifelong friends". Thank you Natalie for your support during these past ten years. We wish you and your loved ones all the best. You, like many other members, make our toy library a very special group to be a part of.

If you would like to become a member of the toy library or would like some more free to contact us on 0438 884 601, or com.au; or come and see us at the Family Centre on Wednesdays (11:30 am to

"Play is often talked about as if it were Thank you Peta Flynn, Taryn Norman, a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood." - Fred

Bowling Notes with Gerry Chapman



The pennant season is now over. Congratulations to the women bowlers who successfully maintained their first division position. The men were another matter - we were not successful this year and as our numbers dwindle, the future looks more precarious.

Our Cancer Day met with limited numbers but was thoroughly enjoyable. (See photo).

We have social bowls each Wednesday afternoon, so come down (weather permitting) and join in - or enter our Poms versus Aussies competition on May 2nd (after our AGM.

We now enter the winter period with some troubling decisions to be made.

On a positive note, B green is being renovated and next season could see a better surface. As always, new members will be warmly welcomed so come on down to your Country Club and try the greens-many thanks to our sponsors for their support during this season.

See above left: Winners of the Cancer Day event - John Smith, Alison Brown and Melissa Rickman.



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WEBSITE UPDATE

The Pickering Brook Heritage Society will be updating their website with a range of new information and photos.

A lot of detail has come to light on early Barton's Mill.

This will be live on the 6th May.

BURNING

One of the questions I always get asked after the first few drops of rain & cool nights is "Can I burn yet?"

Burning is prohibited from 1 December to 31 March although this has now been extended until 15 April because of the weather conditions, and may be extended further unless we get some decent rain. Before lighting anything you should check with Ranger Services on 9399 0111. Burning permits are generally required from 1 April to 31 May inclusive but these will have been extended as well. We all need to be alert to what other people are doing around our area. The way to help prevent arsonists is, if you SEE something, SAY something, by ringing Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000. CHANGES TO JUNK VERGE

Collections

After watching the junk spread along Orrong Rd over the last couple of weeks, I am very pleased that the City has brought in new rules to assist in reducing scavenging, keeping the streets tidy, minimising littering and improving safety.

The new rules are that rubbish can only be put on the verge on the Saturday and Sunday before the collection starts. The brochure delivered outlines all the conditions of the junk collection or contact Waste Services on 9399 0124.

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I think that's what makes looking at art so interesting. Of course coming down on Sunday 6 April means you can check out the entertainment and cultural attractions at the



Minnawarra Festival before heading to the art at the Armadale District Hall. Disclaimer: Compiled with care by the Jarrah Ward Councillors but may not represent the views of the City of Armadale.



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Easter: A Spiritual Reminder, Roy Ketth Wheeler

THE SEARCH FOR MH370

For about four weeks now we have been caught up in the tragedy and the mystery (with just a little sense of hope) in the disappearance of Malaysian Airlines Flight MH370 with 239 people on board. Conjecture and analysis of data, from many parts of the world, are swirling around together while more than thirteen countries are involved with their aircraft/ships and helicopters. They are only now honing in on debris in the southern Indian Ocean.

Australia is taking a major part in what has become one of the largest peace-time cooperative missions and I am happy to say, without too much political posturing.

We Are All In This Together

The occurrence is dreadful – the seeming unselfish co-operation is good.

We mustn't get too far ahead of ourselves (because this all comes at a cost) but how good it seems for countries to be acting first and worrying about the cost later!! This seems to be in the right order.



Sunday 13th April - Palm Sunday- procession from Peet Road at 8.45am followed by service in church.10.30am near skate park – donkeys and stalls

Tuesday 15th April and 16th April 7.30pm – Statements Made by Jesus on the Cross. Thursday - 17th April – 6.30pm – Passover (Cedar) Meal (please

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Sunday 20th April 9.30am - Easter Day Family Worship Service

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Q&A

Some of us watched Q&A over the past few weeks and were again greatly encouraged by the panel members who seriously seemed to be listening to each other even though they were of different political persuasions or non religious or religious bodies. Even Eddie Maguire made a remarkable lot of sense and spoke about the need for balance and the push for the removal of racial intolerance. 'No place for it' he proclaimed, and he brought a balancing factor in an allegation against Andrew Demetriou for what appeared to be (falsely) his mocking of people of small stature.

EASTER

Easter makes us recall the horrific and barbaric Roman way of controlling those who offended 'the powers that be' by nailing them on crosses, as a deterrent to other possible offenders. We at Saint Christopher's are using the Easter period to listen to folk of different religions: Buddhists, Muslems, Roman Catholics, Hindus and others, to learn of their wisdom gained over thousands of years.

Now of course we come to the heart and soul of the Christian Faith as we again learn new lessons and celebrate old golden rules for living as contained in the suffering and death and resurrection from the death of Jesus.

This is the message behind: 'Jesus died on the cross for us!'

You have to crack open an Easter egg before the light gets in!! What does that say to you about painful situations?

Have a Happy Easter.



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The 2014 football season is kicking off soon with our junior boys and girls and youth players dusting off their footy boots and getting their hands on a Burley.

This year most of our wonderful Coaches put their hands up again to be considered, along with newcomer and local resident Jake Bayley, who played his junior footy with RIFC.

Jake is 18 and currently in his first year at UWA studying law and he loves the greatest game of all so much, he is keen to coach our Year 7's.

He is very motivated and excited to take over the reins from Ray Johnson and Ray McManus, who each had a Year 6 team last year.

In 2014 this group has become one team as they make the transition from juniors to youth. This is managed gradually throughout the season, culminating with the boys playing games on a full oval by the end of the season.

That is a big change for most from the half

oval set-ups, so Jake has got started with their fitness training as he knows that the smaller their "pre-season" is, the more tired and exhausted they'll feel towards the end of the season.

Also RJFC's Y7's have been invited to play at half-time in an Eagles match in mid-April, which is just before our season kicks off, so Jake has been eager to get the boys together, not only for training, but also so the foundations of the team can be set prior to the season, which will help make the season run as smoothly as possible.

Jake is very excited about the possibility of this young playing group and what they could potentially achieve in Season 2014. Although there is no 'Ladder' and finals at the end of this year, there will be next year, so getting things right now, will be very beneficial for 2015.

The RJFC Committee thanks Jake for coming on board and wishes him and his team good luck in the coming season. Vicki Sallur

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Astro Highlights April Greg Lowe, Perth Observatory

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The main phases of the moon in April are (new moon having already occurred on March 31st) first quarter on the 7th, full moon on the 15th, last quarter on the 22nd and new moon on the 29th. The full moon on the 15th is the one that sets the date of Easter. Remember the rule? Easter Sunday is the Sunday after the full moon that follows the autumn equinox. The equinox was on March 21st. Easter Sunday has to be April 20th.

Jupiter's still the dominant evening planet but Mars is challenging. The red planet goes through opposition on the 9th, so early to mid April is the period when Mars is at its



Syl Cooper 9397 6184, 0417972930

What a strange autumn we are having with our changing weather patterns.

I know from personal experience that our

wildlife is very confused and behaving in an unusual manner.

I have admitted baby birds, which normally only happens in spring, and many other unusual things and my phone keeps ringing with people surprised at what they find.

If you do come across something unusual it is important to assess the situation before intervention. If a baby bird is on the ground stay clear and observe from a distant location to see if the parents are still in attendance and feeding it. If cats or dogs are presenting a problem and cannot be removed or deterred, the bird should be gently picked up and placed in a nearby safe location such as a tree, fence, wall or similar - a wheel bin could also be used.

The popular myth that the adult birds will not return to a baby bird that you have handled is untrue as birds have no sense of smell so will not know that you closest and brightest for 2014. It won't quite get as bright as Jupiter this time. You'll find Jupiter in the NNW at dusk and brighter than any star. At the same time, Mars is in the eastern sky; it's low down at nightfall at the start of the month but steadily gains altitude as the weeks pass. The distinct orange colour is the giveaway. The waxing crescent moon brackets Jupiter from the 6th to the 7th. The full moon will be near Mars in the early morning hours of the 15th.

Saturn will be visible in the early evening by the end of the month. To begin with, it's rising in the ESE at about 8:40pm. By mid month, though, it's coming up about an hour earlier i.e. 7:40pm. By month's end Saturn's rising at about 6:40pm - the end of evening twilight. Weather permitting (this is a recording), Saturn will be the star attraction in the Observatory's evening viewing sessions in April and on into May (the end of our viewing season is mid-May). The waning gibbous moon will be near Saturn on the evening of the 17th.

Venus is the mighty bright "morning star". It rises in the east at about 3am in early April, 3:20am mid-month, and 3:40am by month's end. It tends to blow the eyebrows off people who see it for the first time against a dark morning sky. Dawn finds it well up in the eastern sky. Watch for the waning crescent moon near Venus on the morning of the 26th.

have touched it.

Injured large marsupials can sometimes be dangerous and probably an experienced person should be called. Small marsupials can usually be safely handled by using gloves or a towel to prevent bites and scratches, then placed in a secure box in a cool, dark, quiet place until help can be sought. This is not a photo opportunity as further stress will kill the poor, already stressed wildlife.

Our wildlife is unique and very precious, we should all appreciate it, care for it and keep it for future generations to enjoy.

Please contact me for help or advice about all orphaned or injured wildlife, or with any concerns regarding our wonderful wildlife.

3D Printing Services Now Available

The City of Armadale Library Services can now offer 3D printing as well as regular printing services to customers at the Armadale Library. The Makerbot 3D printing service is a relatively new concept that library's world-wide are offering to their communities. Architects' models, spare parts for equipment, as well as more personal items such as toys and gifts can be printed in the library using your own custom designs or ones downloaded from the internet.

The Makerbot 3D printer is now available and information sessions will be available to demonstrate this exciting new technology.





A lot has happened at the Roleystone Tennis Club over March. TREK TO AUGUSTA

The Annual Roleystone Trek to Augusta was another great success. We had 13 people travel down and we enjoyed our tennis and afternoon tea and then had a delicious BBQ and salads put on by the Augusta Tennis Club. We then had a look around the River Festival and met up with Wendy and Graham Shearwood and enjoyed some Fish and Chips for dinner. It was great to catch up with Wendy and Graham who are really embracing their sea change. Graham has become Club Captain at the Augusta Tennis Club. Thanks to Bob and Ann Rowe

TENNIS NEWS: Wendy Tucker

Above: Members from The Roleystone Tennis Club with the crew from Augusta. At left: Our new Ladies Champion, Tracey Backhouse.

for organizing the event. We will invite the Augusta Tennis Club up to our Christmas in July Dinner which will be held on Saturday 5th July 2014.

MID WEEK LEAGUE

Thanks to Catherine and Claire our Mid-Week League is going really well. This is held on Wednesday nights from 7pm. We have 20 very keen players who have enjoyed some great matches. We also have about 16 players who are happy to be reserves when needed.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

We have begun our 2014 Club Championships with the Ladies' Singles event completed on Sunday 23rd March. Our new Ladies' Champion is Tracey Backhouse.

Our Men's Singles field had 7 competitors and the Championship Match will be played on Sunday 6th April with Simon Blackmore and Jim Brayshaw contesting it. Good luck Gentlemen! I'm sure it will be a great match. On the 30th March we have the Ladies' and Men's Doubles Events and on the 6th April, as well as the Men's Final, there will be the Special Doubles Event – which is an Adult Member and Child Member competing with each other. Our Championships will culminate with our Mixed Doubles Event which currently has 24 Competitors. It is fantastic to have such a lot of competitors. We will finish with a BBQ and presentations.

Books on Wheels

In conjunction with Armadale Home Help we assist people to visit the library and select their materials.

These visits are scheduled on alternate Wednesday mornings throughout the year at Seville Grove Library – April dates are Wednesday 2, 16 and 30.

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Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club

By the time you read this article, RKCC will be A Grade Champions for the 2nd time in as many seasons! At least that's what we're all hoping with just a few days to go until we take on the minor premiers and ironically last year's wooden spooners, Helena Valley in the SHDCA A Grade Final!

The season drew to a close this March with the A, B and E grade sides making the finals. The first week of action saw the dogged B Grade side bow out against an unrelenting Middle Swan. Unsurprisingly, 74 all out was not a defendable total but the opposition were restricted to 145 all out despite a strong start (Greg James (4/43) & Brett Turner (4/35)).

In typical Roley spirit though, the boys never gave up and looked to pile on quick runs to go for an outright. Greg declared with a lead of just 89 after Jayden Norris (52) and Brett Turner (57) gave them a glimmer of hope. It was all to no avail as the match fizzled out to a 1st innings defeat to the RKCC.

E Grade on the other hand went through to the preliminary final after a strong showing against the Dreamtime Warriors (8/203 d 157) thanks to a Matt Faranda 78 and a Lars Olesen 4/39. Hopes of a 3rd consecutive E Grade flag for RKCC were dashed however as Glen Forrest ran out winners by 8 wickets.

The shining A Grade stars of the RKCC finished 2nd and faced minor premiers Helena Valley in the semi-final. Our recent finals experience steamrolled Helena Valley (8/254 d 178) with Darryl Kipping nudging his way

to 76 and the usual boys ripping through the Helena Valley order. Helena Valley were able to see off a resilient Swan View in the preliminary final to force a semi-final rematch in the decider.

TICKETS FOR THE 2014 WIND-UP GALA ARE ON SALE NOW!

It's time for the men to dust off their best suits and dig out the Brylcream in an attempt to look respectable amongst the beautiful wives, fiancé's and girlfriends of the RKCC. This year the club has decided to once again subsidise the ticket of both the Financial members of the club and non members however the discount will be greater for financial members. The Details

Location: Pickering Brook Sports Club,

35 Weston road, Pickering Brook WA

Date: Friday 4th April, 2014

Time: 6.00-11.30

Price: \$75 per head, \$55 for Financial Members

Dress Standard: Black Tie

Your \$55 (or \$75) Includes:

- Top quality buffet meal:

- Beer & Wine drinks package
- Live performances!
- Red carpet arrivals

- Professional photography throughout the night.

- And much more!!

Tickets are now available from this address <u>http://www.trybooking.com/EITR</u> The wind up is a key social event in the RKCC calendar and this year promises to be better than ever!

The wind up recognises the achievements of our players and members across all grades on and off the playing field. With 6 x Saturday league teams, 3 x Tuesday Night T20 teams and a number of teams in finals contention it promises to be a big night!

Life members, club patrons, sponsors and past players are in attendance so it is an important night for the club. See you there! *Todd Bendall*



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