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Engagement



Ryan Veart and Tayla Hartzler

Russell and Stephanie Wed in Style

Russell Fuller, son of local couple Graham & Judy Fuller, married his partner Stephanie Romeo at the Araluen Botanic Gardens on the 1st November 2014 in front of over 80 Family and friends.

The Botanic Gardens set the perfect backdrop to what was a magnificent day, with perfect weather.

The Reception was held at the Araluen Country Club, the food was outstanding with a large buffet set out for the guests, and the party carried on late into the night.

50th Wedding Anniversary

'May 8th 1965 was a huge day for Bobby. It was the day she married her sweetheart Gerry Chapman. And now 50 years later they are still devoted to each other as they celebrate this special milestone wedding anniversary. Happy days to you both...'

May Cover

*Autumn sky through the smoke bush.
Please enjoy the change of seasons.*



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Tuesday 31st March 2015 saw your local Community Bendigo Bank celebrate its 8th birthday. An afternoon tea was supplied outside Roleystone SUPA IGA with lovely mini cupcakes and refreshments for any that passed our table.



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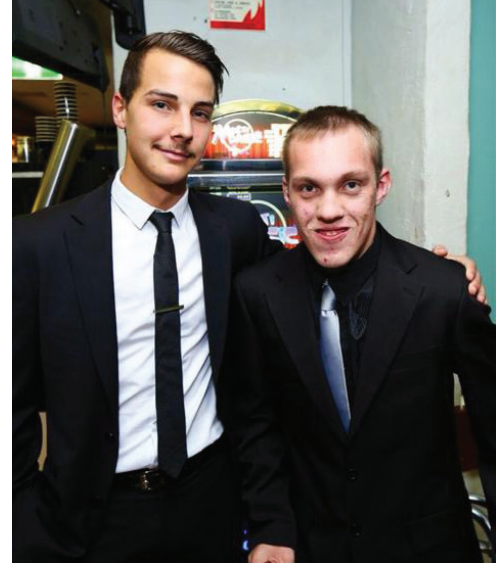
Dave Start Gets Award For Helping Daryl Belong

A HUGE congratulations to Dave Start from the Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club for being awarded the 'Excellence in Personal and Community Support Award' at the NDS Support Awards in April.

Dave was nominated for his outstanding work in assisting Inclusion WA service user Dylan Green, to fit into The Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club.

As a result of their work together, Dylan has made a fantastic social network through the Club and is actively involved in many of our club activities. This is only one example of the amazing work Dave has done in his time with Inclusion WA and certainly won't be the last!

You're a legend Dave, well done!
John Lewis

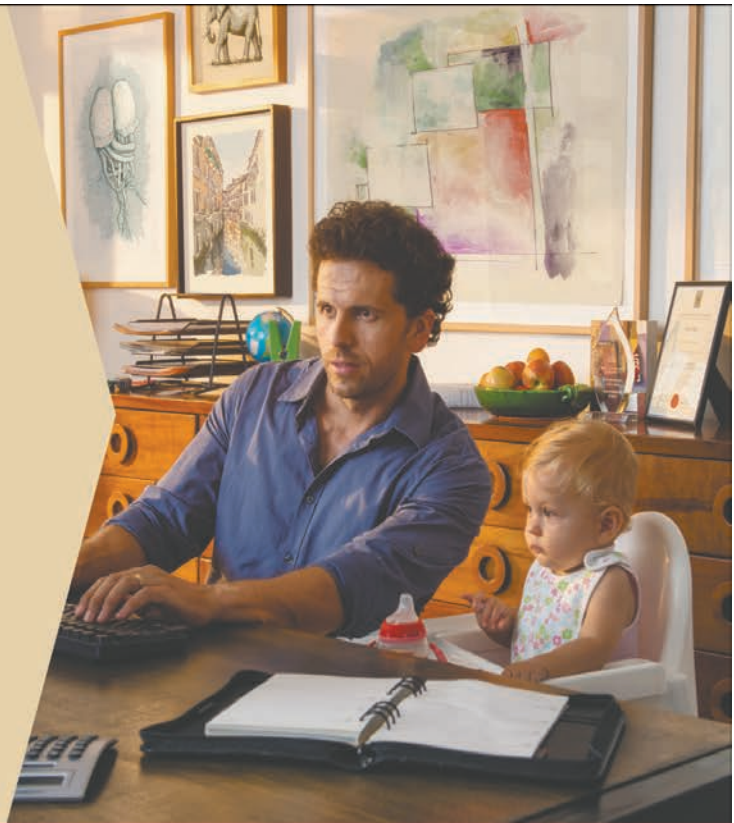


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Comedy Festival for her 75 minute solo stand-up show GHOST MACHINE. The Golden Gibbo is the annual award for the best independent and original show at MICEF.

The award was announced on Saturday the 18th of April, at the late-night Festival Club awards night in front of most of the Australian comedy and entertainment industry.

The Golden Gibbo award is named after the late comedian Lynda Gibson. Lynda's contribution and spirit is acknowledged every year by the Melbourne comedy community through this award which includes \$2000 cash plus the Golden Gibbo statue which looks suspiciously like a bottle of shitty red wine.

This year there were over 550 individual shows at the MICEF, so Laura's competition was fierce. GHOST MACHINE was awarded four stars in both The Age and the Herald Sun, enjoyed a storm of social media, rave critical reviews and was listed as one of the best and most fascinating shows to see at this year's Melbourne International Comedy Festival by several publications.

Reviewer Rachel Bettiens from Illegitimate Theatre described the show... "If you've never experienced Davis before you may be a little startled at first. She's loud. She commands attention. She holds it. She uses the microphone for very little of the show, and when she does, it's for damn good reason. This is more than straight stand up. This is a performance. This is an experience. A bloody spectacular one. Now, when talking about a comedian with a commanding style I would normally say "they owned the stage".



But while Davis is on the stage, she's also on the floor. She's on top of chairs. She's hanging off the ceiling. Davis doesn't own the stage. She owns the room."

You might have also seen Laura on your televisions lately hosting the national cooking and interview show "Community Kitchen" which airs in Perth on WestTV. Laura is now filming the third and final season which will air in Perth in a few weeks time. Community Kitchen has been one of C31's most popular television shows, airing around the country to approximately 100,000 viewers.

Laura attended Roleystone DHS before completing Year 11 and 12 at Lesmurdie SHS in 2005. She studied a UWA Arts Communication Degree majoring in English and Communications and then went on to tackle the difficult world of stand up comedy.

Looking at the congratulations on her facebook page from the 'who's who' of Australian comedy, I think we can assume she has made it.

Well done, funny girl.

Laura's Very Funny

Seven years ago, the Roleystone Courier published an article about local Roleystone lass Laura Davis becoming a member of Australia's comedy elite when she won the WA Raw Comedy competition.

This month Laura was awarded the Golden Gibbo Award at the Melbourne International

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A recent honey tasting competition held by the West Australian Apiarist Society (WAAS), was recently won by local Roleystone resident Helen Bali.

Helen and Peter Bali have been looking after bees for just a little over 2 years now, and I believe this to be quite an achievement. The Bali's have lived in Roleystone for the past 14 years, and their beekeeping journey happened when a swarm of bees decided to set up a hive in their compost tumbler. They decided to leave them in the tumbler, so they would pollinate the garden and veggi patch. After about 6 months they started to smell honey every time they went near the tumbler, so they decided to build a proper hive and transfer the bees to provide a better home for them and make it easier to remove their excess honey. After researching the social behaviour of a bee hive, and learning about their decline all over the world, through pesticides and disease, their hobby soon became an obsession to help bees survive.

Peter and Helen joined the West Australian Apiarist Society (WAAS), to learn the art of beekeeping.

The WAAS has approximately 100 members, mostly hobbyist beekeepers with a vast amount of experience and knowledge to pass on to novices like the Balis.

Every year the WAAS holds a honey



tasting competition for its members to show off their product and so Helen decided to enter her Red Gun (Marri) honey.

The judges were the members themselves.

A dozen tables of eight were set up and each jar of honey was passed around for each member to score against set criteria: aroma, colour, clarity, taste and viscosity.

As with all competitions there can only be one winner, this year it was Helen Bali with a score of 85.8. The West Australian Apiarist Society is always open to welcome new members. For more information about the Society, simply visit their website.

Last month we reported that Roleystone honey is right up there with the best in the world, and this month we can report that so are our local honey producers. To try this honey for yourself give Helen or Peter a call on 0419 907 969.

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GO CRUISING

The Scarlet Darlings, Red Hatters from Armadale, recently donned their bikini Tshirts to go sailing on the P&O Pacific Jewel over Easter. And they enjoyed themselves immensely.

The Comedy Cruise was fantastic and, although it was a cruise to nowhere in particular, we ended up sailing off the coast up to Northampton.

Ten of our Darlings flew on the Flying Fox which went across the top deck of the ship over the pool. We gave the other passengers some great entertainment as they cheered everyone as they flew.

They even provided red helmets. A great weekend with great ladies. The Entertainment Director nicknamed us: 'The



Naughty Nannas'!!!!!!
 For more information regarding Red Hat Groups go to WA RED/ PINK HATTERS website.
Maureen Woltersdorf
(Aka Queen Scarlet Glitter)



Good Friday's Good Deeds

A group of men build the front brickwork at the Country Club: Les, Terry, Mick and Warrick. Well done to all concerned.

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This month my mind has been distracted by an important local issue - junk. Or more specifically the roadside collection of our hard waste. And having been on some social media sites - I do not think I was the only person who has been interested. Firstly there was the huge speculation about when our dates would be announced. This seemed to take forever with some locals receiving their notices and others feeling a bit miffed because theirs had not yet been announced.

This year council had decided to get strict. Only one week notice and strict rules about placement. Too early and we would be fined. And apparently they were true to their word - the ranger was seen marking anyone who's piles appeared too early.

Now I was initially not happy. I thought I needed at least two weeks to place my junk on the verge. I didn't like the idea of double lifting my junk and having to store it just inside my property until the allocated days. One weekend just didn't seem enough time. But we made it - and looking around so did nearly everyone else.

Plus the collectors came on the Tuesday - providing a very prompt and efficient service. There was not a trace of rubbish left on my street as I went for a walk this morning.

So now it is over again for a year and as I reflect on this process, I believe the Council got it right. This is a service that takes away the hassle of hooking up the trailer and going to the tip. Someone else does the heavy lifting.

Giving everyone just a short amount of time stops our community looking unsightly. Plus it limits the curb crawlers, sifting through our junk like jackals - many of whom are actually in the second hand business anyway.

I now understand that many local councils no longer provide this service and I for one appreciate it.

And now I want to make a comment about another local issue - the allocation of a liquor license for HopsScotch. I responded to a request from the owners and enthusiastically filled out my support for this.



HopsScotch is delightful. The new owners have taken it to great heights - and most locals are grateful to them for their hard work and support their vision. Our region needs more quality eating venues - particularly ones where the ambience is spectacular.

And then I received a disturbing confidential correspondence. (See next page). While this does not alter my personal views that a liquor license would enhance HopsScotch, I think it is sobering to reflect on the safety of the plan and how neighbours' serenity could be affected. There are always multiple sides to an argument.

If you have an opinion for or against this proposal you are invited to participate in the formal community consultation process that will soon commence as part of the liquor licensing process.

And it was wonderful to see HopsScotch featured on The Weekender - a new Lifestyle program on Channel 7, on April 18th. Jessie James was demonstrating the ins and outs of the Hills Lifestyle in Armadale and she stopped off at HopsScotch in Roleystone. If you missed it here is the link: <http://www.waweekender.com.au/stories/hills-lifestyle> Also I wish all the Mums across town a very happy Mother's Day and happy reading to you all.

Linda Moore



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Apprehension About Liquor Licence Application

I want to express some concern about the application of the brewery liquor licence for HopsScotch.

I have been a fan of Mia Flora and always viewed this garden centre and Tea Room as an asset to our community. I live quite close to it and the feelings of most of 'the locals' who will be directly affected by having a liquor licence granted for the brewery, are of worry and concern. This is not just for our peace and quiet (the reason we moved to this beautiful quiet area) but we also have concern for the safety of the public. We have seen and helped people from at least five accidents and many near misses by non-local people misjudging the blind corner.

We need to advise people of the blind corner going both ways on Brookton Hwy.

We fear it may be even more difficult to judge the blind corner on Brockton Hwy if you have consumed alcohol. Hops Scotch has widened and cleared some of their drive way, but we still see cars leaving and making risky judgements. With the new play ground at HopsScotch for the kiddies I would hate for anything to happen to our precious kids.

I hope this doesn't sound like a complaint as I am not against progress. However I am concerned for my friends and the public who are unaware of the potential danger of mixing alcohol and a blind corner.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I hope all of these points can be taken into consideration before any decision is made.

A concerned resident

Open Letter To the People of Karragullen & Roleystone

John and Chris Brereton of Roleystone have developed HopsScotch over the past 12 months to provide a family friendly venue that recognises and celebrates the hill's lifestyle.

HopsScotch employs locally, we use local trades people and we have supported local business.

We have received amazing support from the Roleystone and Karragullen Community and we thank each and every one of you for this.

It is part of our vision to add to HopsScotch the option of locally produced wines and beers with a meal or with family and friends who often come to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries or a great day out in a beautiful venue.

As part of the development we have had terrific support and encouragement from the Armadale Council as part of their tourism strategy. We have also liaised closely with the Department for Liquor and Gaming to ensure we fully understand their requirements.

To-date we have implemented everything that we have been asked to do and more.

We have also had discussions with Main Roads about the entry and exit to HopsScotch. They have offered to trim the bushes further and will assist with signage to ensure the safety of drivers. We aim to provide a safe and professionally run family focused business and we take our responsibilities very seriously.

Since seeking some community feedback about our Liquor License application, we have been overwhelmed with the level of support with over 99% of the 450 respondents to-date including our immediate neighbours, in support of our application.

It is our view that this option will bring more people to the area, which will benefit other businesses and the community.

As part of the Liquor Licence application process, there will be a 28 day community consultation period and we encourage the community to participate by raising any concerns that they may have as well as adding their support for the proposal.

*John and Chris Brereton
HopsScotch*

Our Thanks

My husband and I would like to thank Aaron from WJ Autos for being kind enough to help us out by changing our tyre.

We had just bought petrol from the Gull Service Station on Brookton Highway. We drove less than five minutes away and realised that we had a flat tyre. Aaron chaged it for us and was so nice.

Thank you again.

J and A Osgood

Two elderly pensioners

Coeliac Disease

Nikki Watson from Coeliac WA will present an awareness session on coeliac disease in late May. The session will include information and detail the support available for those diagnosed with coeliac disease or those who medically require a gluten free diet. It will be held on Friday 29 May, 10.30 - 11.30am at the Armadale Library. Gluten free refreshments will be provided. Bookings are essential. Visit library.armadale.wa.gov.au or call 9399 0125.



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Barry Owns The Original Lady Williams Tree

Recently I had the pleasure of meeting Barry Green from Western Tourist Radio in order to be interviewed about my two books, and like many meetings this one turned out to be very serendipitous.

As we were standing outside the house I casually asked about the apple tree next to me. It was loaded with unripe fruit - which I couldn't immediately identify. Barry informed me it was a Lady Williams - in fact it was THE Lady Williams - the original seedling which gave rise to Western Australia's apple industry.

About 1935, when the farm house was being built an apple seedling grew up beside the house and lived despite several setbacks (a kangaroo dog pulled it out at an early stage in its development and later the Williams' young son Ron set to chopping it down with a tomahawk). Eventually it fruited and the apples it bore were sensational.

The fruit was unlike any existing apples and it was recognised as a new variety which later became known as the Lady Williams. Our modern varieties of Pink Lady and Sundowner and the numerous cultivars which have arisen from these two varieties, are both crosses of the Lady Williams. So it can be said that the current WA apple industry owes a great deal to this tree which still grows by



the original house.

Barry Green's farm, Boronia Farm is near Donnybrook and they still have the Lady Williams orchard that Bob Williams planted in 1986. Barry Green is keeping this piece of apple history alive and they run a farm stay there which would be a magical place for a holiday - just search for Boronia Farm.

Barry's passion for history and his area is not confined to his little piece of paradise. He is also the owner of three tourist radio stations and a wondrous website known as Harvest Highway.

If you're heading south, check out www.harvesthighway.com.au for a huge range of things to do, places to eat and places to stay along the South Western Highway from Armadale to Walpole. And make certain to tune your radio into Tourist Radio for the best 'local goss' on what is happening in any particular location.

PS No-one currently holds the licence for the tourist radio station in our area so if you're interested contact Barry on info@farmstaywest.com.au or 9731 7006.

KELMSCOTT ANNUAL SHOW

At last the weather is cooler and rain is about. Wonderful! So it's a great time to get active in our vegetable gardens. On Friday 16th and Saturday 17th October we will be hosting our 117th district show --- now known as the Smoke Free WA Kelmscott Show. Join us now, in thinking how you can be involved in this special yearly event which showcases our District.

The 'vegetables, fruit and nuts' section has a wide range of classes covering all that is in season.

Children can enter vegetable art work as well as their own vegetables. There's an adult class for the ugliest vegetable, see the persimmon photo, and herbs are easy to grow and display. So please go 'heads down and tails up' to see how you can support our historic show. For any queries please phone Ken on 9361 4679.





Vale John Ramsell

05/11/1948 – 05/04/2015

It is with great sadness that the Roleystone Community farewells a former resident and long standing member of the Roleystone Theatre. John Ramsell passed away on Sunday the 5th of April, following a short battle with cancer.

John, with his wife Penny, first moved to Roleystone in 1974, shortly before the birth of his eldest son, James. Four kids later and John was an active and entrenched member of the Roleystone Community, where he remained for the next twenty years. His next move was just down the hill to Kelmscott, allowing him to remain a part of the community he belonged to for so long. In early 2013, John and Penny finally realised their retirement dream and moved to the small country town Nannup. Even then, as they worked at becoming part of the community in their new home town, Roleystone still had its pull and John and Penny performed together one last time, in Roleystone Theatre's 2014 Production of "The House that Jack Built".

When John moved to Roleystone, he understood the dangers of bushfire to both homes and people alike and quickly joined the Roleystone Volunteer

Bushfire Brigade in mid 1974. John remained an active member of the Brigade for over ten years and was Captain of the Brigade for some of that time. John first joined the Roleystone Theatre with his wife Penny in 1983, for the theatre's then production of 'My Fair Lady'. Whilst he was in chorus for that production, he soon performed many leading roles including Psuedolous in 'A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum' and 'Judd from 'Oklahoma!'. John was never afraid of makeup and costumes, even willing to go onstage in a dress if required!! John was happy to be involved in any aspect of the theatre - from parking cars on show nights, to directing three full scale major musicals.

Over the years, John supported his family firstly as a truck driver and later as a trainer in the transport industry. Ever supportive of his colleagues and their individual rights in the workplace, John was a proud member, and former WA branch President of the Transport Workers Union.

John's proudest achievement was his family. He and Penny were married for 43 wonderful years. Raising his four children – James, Sean, Daniel and Kathryn – was definitely a challenge, but one he was certainly up to. As an adult he warmly welcomed the boys' partners: Joanne, Julie-anne and Bree - into the family. And most exciting of all, he celebrated each arrival and milestone of his beloved grandchildren - Darian, Larnimae, John, Evie-rose, Cameron, Justine and Mackenzie - over the last twelve years.

John was a great man, a wonderful Dad and an adored Pop who will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

Kat Ramsell



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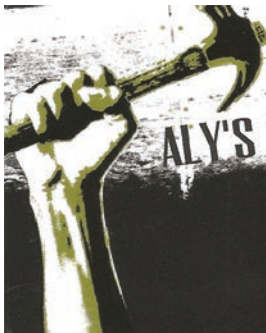
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Letters to the Editor

Accolade for Paper Planes

On Monday 23rd March we attended a special showing of the film 'Paper Planes' at the Grand Cinema, Armadale.

Prior to the showing we had an introduction by Mr Thatcher, Principal of Roleystone Community College and also one of the production guys. Then a group of boys and girls were brought up to the microphone near the screen and spoke briefly about the amazing experience of having a part in a major Australian film that by now will have been released in the UK and USA!

They spoke of the thrill of taking part, mixing with the stars and seeing what actually happens on set.

They also spoke about the boredom as there was a lot of hanging around prior to each scene, the director ensuring everything was just right.

The main setting began at the old Roleystone Primary School in Robin Road. This is quite recognisable.

The cinema was packed with a very appreciative audience. We were so enthralled by the film and all went home to make a paper plane!

Well done to all concerned.

Mike & Pearl Sibley

Sadness at the Demolition of YAL Camp

An Armadale City Councillor confirmed to me recently that the WA Government Planning Commission is about to appoint the winning demolition tenderer to demolish the YAL Araluen facility. After demolition, the vacant site will be used by visitors to the Araluen Botanic gardens as a car park.

For the WA Govt to have that done is vandalism at its best.

The winning demolition tender may cost the WA Government over \$1,000,000! So I believe that if I pay the WA Planning Commission a consideration of \$1, they

should grant me an assignable 99 year lease of the YAL facility, thereby saving the WA Govt \$999,999.

As lessee of that Crown Land facility, I'll find its highest and best use which will be beyond any Local Government control and use it for same.

Shouldn't we, the rate and taxpaying voters of WA, stop this imminent act of gross vandalism?

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Living Below The Line

For many years Peter Warren has been living truth of someone who lives a selfless life. Here is his latest venture and we would like to encourage everyone to help him. 'I've signed up to the "Live Below the Line" challenge. From the 4th - 8th of May, I'm eating on \$2 a day for five days! This is the Australian equivalent of the extreme poverty line. I'm doing this as part of Live Below the Line, the annual fundraising

campaign for Oaktree, a youth-run organisation that fights extreme poverty. (I know I'm not in the category of "youth" but I really want to encourage my young friends at Oaktree!) Funds raised support Oaktree's partners in Cambodia, Timor-Leste and Papua New Guinea to help train teachers, rebuild schools, purchase educational supplies, and provide scholarships to young people. It's a great way to help kids rise out of poverty. I'm really excited about joining the campaign. It will be challenging, but it's another great way to identify with people who live below the poverty line all the time. My wife Kathryn has offered to join me in living on \$2 a day for the five days, so it'll be great doing it together! If you're possibly able to support me with a donation, you'll be helping young people in Cambodia empower themselves with an education, and lift themselves out of the vicious cycle of poverty. Every single donation counts! To help, go to the below the line fundraising page and find Peter Warren. If you want to know more about Oaktree Foundation go to: www.oaktree.org Thanks heaps for considering helping me raise my target.

Peter Warren

Farewell Norm Avery

In late March, Roleystone lost Norm Avery - the cheerful walker who always had a cheery word and a joke for everyone he met on his travels.

Norm and his wife Mary walked every morning and every evening, rain hail or shine and Norm was always dressed in his trademark black shorts and khaki shirt - no matter what the weather conditions were like.

Norm was born in Hazelmere in Buckinghamshire on the 18th November 1932. In the early 1950s Norm met the love of his life Mary. Norm recalled that after their first

meeting and having a few dances, Mary asked him if he wanted to borrow her bike to get home. He surmised that this meant she wanted to see him again. The rest was history...

On the 23rd of March, Mary and Norm had quietly celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary. They were married in High Wycombe in England and immigrated to Australia in the early 1960s. After a few 'false starts' they bought a block and built in Roleystone and lived in the same house ever since. Norm spent his working life working for Parks and Gardens and at home he devoted himself to his family - Mary and his children Tina and Warren. They were both former members of the Roleystone Naturalists Club. Norm died suddenly and without warning on 30th March.

Mary would like to say thank you to everyone who has sent best wishes. Special thanks to Susan Thorpe Gudgeon and the congregation at St Christopher's for the Memorial Service and to all of her family and friends for their wonderful support.

Vale Norm Avery - no doubt you will be already pacing the miles out in heaven.



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Donna Faragher Visits The Men's Shed

On Tuesday 31 March, the Hon. Donna Faragher MLC, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Minister for State Development & Science visited the Roleystone Men's Community Shed. Her support is being sought by the Shed for the building of our new home at Cross Park in Roleystone. Donna spent a very busy hour talking to members and being shown what has been achieved since the Shed started. She was very supportive of our efforts and enjoyed

her visit. She mentioned that her father was a retired policeman with a large shed of his own at the bottom of the garden. Whatever needed fixing, he could do it. Donna enjoyed helping him with his projects.

Pictured above: Donna is assisting Roy and Lenny in the construction of their newest project, a children's fort (available for sale soon). Roy is manning the saw and, apparently, is not trying to saw his thumb off!

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Jasper is a Bonds Baby

Proud grandparents Gill and Luke Nass are bursting with pride as their only grandson Jasper has been selected as a winner in the Bonds Baby Search 2015 competition.

Against huge competition - last year 65,500 hopeful babies were entered, Jasper and a little girl baby have won the age category 7 - 18 months. This section was the Bond's choice section. There are 19 section winners who have all gathered in Melbourne for the judging. Jasper and his mum Lucy, have flown to Melbourne and will be housed at the Crown Hotel. Over the weekend Jasper will participate in a photo shoot and, if selected, he will be the face of the next Bonds advertising campaign. Luke wants to inform readers that Jasper's stunning good looks are almost certainly derived from his grandfather.

Go get 'em Jasper!

O'le Cafe Opens

In May, Jenn Tham is revealing the new name for the 'Hills Cafe and Lunch Bar' on Brookton Highway in the Kelmscott Hills. It will be called the O'le Cafe!

And to celebrate Jenn has announced a range of specials:

First time visitors get a free coffee or tea.

For Mother's Day she is offering a 'fifty cupcake giveaway' for anyone who books early for Mother's Day.

Plus you might even be given a \$10 voucher if you spend over \$100 dollars on Mother's Day. Jenn wants more groups to come in to use the Cafe Lounge like the Armadale Heritage Branch of the Ulysses Club who come every Saturday.



'Make the Cafe your Meeting place' encouraged Jenn.

The outdoor decking is getting lots of use now that the balmy last days of our summer are here and many people have discovered how nice the food is. Jenn has had over 20 years experience in cooking all sort of food and her meals are sublime.

Local art works cover the walls of the Cafe and the most recent exhibition is by local artist Trish O'Hallaran. *Trish is pictured above with Jenn on a visit to O'le Cafe.*

O'le Cafe is open seven days a week. So drop in and sample the wonderful menu and enjoy the relaxed and friendly surroundings and you will be saying O'le too.

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From The Archives: The Construction of Canning Dam

Recently some rare photos were donated to the Birtwistle Studies Library. One of these showed the construction of Canning Dam back in 1939 - with the construction workers houses clearly visible. This was an event not captured in many photos.

Canning Dam is a national trust classified construction and a truly amazing edifice. At the time of its construction Canning Dam was recognised as one of the largest dams in the world and recognised as a major engineering achievement. Its innovative structure as a concrete gravity fed dam was at the forefront of 'concrete dam' design in its day. It was designed by Adelaide born Sir Russell Dumas (1887 - 1975) and was officially opened by the then Premier of the state the Hon J Wilcock on September 8th 1940.

The dam was very significant in the development of our state. It was essential for the expansion of the Perth metropolitan area as a reliable water supply was of major importance in making certain that future development was sustainable. It replaced the old pipe head dam built on the Canning River in 1924.

Prior to the dam's construction Perth's water supply was unreliable and poor in quality (it was quite saline and had an excess of bacterial pollution) and often scarce in drought periods. At the time it was the State's largest public works project. Also the large area of natural forest in the catchment area has significant environmental impact and importance.

The site for the dam was selected in 1896 however work did not commence until 1933. The allocation of land as 'catchment' and the decision to not allow farming to occur on these lands had a big impact on many Karragullen farmers in the 1920s - 1940's as their farms were resumed. This decision caused great financial hardship to many of our pioneering orchardists. The final catchment of Canning Dam, Kangaroo Gully is 59 sq kilometres and the full extent of the dam reservoir is 11km in length. When it was first built it provided work for over 500 men and provided a huge boost for local industry.

The workers and their families lived in a small township at the western end of the valley downstream from the dam wall. This settlement had a post office, a general store, a reception hall and a primary school. However there was no hotel. The dam wall was constructed using bulk handling of cement rather than the use of bagged cement. This was the first time this had been used in Australia. The cement came by rail from the cement works in Rivervale and then by road from Armadale to the dam. The dam wall consisted of a series of monoliths made up of a single day's concrete pour. The dam was the major source of water for Perth from 1940 - 1961.

The building cost over 1.1 million pounds. This represented a huge investment at the time.

In 1999 the dam underwent a major upgrade to refurbish and strengthen the ageing wall (some of the wall had concrete cancer).

In the picture, readers can see the former engineer's house to the west plus the construction camp. It is a real find - thanks to Susan Hall of the Birtwistle Library for sharing it.

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decided to retire to Katanning where they continue to be active and supportive members of the community.

"The Farm" was announced with a Jarrah sign at the farm gate, this sign was taken down and moved into their new home where Helen wanted it to be erected in the front yard. Ted however never quite got around to it so it languished near the wood heap for the next 12 years. The sign was finally rescued and I took it to Phil Aked at the Roleystone Men's Shed, where he and a few of the regulars got together to turn the sign into a lovely and very usable bench seat.

The seat has now been gifted to Ted and Helen. A recent road trip from Perth to Katanning at Easter with my family including 4 siblings, took the opportunity to present it to them. Both Helen and Ted are delighted with the seat, it now sits pride of place on the front verandah of their home.

They are both really pleased with the result and very happy to have the Men's Shed involved in the project. Ted is a member of the Katanning Men's Shed and understands the valuable contribution this group adds to the respective communities.

Catherine Schaefer



Montebello Sign Gets A New Lease on Life

Ted and Helen Schaefer celebrated their 59th Wedding Anniversary on 7th April 2015. They are now retired farmers from the Katanning District having owned a property East of Katanning in the Badgebup area. "Montebello" was the farm they purchased after immigrating with three small boys from Dimboola in Victoria in 1962. The farming opportunities were better in the West and they settled on 5000 acres just east of Katanning which successfully supported themselves and 6 children. In 2003 it was finally but with a lot of reluctance time to call it a day and the property was sold. Ted and Helen having lived there for the last 40+ years

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'We wouldn't miss our Thursday night treat - the degustation menu. Every week is different as Gavin serves up a range of tasty and exquisite selections. And they are gluten free too.'

'We need to do everything we can to make sure Gavin stays on at the Country Club. His ability is unsurpassed and I recommend the degustation menu to everyone,' said Lisa.

Gavin and his wife Shireen certainly go out of their way to make sure patrons are served delightful food at a reasonable price at their Windows on Wygonda restaurant. Your next opportunity for a special treat is Mother's Day where Gavin will be providing both a Breakfast or a Lunch menu. So why don't you take Mum next Sunday? She'll be very glad you did.

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A moving commemorative Anzac service was held at RCC on Friday 24th of April. This event was well supported by the community with a wide range of invited guests and locals attending. The demeanour of the students was outstanding on this centenary commemoration. School captains Bradley Husbands and Sarah Nickels were exceptional as the respectful and efficient anchors. The assembly was a good mix of poems, speeches and the traditional aspects including the Ode delivered by Len Copley of the RSL.

The RCC Senior choir, led by Ms Karen West sung 'Horses Coming Home' and 'In Flanders Fields', the Rouse and The Last Post were performed by teacher Miss Lauren Bennetts. The school deserves our highest congratulations for this professionally run and deeply moving occasion. Thanks to Karen West and Deb Goad for their organisation and to the college Principal Mr Peter Thatcher and the staff and students of Roleystone Community College. Well done to all concerned.



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Two Special People Have 60th Birthdays

Over this month there have been two significant sixtieths in town.

Bev Krebs reached the milestone on April 21 and celebrated with a 50s themed party surrounded by family and friends. Bev is pictured above with friend Dwayne Knapp.

On April 12th Mary Gwynne celebrated her 60th birthday and thought it would be 'nice to eat cake'. The day was glorious as she was surrounded by family and good friends. Her three sons were the wait persons and the house was filled with beautiful red roses. Mary is shown with neighbour Angelo.

Happy birthday to you both and wishing you many more to come.



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Folks With A Roleystone Connection

1. Amy Robson, born and schooled in Roleystone and now living and working in Brookton.
2. Doreen Owens nee Brockway was born in Roleystone. Her parents were some of the first orchardists in the district. Doreen now lives in Manjimup.
3. Colin and Beryl Parker of Pemberton. Colin's great grandparents Joseph and Sarah Parker, set up Hillendale Orchard (now Raeburn Orchard).
4. Linda is pictured with David Bardsley former Pastor of the Roleystone Community Church and now living with his wife Hilary in Bridgetown.



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City Plans More Events Over May

Over 3,000 people attended the first Armadale Hawkers Markets in Memorial Park on Friday 17 April and enjoyed the food, music and atmosphere of the Armadale Hawkers Markets.

Locals seem to enjoy the market-style events and the planners from the City of Armadale are intending to run more of these over the next few months.

The City of Armadale's next major events are the Minnawarra Festival to be held on Sunday 3 May, from 11am to 4pm in Minnawarra Park and the Minnawarra Art Awards which runs for the week prior.

At the festival there will be a Multicultural Food Court presenting a variety of ethnic food and lots of entertainment.

Local musicians will take centre stage with live music by popular local swing band Two Cent Professionals, the Roleystone Musicians Club and an array of emerging artists. There will be a life sized discoverable maze and The Kids Zone will include activities such as story telling with local writers, story book making and a play dough table.

Young people will also be entertained at The Youth Zone which will include urban

art, a bean bag chill out zone, basketball competitions and giant games. There will be more than 40 arts, crafts and unique stalls and workshops including tribal jewellery making, origami and recycled art.

Road closures will be in place so everyone is encouraged to Travel Smart – walk, ride, catch a bus or train, or car pool to the event. Limited parking is available on the corner of Abbey Road and Armadale Road for a \$5 donation. This parking is available on a first in first served basis.

Accessible parking will be reserved in the Council car park off Orchard Road for ACROD permit holders. This is family friendly, smoke and alcohol free event.

The Art Awards will once again be at the Armadale District Hall from Saturday 2 May until Sunday 17 May, 11am to 4pm daily at the Armadale District Hall. This year there are 65 artists exhibiting - 15 artists who live locally.

These events will be family friendly and something that the community will truly enjoy. For more information on City events visit www.armdale.wa.gov.au.

Dot, Dot, Dash At The Armadale Visitor Centre

The Morse Code Society were at the Armadale Visitor Centre on April 14th to give a demonstration of Morse Code.

Participants were shown how to send a telegram to their family and friends. Readers are invited to drop into the Armadale Visitor Centre to see what they have to offer, or visit them at their stall at Minnawarra Festival on May 2nd.



Garden Club May Outing - All Welcome

After travelling to Maida Vale and Oakford in March and April, and to South Perth for the Perth Garden Festival on 1 May, the Garden Group will take time to savour the joy of living in Roleystone in autumn with a visit to Araluen on Thursday 21 May.

We will meet in the lower car park of the Botanic Gardens at 10am for a wander through the park and a coffee afterwards. Come and join us.

Lynn Matthews
0419 927 807 or 9397 5784



INTENSIVE CREW FUNDRAISING REPORT

What a busy month Intensive Crew have had.

The footy season started in April & 29 tippers have joined us for the season. Winners of each round will receive \$10. At the end of the season, the overall first place will receive \$300, overall second place will receive \$200 & overall third place will receive \$100. Currently Fridgeraider is sitting in 1st place on 21 closely followed by Chad_Wingard on 20 & then four more tippers on 19.

On April 11-12 two team members, Matt Hill & Adam Knapp, dressed hot for Perth Oz Comic-con. Well, we are not sure how hot they really were, but they certainly raised a good amount for Intensive Care Foundation. A total of \$1,635 was raised by the boys & a lot of awareness was raised as well. Fantastic effort boys.

On Saturday 18th April we held a very successful Sausage Sizzle outside Fidock & Co Real Estate. Lots of people called by for a sausage in a bun, a drink & a chat. It was great to see. We also had a raffle for 1 tonne of firewood delivered which was very kindly donated by Associated Tree Services & was won by Eugen Krebs.

There was also a "Count the Jelly Beans in the Jar" competition. This was donated by Imajayne & was won by Luke Knapp. We also have to make a very special mention

& a HUGE thank you to Rob Fidock & all his staff for their wonderful support. It is fantastic the support they give to local community groups.

The HBF Run for a Reason is now just a month away. Intensive Crew are still fundraising & hope to reach their target of \$10,000 for this year. If you would like to support us by donating to help Intensive Care Foundation continue their valuable work, all you need to do is search for 'hbf run 2015 everyday hero' and look for the 'intensive crew'. All money raised goes directly to funding the vital research & training required to improving the quality of lives saved for patients admitted to Intensive Care Units around Australia & New Zealand. None of these funds are used for administration costs - 100% goes to the cause.

Our annual High Tea Fundraising event will be held on Sunday 21st June at Avocados Reception Centre on Brookton Highway Kelmscott. Tickets will be on sale soon.

If you would like to be advised when tickets are on sale, please send us an email at intensivecrewperth@gmail.com & we will be sure to advise you immediately. If you are a business who would like to support us by donating a prize for our raffle, we would love to hear from you.

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Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup Easter Raffle

*We hope everyone had a lovely Easter!
 The winners of our Easter raffle almost certainly enjoyed the chocolatey goodness, as you can see from the picture at right.*

- 1st prize: Kate
- 2nd: Sonya
- 3rd: Kerry
- 4th: Poppy and Milly
- 5th: Colleen

With the new term upon us we have spaces available in all of our sessions, running every Monday – Wednesday and Friday from 9-11am at the Roleystone Family Centre.

If you are thinking of joining come down to meet the group leader(s) during one of our sessions to get information or get in touch with the President of RGP Kerry Davis on 0439 914 011 or kerry.s.davis@gmail.com

Pictured above right: Callum and Alex.



EASTER WINNERS



Violet Wins The Easter Hat Parade

Congratulations to Violet Moore for winning the Easter hat parade at South Thornlie PS. Awesome job by her Mum Bec to create this masterpiece too.



Jacob Wins The Easter Colouring Competition

Congratulations to Jacob for winning the Easter colouring competition at the Roleystone Community Chemist. Well done.

Thank you to all the boys and girls who entered this contest, fantastic efforts. We hope everyone had a safe and awesome Easter.

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Roleybushcare Report May

A job well done

Roleybushcare has spent the past six field days injecting every Jarrah, Persoonia, Banksia and Sheoak in the bushland in Eskdale Reserve, the surrounding bush around Hillandale Retirement Village, the Jarrah Road Bushland next to the Fire Brigade's headquarters and the trees surrounding the Roleystone Karragullen Seniors building.

This has been a huge task that will now not have to be done again for at least five years.

This area is pretty special as it is right in the centre of our village and is a little like Roleystone's Kings Park. As more development goes on and more trees are taken out then this area becomes even more precious.

On our last dieback treatment day, a group of ten volunteers joined us from Environmental Resources Management (ERM). They travelled

from as far as Joondalup and Fremantle to do their community service with us. It was a joy to work with these young people and they remarked on what a beautiful place Roleystone was.

We thank everyone who helped out over the last dieback season. Thank you also to the Roleystone Girl Guides who generously let us use their big veranda. It came in very useful during morning tea when we had our only major downfall of rain.

Volunteer's Dinner

This will be held on Saturday 23rd May in the evening. Invitations have been sent to our regulars. If you volunteered over the past year and didn't receive one please let us know.

Plant Sale

Our plant sale will be held at the Roleystone Shopping Centre on Saturday 6th June between 9.00am and noon. We will be selling local native plants usually found in our local reserves plus a few extra species for the lovers of all Western Australian plants. Come down and talk to us. Lots of information is available and this is our only fundraising event of the year.

Next field day

There will be no field day in May. Our revegetation season will be in June, July and August so keep an eye on our website for information about where and when.

At left: some of the Roleybushcare Morning Tea courtesy of Jacqie, Jan and Kathie (and Maya not pictured).

Below: RBC plus ten volunteers from Environmental Resources Management (ERM) group. They travelled from as far as Joondalup and Fremantle to do their community service with us.



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Have Your Say On Involuntary Detention - An Issue Affecting Many Across Our Community



Families are asking for some mechanism whereby their loved ones who are caught up in a damaging cycle of addiction to alcohol or drugs (especially meth) can be required to receive treatment in the form of detoxification and stabilisation and commence rehabilitation on an involuntary basis.

Many Western Societies are facing this problem. Most of us have seen the damage that a cycle of addiction can cause families and society in general.

I recently visited the Northern Territory to talk with people there about the efforts they are making to deal with the issue; The NT can compel people to enter a program to try and beat the cycle of addiction, under special circumstances.

As it stands now, in WA we can hold people involuntarily whilst they are in the grips of a psychotic episode, but once that episode passes (usually a few days for a drug induced psychosis), and the person is able to consent or withhold consent to any further treatment or rehabilitation, they cannot be involuntarily detained and provided with treatment.

They must give consent to any further treatment and or rehabilitation; sadly, most do not, and they walk out the door and repeat the cycle once more. The programs that currently exist in WA require a person to sober up/detox before they can be signed up for rehabilitation.

In the NT, where a person is repeatedly coming to the attention of authorities and are a clear risk to themselves or others, engaging in anti-social behaviour or creating a public nuisance despite repeated attempts to divert that person towards support services, they can be compelled to receive medical treatment and rehabilitation for up to 3 months. Yes, this is an involuntary medical treatment and rehabilitation program.

So, I have a request; in principle, do you support the

In principle, do you support the involuntary detention and treatment of addicts, couched in whatever terms the Parliament decide upon, or should we never involuntarily detain someone, even if the outcome ultimately benefits them?

involuntary detention and treatment of addicts (even when they are able to give or withhold consent) if they have repeatedly come to the attention of authorities because of their dysfunctional behaviour? Or should we never involuntarily detain someone, even if the outcome ultimately benefits them? There is nothing currently before Parliament on this issue, but it is important to at least start a discussion on it.

Please contact my office with any thoughts you may have on the issue and if there is anything my office can do to assist you, please get in touch.

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Lisa Porter



April Club Night Report



Mike from Hawkstone



Helen Townsend

We had a good turnout of 55 for what will probably be the last balmy evening before winter sets in.

Two new acts arrived. New member Dave "Snowy" joined Hawkstone's Jeff onstage with newcomer Mal from north of the river and Helen Townsend performed for the first time with her backing band. Quite a few new people attended who were very impressed with our setup and will be coming back to perform! We seem to have at least one new act each month which is fantastic!

Dave Willis' project, Game of Tones, rounds up different people each month to perform a new set of songs; always different! This time he had Jason from Roleystone Auto Centre on vocals and they performed a cracking version of Chris Isaac's "Wicked Games" and QOTSA "No One Knows". The Clubhouse was jumpin'! Young band, Placid, are firing on all

cylinders with their new drummer, Tom. They're creating videos of their original songs and getting ready to release their first single "Oddity" and an EP. Log on to the PLACID (Roleystone Musician/Band) Facebook page and support them by giving them a LIKE. It's amazing how effective this form of social media is at promotion. We're also getting ready for Minnowarra Festival in Armadale on Sunday 3 May. We have four acts performing in the afternoon, so get along and support your Roleystone Musicians and enjoy a fun day out to boot! Our next Club Night is Saturday 23 May. For more info contact Deb on 9397 7007 or SMS to 0468 62 68 68 or email president@rmcsa.com.au.

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Senior Football @ The Tigers Den Big Start To 2015



It's been an exciting start to the footy season here at the Senior Tigers.

A big season launch & Comedy Night followed by a Busy Bee at the club so we have room to accommodate the rapidly growing Roleystone Musicians Club. Well done to Deb De Boer and her team and thanks for your hard work around the club rooms also.

The boys are all training hard under our new coach Glenn Weaver, new assistant Coach Cameron Whan and new Team Manager James Graham. With this experienced team leading the way we are sure it's going to be a successful year on and off the field.

We have been fortunate to secure the services of Brian McCormack again this year as our Club umpire and Karen Olsen is back as trainer. The ever reliable Rhyley Grant is back doing the big Boundary Umpire job for us. If you see Mitchell Lewis pushing the line marker around the oval, please give him a toot as you go past !! Marking the oval is a bigger job than it looks.

We thank and acknowledge all who help us, week in, week out at the club, we certainly appreciate it.

The season has started well with two wins.

Just look at the leader board! Great numbers every week at training, the guys are going to be working hard to ensure they get a game.

Round one was the Memorial Game. We played Quinn's district at home and had a huge crowd there to support us on this special day at the club.

Kale Ballantyne who played his first game of football in 5 years came away with the Butcher/Darbyshire medal. We will see some exciting football from Kale this year if he can manage not to break something. *Kale is pictured below with Tanya Butcher and Colleen Darbyshire, after being awarded his medal.*

Round two was played away down at Coolbellup, it was a hard, physical game but the boys kept their heads and again we came away with a good solid win.

We'd like to make mention and say thanks to the City of Armadale for assisting us in the cleaning up of some vandalism that has occurred at the club in the recent weeks. We are proud of the club and want to keep it looking good. They were very quick to respond and help us to get it sorted.

We welcome all members of the community and hope that over the coming season we will see many old and many new faces down at Cross Park supporting us and joining in the fun. The heater will be on up on the veranda game days and the canteen ladies will be firing up the grill, so what better way to spend a Saturday?

Please find us on facebook for all the Game Day updates and details for our upcoming events.

Jake Lewis

Vice President Roleystone Sporting Club

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8	Willetton (E1)	2	0	2	0	42.24	0
9	Coolbellup (E1)	2	0	2	0	41.48	0
10	Quinns District (E1)	2	0	2	0	26.32	0



Gardening Notes with Jean

Not being a tidy gardener, I have been blessed by the work Chris, Sue, Mark and Roderick, have been getting through in the garden. Today Chris planted out the native plants I had chosen while on The Garden Club outing to Oakford last week.

We had a lovely day and I purchased a number of Eromophilas, Correas, Lechenaultia, and then a few assorted different ones which caught my eye. I must have chosen bird attracting ones as a little bird was thoroughly enjoying playing in amongst them while they were still in the wheelbarrow. I noticed today the Heron was down near the bottom pond whilst the two ducks were back on the top pond. I love to see that the birds continue playing in the yard.

Autumn has brought a lovely blooming of my sasanqua camellias and also my first japonicas are in bloom. Three flowers have appeared on 'Violet bouquet' and one on 'Susie Fortson' and there are several on 'Dewaitarin'.

I heard Trevor Cochran saying that this is the very last opportunity to prune roses if you still want a good autumn display. We must put in sweet peas now too, while the ground is still warm enough to help them germinate and give us a good spring flowering. I noticed a couple of self-seeded ones from last year. Another surprise development in the garden were seeds falling from the Leopard Tree. Nature knows its seasons and provides for the future generations.

My rockery is really starting to come into its own with geraniums still flowering and a few bromeliads colouring up beautifully. The nasturtiums I planted have been washed away so I guess they will start off down the bank a wee bit. The *Evolvulus pilosus*, with its beautiful blue flowers are hugging the side of the paths, anchoring the soil. I have only noticed one *Chrysanthemum* near ready to flower. This always reminds me that Mother's Day is nearly here. Funny how we associate plants with certain times of the year.

Soon you will be able to settle down with your bulb catalogues and other gardening books. I am currently reading a book on the early plant hunters called: "Plants that changed the gardens". It reveals some strange stories about what men took to collect them, one even ending his days in a bear pit in his quest for new varieties! It seems that early plant specimens often got destroyed by floods and other perils, long before the Wardian Cases were invented for transferring plants from one country to another. Now we have quarantine restrictions in place to prevent this kind of importation. It's easy to see why some of these plants have become pests in the wrong area. Apparently 'Double Gees' were introduced to Western Australia to use as a spinach!

Anyway, whatever you choose to do in your garden enjoy the balmy days before winter comes. Good gardening.

Jean

A Date For Your Diary Our Winter Market

Our next Roleystone Market will be on the 14th June 2015 from 10am to 3pm.

Anyone wanting a stall is invited to make contact with the committee or to send in an application. Don't miss out, spots are filling up quickly.

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Pictured at left: new committee member Karen and overview of the crowd below.



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Tulip Planting

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Autumn in the Park

Autumn is a beautiful time to visit Araluen and enjoy one of the many walks that will take you exploring the Park.

The fantastic reds, yellows and browns are just starting to appear in so many of the trees and scrubs. The first to colour up are the Lirodendron Tulipifera (Tulip Tree) in the entry car park with their spectacular display of autumn gold.



Applications for Enrolment for Kindergarten and Pre-Primary 2016 at Roleystone Community College

If you would like to apply for your child to attend Kindergarten at the College in 2016, applications are now being accepted. Applications close Friday 24 July in Term three (the first Friday).

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- Your child's Birth Certificate.
- An up-to-date ACIR Immunisation record (history statement from Medicare with the teddy bear on it).
- Proof of Roleystone or local area address.

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Any enquiries please phone RCC front office on 9391 6222 or email Roleystone.cc@education.wa.edu.au or fax 9397 6751



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ROLEYSTONE Theatre

It has been a busy month at the Theatre this month.

There have been auditions for our next full production, the start of reorganising our props and backstage areas and planning of the remaining seasons and functions of the theatre for 2015.

Auditions for 'Salonika', our next full length play occurred on the 19th of April. Salonika is a play by Louise Page and to be directed by Phil Mackenzie. The production will be performed in June over a two week period.

Final casting is yet to be announced so please watch this space.

Submissions for our 2015 One Act Season, to be held on the 11th and 12th of September, are still open. We invite all directors - new and old - to submit their shows for the season. This is a chance for anyone who wishes to get involved in theatre, to have their start. We will also be entering your play under the Roleystone Theatre name in the ITA's Dramafest, also held in late September.

Please see the "Be Involved" page on our website (www.roleystonetheatre.com.au) for our submission form.

Earlier this month the theatre commenced sorting out its props, backstage and

workshop area. We are holding a Busy Bee to continue the organisation on Sunday the 3rd of May from 10am to 2pm and encourage all available members to help out.

On the 15th of May, we are holding our next event, presenting 'Conflict and Compassion: an Anzac Tribute'.

This will be an evening of song and performance - with a focus on the sacrifice of our first ANZACs -especially those who hailed from our own area. This National Trust Heritage festival event is sponsored and brought to you by The City of Armadale, The Roleystone Theatre and Linda's Books. Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8:00pm start.

Tickets will be available, for the very reasonable price of \$5 per head. This will include a complementary sherry on arrival and tea coffee and Anzac biscuits at intermission. It's with great sadness that the Theatre said a final farewell to one of its long standing members. On the 5th of April, John Ramsell passed away following a short battle with cancer.

John was involved in many aspects of the theatre over the years, among them acting, singing, directing, as an active committee member (Vice President), set building and painting, working backstage and as a stage manager. He could always be relied on for help with special effects - especially if it involves blowing something up!

He was a great man and a great performer and will be missed by all.

Kat Ramsell

We would sincerely like to thank our major sponsor Fidock & Co Real Estate and our home ground sponsor for the past 3 seasons, Quality Traffic Management, for their support over the last few years. These two relationships have helped strengthen our relationship with the community for a number of years and helped us to provide a safe, and fun atmosphere at one of Roleystone's premiere sporting facilities.

Our gold, silver and bronze sponsors this year have also contributed strongly to the success of the club and we hope we are able to continue this relationship for season 2015/16. So a very sincere thank you to:

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We wish everyone an enjoyable, safe winter and look forward to seeing you all again next year. Of course if you wish to get involved with cricket in the form of a T20 competition run on Saturdays in Vic Park, don't forget to register your interest on the Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club facebook page.

Todd Bendall

Full list of trophy winners is on page 38.



RKCC Season Windup

We take this opportunity to thank the players, committee members, wives, girlfriends, parents, the community and everyone who has been involved in some way or another this year.

The Roleystone-Karragullen Cricket Club stands taller than ever thanks to your support this year. Season 2014/15 has of course now drawn to a close with the RKCC annual windup occurring at the Pickering Brook Sports Club in April. It was a fun-filled night with great food provided by our sponsor, Catering Craft.

The season has been a wonderful success and is largely due to the help and support of our sponsors and the Roleystone-Karragullen community.

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TENNIS NEWS: WENDY TUCKER



Club Championships

Our Annual Club Championships went very well. Thank you to all our members who participated.

Our 2015 Men's Singles Champion is Simon Blackmore, our Ladies Singles Champion is Catherine Monaghan, our Men's Doubles Champions are Glen Hickinbotham and Jo Jackson and our Ladies Doubles Champions are Catherine Monaghan and Judy Smith.

On the weekend of 11th & 12th April we completed the championships and were very lucky with the weather.

Our 2015 Under 18 Boy's Singles Champion is Mike Stidwell and our Special Doubles Winners were Barb & Mike Stidwell.

On Sunday April 12th we had 12 couples playing in the Mixed Doubles Event and there were some fantastic matches played.

Our Mixed Doubles Champions for 2015 were Sebastian Sinderman and Lois Swaddle.

The Championships concluded with a sausage sizzle and presentations and thank you to Mr Tony Jacobs, Manager of the local Bendigo Bank, and our Club Patron who very kindly presented the medallions.

A very special thank you to Catherine Monaghan for running the two weekends on 22nd March & 29th March and for her assistance over the 11th April and 12th April.

Thank you to Jasmine & Jake who very kindly cooked our BBQ on the 12th April. Thank you to Taryn Boase from Sportsstar Trophies for the lovely club medallions.

Coming Events

Autumn Tournament

On Saturday 16th May we are holding our Annual Autumn Tournament which will commence about 10am and finish around 2.30-3pm.

This will be a doubles event with names drawn from the "Club Hat". All financial members should put their names down to participate. There is a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse.

Wendy Tucker

Pictured:

- 1 Tony Jacobs and with Simon Blackmore.
2. Tony with Catherine Monaghan
3. Michael and Barb Stidwell with Tony



Roleystone Country Club May Report

It's great to see that winter is finally here bringing some nice rain and colder nights. We have had a very busy couple of months at the club.

On Saturday the 28th of March our rock and roll night had over 130 people and was a fantastic night of great music and 50s café style food. Seeing so many people of all ages in their 50s gear made the night. Special thanks to all who helped stage the night with a big thank you to Danni for all her hard work.

Mother's Day is coming up and to help spoil your mum Windows on Wygonda is open for Mother's Day breakfast 8.00am until 11.00am with a large choice on the menu and then a fantastic lunch menu - all prepared by our renowned chef Gavin. So get your table booked.

Upcoming Events

On the 17th of May from 10.30 am onwards, the 1949-1959 Ford Club and also the 'no name hot rod club' will be displaying their cars and with a few Harleys also in the mix. Anyone from Roleystone who wishes to bring along their classic car or bike please call Mick on 0400 238548. Gavin will have the kitchen open so come along and see some classic vehicles.

The Day on the Green will be held on the 24th of May 3pm - 6pm and will feature the boys from Beatz Working. A range of food and snacks will be available from our caterers. These guys rocked the place on their last appearance, so get along early to get your spot on the grass.

Windows on Wygonda restaurant have the fire cranked up and a new menu for winter. Gavin and Shireen have selected a range of magnificent dishes that will have you coming back for more.

You may have noticed the progress in construction of the entrance. Many thanks to Duncan Miller for the bricks and Les, Terry, Warick, Ross and me for the work carried out over the Easter break.

The wall, once completed, will be rendered and lights installed and we have also trenched down the driveway with plans to install lighting. All of this will make our club more appealing.

Hope to see you all at The Club soon.

Michael Hansen



RCC MEN'S PENNANT BOWLS 2015

The Roleystone Men's Pennant Bowls division recently held a wind-up to celebrate a very enjoyable and successful 2014-15 Bowling Season.

The highlight of the season was finishing 3rd and playing off for promotion in the Grand Final. Unfortunately they just fell short in the final game, but after finishing last in the previous season this was a fantastic result.

The windup was held after a successful and fun drawn pair's day won by Warwick and Ben (a new bowler). Some interesting trophies were handed out to some of our newer bowlers.

We would like to thank our sponsors Hansen Environmental, WJ and KS Autos and all the other sponsors who supported us this year.

The 2015-16 season will commence in September but anyone interested in playing, please contact the Club on 93975665 and speak to Les Carruthers or Warwick Neville.

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As of last year, the program changed over to the same type of test used by the Federal Government screening program: 'Immunochemical'. This German-made test is not only more sensitive, it also requires no change in diet or restriction in medication, making it considerably more convenient.

Rotary's WA coordinator for Bowelscan, Roleystone's Jeff Cairns, says the new test removes a last impediment to doing the test. "There were probably people who hesitated because of perceived hassle with the test. We're making it easier to try to get those people over the line, and catch more early cancers."

The Unnecessary Killer

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Shirley Slatter recently wrote to the organisers of the program:

'I did not know I had bowel cancer three years ago as I felt extremely well. Fortunately your program alerted me to seek medical assistance and I was operated on before it was too late. I have just completed a 6-month check-up at Geraldton Regional Hospital and I am very reassured. I really appreciate your wonderful program and I spread the word whenever I can. It is thanks to Bowelscan that I am still here today.'

Low awareness and lack of early detection means that bowel cancer continues to have an unnecessarily high death rate. Greater understanding is needed, not only of the benefits of regular screening, but of the fact that a healthy diet can dramatically reduce your chances of contracting the disease.

Saving Lives For \$12

The new, more convenient Bowelscan test is still very inexpensive. Rotary is sourcing and providing the kits during May for just \$12, with the pathology testing conducted free of charge by program partner Western Diagnostic.

Kits are available at the Roleystone Pharmacy and at many other pharmacies across the state. Having purchased one during May, users need to return it to the pharmacy by June 14 to be tested.

This new kit has one special requirement. The used kits must be returned within 5 days of the first sample being taken to ensure that the pathology testing is done within the required time limit.

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COUNCILLORS' COMMENT MAY

With Local Government reform off the agenda the focus of the City has now returned to Armadale.

The Ministerial visit was very positive, showing the Ministers the progress in Armadale (mostly the CBD and western suburbs), that is important to create the new image of Armadale. The benefits to Roleystone-Karragullen are secondary with improving amenity and services that local residents can utilise.

Budget meetings have also started and much of the focus is also on improving amenity of Armadale where further funding is hoped to be available for significant street-scaping in Kelmscott and Armadale and additional funding for events and public art. Again the benefits of these items to Roleystone and Karragullen are secondary as improvements to the neighbouring major centres that we can enjoy.

In Roleystone, the finalisation of location and layout of the Community Garden and Men's Shed is nearly complete. The first aim is to have a building foot print and approximate 'garden zone' and then to meet with Lotterywest for a preliminary application discussion.

This will be followed by the application

and then a 4 - 5 month wait for the item to get to the Lotterywest agenda.

The City is working with 4 groups for Community Gardens/Men's Sheds (Roleystone, Kelmscott, Camillo and Armadale) and due to the number of these applications now being seen by Armadale and Lotterywest, we are keen to submit the Roleystone application.

Lotterywest is the main funding body for these types of projects now, whereas clubs have historically been funded by the clubs themselves and/or the City. These organisations have limited fund-raising capabilities and require significant funding from elsewhere. In amongst the other groups of Armadale (sport and other) there would be a queue for City assistance and hence the relatively new developing Roleystone group might have had to wait awhile for funding were it not for Lotterywest funding assistance to local community groups.

We hope to see the Community Garden & Men's Shed set up soon.

Disclaimer: These are the views and understanding of Crs Wielinga & Nixon. For further information please contact the City of Armadale.



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Community Life David Bardsley

a remote possibility.

This isn't about organic life. Rather, the spiritual and moral life of the community is in view. Some letters to the Editor in last month's edition of the Courier were a disappointing but sadly not surprising indicator.

Communities throughout the affluent western world are experiencing much of the same thing. Wealth, self centredness and independence seem to collude to drive more and more nails into the coffin of community life.

But it need not be so.

At the junction of the 19th and 20th century – that's 115 years ago, believe it or not! – for different reasons, the country of Wales was in a similarly dire situation. Crime was rife. Alcoholism and abuse in all walks of life were common. Communities were morally bankrupt and only lip service was paid to spiritual matters. Then in 1904 something quite remarkable happened. Historians describe it as the Great Welsh Revival. A spiritual awakening flooded the land, the massive increase in Church attendance reflecting the personal change that was taking place within individual people. Crime virtually disappeared for a time and the police were just about idle!

Community life was revitalised.

At the heart of this amazing turnaround was a small group of people who had been driven to their knees in despair at the spiritual disease in their communities and their nation. The result was truly astounding.

Dare we believe that God can do the same thing here and now if we devote ourselves wholeheartedly to prayer?

Are we prepared to put some of our own effort into watering what appears to be a dead stick and pray for the spiritual warmth which will bring new life to the place where we live?

Following the example of a few other communities around the world, Bridgetown is starting a weekly 24 hour prayer vigil for the community. Everybody is being invited to participate.

May I suggest that other communities including Roleystone might follow suit. Does anybody care enough to do that?

God only knows what the outcome might be!

*Yours in Christ
David*

Dear Friends

There's a tree in our garden.

Hey, we live in Bridgetown now and, like Roleystone, there are many trees in our garden! But I am thinking of one in particular, one we brought with us from Roleystone. It may be a tree but it could be an odd shaped shrub. I just don't know. Whatever, it likes a shady spot and it still looks pretty good... for the moment.

Soon the winter season will be upon us and it will lose all its leaves and become nothing more than an odd looking stick.

During our first winter, I thought it had died. When the leaves fell off, the branches seemed to wither away, looking totally dried up and brittle.

When the warmer Spring weather arrived, we watered the stick in faith and I was delighted to see signs of life emerging. One tiny green spot appeared right on the topmost branch and it grew into a recognisable leaf. But then nothing else seemed to happen. The prospect of all these branches and just one leaf wasn't all that appealing to say the least.

In despair, we nearly took to it with the bow saw. But then, to our surprise, lots of little green spots gradually emerged and before you could say "Jack Robinson" (why do we use that expression?) loads of leaves appeared. It looked lovely again.

Now we know that even if it looks really dead, warmth and water will bring it back to glorious life.

There are times when I look in despair at our community both here and in Roleystone, in fact, almost everywhere we have lived. Like the tree in our garden during the winter, real life seems

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The Araluen Golf Club May Report

April saw the first big competition of the season with Greg Walkington not only winning the Autumn Cup but also achieving his first ever 'hole in one' on the 4th hole! Well done Greg and a 'drink on him' was well received by all.

This month also saw the final of the Match Play Club Championships. Well done to all the winners - especially Denis Lawrance who's 20 year wait to finally get his name up onto the "BIG" board was realized.

The Anzac Day Trophy event, where 112 players tee off, will be completed by the time you receive your Roleystone Courier.

In May we also have the Vice Captain's trophy up for grabs.

An exciting new development will be our Ladies Golfing Clinics. These will be offered at a very affordable rate. A similar clinic will be run for children on a different day. We will start with the basics - so don't worry if you are a beginner. These clinics will run for a 4 - 6 week period. Thanks to the professional golfers at Araluen who have offered to assist. Please keep an eye open for the advertising to follow in the Roleystone Courier.

Good Golfing
Ian Pettersson

Pictured:

1. A grade Club Championship Final contestants - Iain Shields and Ian Pettersson.

2. B grade Club Championship Final contestants - Denis Lawrance and Tony Spanjers.

3. C grade Club Championship Final contestants - Adam Huxford and Phil Stone.



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Wild Gossip

The last month seems to have been 'Bandicoot time' with several admissions and lots of phone enquiries.

One sad call was from someone who found a dead Bandicoot on the road with 5 babies. Unfortunately 3 were dead but the remaining 2 were brought to me. I have never seen a Bandicoot with 5 babies, it is normally 2 or 3. Maybe being overloaded contributed to her road accident. Sadly one of the babies died overnight and the other when I was feeding it the following day. I fear that the mother and babies had died from poisoning as this actually fits with the circumstances.

Please take care when using any poisons such as rat bait by placing it in a container that only rats or mice can enter.

I prefer not to use poisons of any kind on my property and use natural remedies and

live catchers. Crushed egg shells placed around plants and vegetables prevent snails from eating them. Also snail picking helps and if you have chooks they will enjoy eating them.

Naphthalene flakes or mothballs placed in a container in the roof will deter rats, mice and possums.

Securing your roof is obviously the best remedy but it is not always possible. Possums have been reported removing roof tiles to gain entry, also they manage to squeeze in through a corrugated roof as do rats and mice.

Fortunately possums are very clean and do not foul their area but rats and mice have less respect and are usually responsible for the yellow stains on the ceiling and for wire chewing.

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

Syl Cooper 9397 6184/0417972930 or sylcooper@westnet.com.au.

The Armadale Wildflower Society

Start Them Young - Keep Them Young



Emily Scott Year 3

To encourage children to appreciate the natural world, the Armadale branch of the Wildflowers Society has helped fund the purchase of Bio-Boxes for the Armadale Primary School.

The Bio-Boxes – 8 in all - cover all science areas taught at the school including plant and animal boxes. Each box consist of a stereo microscope, books, hand lens, collection kits, stethoscopes etc. The students can borrow the boxes from the school library in the same way they borrow books.

“Many, many thanks to the Armadale Branch of the Wildflower Society who have kindly sponsored the biology boxes” Mady Colquhoun Science Specialist at the Armadale Primary School, “ We really appreciate the sponsorship and connection with the Wildflower Society.”

“Already they are being well used. Emily Scott (year 3) is just one of the many students taking the opportunity to explore the fascinating world of nature.”

For the young at heart, the Armadale branch holds regular talks and walks around the parks and reserves in the Armadale area as well as giving a helping hand in planting plants in revegetation projects.

This year, one of our projects is to re-vitalise the gardens around the Field Study Centre. Earlier this year, mulch was spread and weeds sprayed in preparation for planting in Winter. A small but diverse range of West Australian native plants have been selected for the garden which provide flowers all year and attract birds and other fauna into the garden.

Want to learn how easy it is to establish a native garden in your garden?

The May talk will be by Bob Dixon, from the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority, on establishing native gardens. Come and listen and talk to other keen native gardeners on their experience in growing native plants in the areas around Armadale.

The Armadale branch of the Wildflower Society of Western Australian is always looking for new members and volunteers. Members come from all sections of the community – from professionals to backyard gardeners to bushwalkers – all share one thing in common – a passion for the Western Australian bush and its beauty.

Annual membership fees start from \$10 for junior members, \$45 for singles to \$70 for family. (Student and seniors card concessions available)

Contact the society or come to one of our meetings for the full range of membership fees.

The Armadale Branch has monthly meetings and talks at 7:30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month. We meet at the Field Study Centre, Settlers' Common, cnr of Albany Highway and Triton Crescent Armadale.

April Talk: Roadside Vegetation – Life in the Disturbance Zone.

Thursday 14th May 7:30pm.

Field Study Centre, Triton Crescent Armadale.

Bob Dixon, Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority, on establishing native gardens.

For more information on the Society visit www.WildflowersArmadale.org.au, or email WildflowersArmadale@outlook.com.au or phone 0438 134 278 or 9399 2388.

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Conflict and Compassion: 250 Sunsets & At The Going Down Of The Sun

On the evening of May 15th, why not take the opportunity to go to the ANZAC tribute at the Roleystone Theatre?

It will be a special evening featuring songs from the Great War, pictorial tributes to our local soldiers and powerfully delivered theatrical readings.

It focuses on the sacrifice of our first ANZACs - especially those who hailed from our own area.

This National Trust Heritage festival event is sponsored and brought to you by The City of Armadale, The

A video tribute will feature images of many local boys as a backdrop to performances by Paul and Bree and the choir.

The second half will be the last chance for locals to see: 'At The Going Down of The Sun'; a poignant theatrical performance derived from Bettenay's first book, 'Secrets Mothers Keep'. This moving event features Bree Hartley and Michael Forman from the Roleystone Theatre, with narration by Linda and live music by guitar virtuoso Kim Bettenay. The performance features actors reading letters from a sweetheart to her soldier boyfriend in Gallipoli.

The audience will be brought to tears as the readings end and Kim delivers a powerful rendition of The Last Post played on his lap steel guitar. This should not be missed.

This has played to packed houses over Perth and it is appropriate that the Roleystone Theatre will be the venue for their final performance. 'Conflict and Compassion an Anzac Tribute' is scheduled to be at the Roleystone Theatre on May 15th with a 7:30pm arrival time for an 8:00pm start. Tickets will be available, for the very reasonable price of \$5 per head. This will include a complementary sherry on arrival and tea or coffee and Anzac biscuits at intermission.

Copies of Linda J Bettenay's books: 'Wishes For Starlight' and 'Secrets Mothers Keep' will be available for purchase on the evening. For further details about Linda's Books, go to www.lindasbooks.com.au or visit Linda's Facebook page www.facebook.com/lindasbookswa.

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Roleystone Theatre and Linda's Books. The first half will feature renowned actor Paul Peacock reading an extract from local author Linda J Bettenay's recently published book 'Wishes for Starlight'. In this haunting reading two soldiers reminisce about their Gallipoli experiences on the night of the evacuation - December 20th 1915. Paul will of course be singing as well, and the audience will be treated to his powerful rendition of Soldiers of the Queen.

A light hearted tone will be introduced with a medley of WW1 songs performed by the Armadale Primary School choir led by music teacher Bree Hartley. And yes, the audience is encouraged to sing along to tunes like: Pack Up Your Troubles, A Long Way To Tipperary, Abide with Me and Along The Road To Gundagai.

A poignant part of the program will be the performance of an original war song: 'Keep The Home Fires Burning' written by an Armadale man in 1915. According to the 100 year old song sheet this was widely performed to 'public acclaim across the Nation'.

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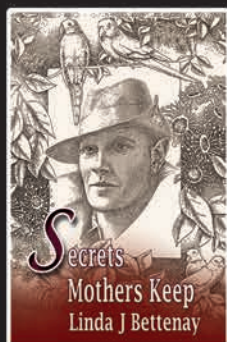
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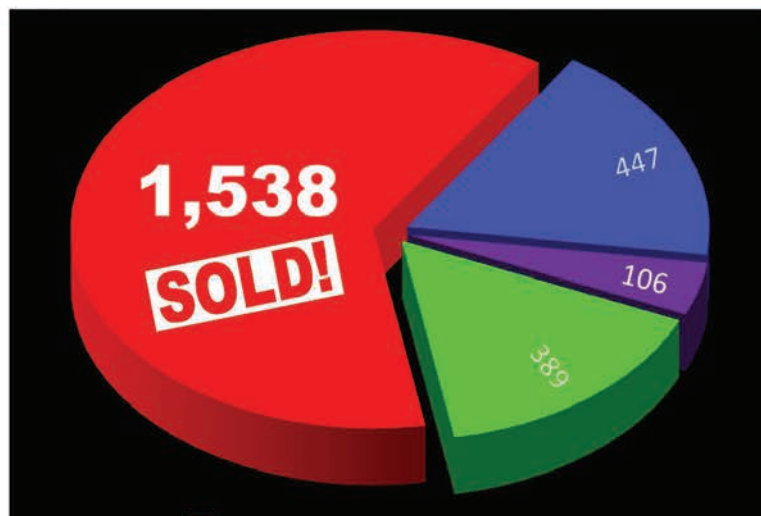
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