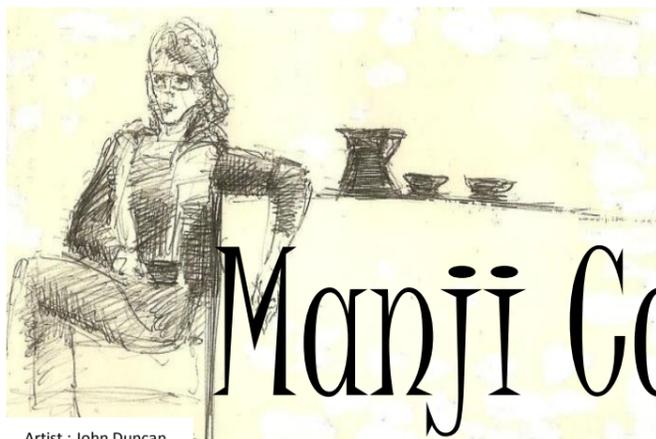


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From the Lighthouse Car Park (K. Hill)

WELCOME

Beware the Ides of March is a very old saying but perhaps around here this year it was Beware the Ides of February, with the horrific fire threat on our doorstep, *Beware* was an appropriate word. So let us leave February behind and begin March on a more positive note.

March can be hot as summer says its last goodbye but cooler nights bring forth the beauty of our autumn trees, Manjin Park is sure to be an amazing sight and hopefully some rain will follow closely behind, dousing the remaining bush fires and bringing forth the new green growth in the burnt areas.

As always we hope you enjoy our newsletter -: let's keep sharing that community spirit around. We welcome your ideas at manjicafeytes@gmail.com and copies of Manji Cafe Bytes are also available online at <http://www.manjimup.crc.net.au>



Looking out to Sandy Island (K.Hill)

WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE'S FIRE

Any locals who experienced Cyclone Alby had flash backs when the Northcliffe fire horror sprung up. We recalled the fear and nightmare of Alby, but as we had never really forgotten it, reliving was not an effort. The difference being, Cyclone Alby flew in and out of town in about ten hours maximum, this was a much longer horror and our neighbours not so far away at Northcliffe were right in the middle of it.

My son and his family live at Northcliffe in an area that was high on the list of the doomed. Early in the horror I learned to switch off all media reports, for as long as I could make myself do so, turning a blind ear as it was all so stressful. I waited for my family to make contact with their up to date information. My son has been in the Northcliffe Volunteer Fire Brigade for many years so he was very involved, thankfully finding time to phone his Mum when he could. And how valuable do you think those phone calls were to me?

My daughter in law and the children were at a friend's home in a safe part of Northcliffe, anxious to stay as near to home as they could and to be amongst their so loved community. She would text or phone with updates, my mobile was not far from my side at any time! My daughters, far afield, shared my anxiety and we were in contact constantly, our fears echoing in our messages.

Facebook followers witnessed the wide spread expressions of caring support, even people overseas sending good wishes messages. It was definitely We Are All in This Together, come on Aussie come on.

My family have a holiday home at Windy Harbour which also came under the eye of the monster, but of course my son, his family and their beloved home was my main concern. To lose our holiday home would have been indeed sad, but their home, their life's treasures, and my son's amazing garden.....that's a whole lot deeper grief.

as we now know, thankfully the fates were with us. My heart's sympathy goes to those who lost machinery, pasture, fences, sheds and keepsakes within those sheds, and the ultimate sadness, a home was lost. Some things lost are replaceable, sadly some not. It is going to take a while for the scars to heal.

Blessings abound, there's so much to be grateful for - let us not forget that! No lives were lost, that is top of the list of gratitudes.

The Northcliffe community is an amazing bunch of people, and their bond and caring will continue to shine through as they go about the mopping up process, and pick up the threads of their lives again.

(Kathy Hill)

CAMP QUALITY HELPS OUT



Camp Quality Crew at Rea Park



Wayne (Marron) Hughes, part of the wesCarpade crew

You may have noticed the Army rolling into town on Thursday 6th February to pitch tents on Tigers Oval. This was to provide accommodation for the firefighters who had been battling the huge fire which was menacing Northcliffe and surrounding areas. The firies spent long hours battling the blaze and must have been exhausted by the task in front of them. A comfortable bed and a good meal were provided, just what was required to set them up for the next shift.

Help with meals was given by the wesCarpade crew who arrived the following day and set up their catering unit at the Tigers Canteen for a week to provide plenty of sustenance for firefighters and volunteers. The crew had an impressive array of equipment enabling them to serve up to 500 meals per day. They had recently catered for firefighters and volunteers at the Bullsbrook fire and were a welcome sight down at Rea Park.

With the help of local volunteers who helped to prepare meals they catered (on average) for about 100 – 120 firefighters, road traffic controllers, first aiders etc. per day. A mammoth effort and the breakfast menu sounded just the thing, a full cooked breakfast, eggs, bacon, sausages, tomatoes and toasted sandwiches to go.

For the coffee lovers Espresso Café de Wheels provided delicious long blacks and flat whites, this unit travels with the crew when they go on their fundraising motoring adventures.

Local man Wayne (Marron) Hughes is a member of the wesCarpade Clown Car team and they will be on the road again between the 6th and 13th of August this year when they do a Moora to Bunbury run, looping around the Goldfields and making stops at local schools with the Camp Quality Puppets, who help teachers and classes learn to develop a supportive community for children with cancer.

The cars are always welcomed, especially in outback communities where everyone turns up to greet them. Cars taking part must be at least 20 years old and are decked out and dressed up in fine style along with their crews, suitably attired in their theme costumes.

wesCarpade is the major fundraiser for Camp Quality and on average the crews raise about \$300,000 per year to support children and their families living with cancer, their goal this year is \$350,000. Wayne Hughes, Chris Mills and the Clown Car crew will be registering shortly for this year's adventure. If you would like to donate to Camp Quality and the Clown Car Crew go to www.wescarpade.org.au.

NORTHCLIFFE FIRE STORIES

A volunteer journalist, Chris Cheffings, is seeking contributions from anyone who has a story to tell about the Northcliffe fire, of their experiences through that horror. If you have a Northcliffe connection who would like to share their story please contact Chris. Skip19862009@live.com.au

The stories and photos will go into a book as a fund raiser for the Northcliffe community. You will also find fire stories on the ABC Open web site.

COFFEE CHAT SUBJECT



Manjimup Historical
Society Archives

Officer
W (Bill) Harvey
1925-35

Policing in
Manjimup W.A

Thanks to Sue Kennedy of Manjimup Historical Society for this interesting photo.
We have to wonder what the police officer was saying to these gentlemen? We will never know.

The Noongar word for this month is

BUNURU

February & March : the second summer : One of the Six Noongar Seasons

(Kaartdijin – Noongar Knowledge - South West Aboriginal Land & Sea Council)

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SHARON J CLARKE

I was born in Perth Western Australia and spent my teenage years in the Manjimup and Bridgetown area. I graduated from University with a Ba of Science in nursing as a mature age student and have been working as a nurse since my teens. . I have travelled widely throughout Australia but recently had to give up my career and needed something else to focus on and to put my enthusiasm into.

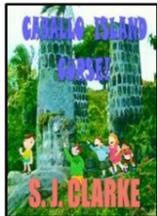
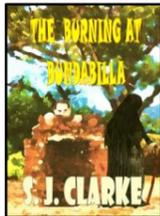


With all this extra time on my hands, I am revisiting the other passion in life; creative writing, and have self published three children's adventure stories. Throughout my childhood our family travelled extensively and frequently to remote and tropical regions of Australia and my creativity was inspired by the many interesting characters and local myths that we encountered during those journeys into spectacular Australian landscapes.

The characters and locations depicted in my books have been inspired by my own personal experiences as a child and these encounters colour my creative writing. As a child I loved reading Enid Blytons' 'Famous Five' and 'The Secret Seven'; the characters in these books had such wonderful adventures without a vampire, galactic hero or wizard anywhere in sight! Simple wholesome mystery and excitement set in an environment unspoiled by technology. My books tell of a group of children who find adventure in Outback and Tropical regions of our beautiful country, with a little history and bush education added to the mix. Suitable for readers in the mid to late Primary grades.

The Manjimup Town Library, Primary School Libraries and Newsagency have copies of my self published books to read/purchase and they have been available as eBooks online.

I have an author Blog site at Shazzaj.com and promote my books through my Facebook page so please visit them for more information.



GOODBYE TO EMILY : HELLO TO CLANCY

Many locals would have no cause to visit Manjimup Community Resource Centre's office so will not be aware of the great team who work in there.

Since we started Cafe Bytes there's been a couple of changes at the front desk, it is a very busy office! We would like to introduce the latest addition to the helpful, friendly staff.

Our layout designer, Janne, does a brilliant job of putting the newsletter into printable format, then we present it to CRC for final tweaking and printing. The lovely Emily Bates was first to help us with this, and let us say her patience was awesome! We would always be greeted with a smile of welcome which made us comfortable right from the start.

Emily recently left Manjimup so we were a tad nervous about having to face her replacement; would we find the same patience we wondered. But we have struck gold. Clancy Utech's smiling face greeted us with a warm welcome which relaxed us immediately. We look forward to working with this lovely young lady.

A big thank you to Clancy and to the CRC for your role in producing Manji Café Bytes.

UNDER FIRE !! (Liz Coley)

It was hot, about 38 degrees, the late afternoon sky began to darken as storm clouds rolled in and we heard the far off sound of thunder. As the evening progressed the storm grew closer and lightning lit up the sky with an eerie glow, the date was Wednesday the 28th of January 2015. The following morning I checked the rain gauge, about 10 millimetres at our home in Manjimup, we welcomed the mercury dropping to a cooler 30 degrees and thought that was the end of it.

In fact it was the beginning of something much worse that was to dominate our thoughts for many days to come, a lightning strike had started a fire deep within the Shannon National Park. The following week brought more hot weather, over 30 degrees most days and strong winds which fanned the flames towards the little town of Northcliffe, which was now under an Emergency warning. We watched the news, checked out the DFES site and began to realise with mounting horror that this was a huge blaze burning on a massive front and lives and homes were under serious threat.

The water bombers became a familiar sight during the next few days and were flying from first light as they backed up the Firefighters on the ground. We were concerned about our 21 year old grandson, down at Northcliffe with the DPaW crew. We knew they were working long hours throughout the night, resting when they could and then out again, their main priority to save lives and houses. We saw the smoke rising on the horizon and the orange glow of the fire and realised that Manjimup was not that far away. There was welcome news that the 240 firefighters down at Northcliffe would gain some much needed rest as 147 Victorians flew over to help. An Erickson Air Crane and two Helitacs were aiding the water bombers and as the week progressed more crews arrived from Queensland and New South Wales, fire trucks were a familiar sight heading south as many West Australian brigades came to lend a hand. "Tent city" erected by the Army at Rea Park in Manjimup provided a place to rest and eat for weary firefighters.

Our friend left his home on Richardson Road late at night as the smoke and ash became too thick, driving up to Manjimup and bringing treasured possessions to store in our shed until it was all over. Some of the Northcliffe residents evacuated to Pemberton, others preparing to stay and defend which now seemed a bleaker prospect as the fire swept towards Windy Harbour.

Finally came a reprieve, the wind dropped and containment lines became more manageable, eventually people were allowed back to their homes to survey the damage and incredibly only two houses and some sheds were lost, the little town and the settlement at Windy Harbour had survived the inferno, news we were all hoping to hear. Northcliffe was finally given the all clear on the 20th February after approximately 98,000 ha were burnt.



Presidents, secretaries, treasurers and members of WA Sport & Recreation Clubs are invited to attend two short workshops about KidSport

2015 marks the 4th year of KidSport in WA and within this time there has been a number of changes to the way it is administrated and accessed in our communities. The Western Australia Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) invites all sports and community groups to attend a short refresher workshop about KidSport and its future, how your club can get engaged and involved, the benefits to your club and community. **You will have the chance to ask questions to Paul Goodley, Project Leader for KidSport with the Department of Sport and Recreation,** and see how KidSport can benefit your club and make your club more accessible to under 18's.

Date : Wednesday 4 March

Location : The Gallery, Manjimup Library

Time : 6pm – 8pm

Cost : Free with light refreshments provided

RSVP : By Tuesday 3 March to Katie Drummond, Club Development Officer for Sport & Recreation on 9771 7797 / 0419 707 862 or Katie.drummond@manjimup.wa.gov.au

The Roles & Responsibilities of Committee Members

This free workshop will help club members understand their roles and responsibilities as a member or potential member of a club management committee. You will learn about the legal obligations, strategic planning, duty of care, how to develop your committee and much more. This training will be delivered **by well-known presenter Shamara Williams from Volunteer South West.**

Date : Thursday 26 March 2015

Location : The Gallery at Manjimup Library

Time : 5.45 registration

Workshop : 6pm – 9pm

Cost : Free with light refreshments provided

RSVP : By Friday 20 March to Katie Drummond, Club Development Officer for Sport & Recreation on 9771 7797 / 0419 707 862 or Katie.Drummond@manjimup.wa.gov.au

PLACES IN BOTH WORKSHOPS ARE LIMITED SO SIGN UP NOW !

the pickled wife

Chris Fishwick . thepickledwife@gmail.com



My story in all things preserving began many years ago when we harvested our first tomatoes from our backyard vegetable patch. Over the years I've pickled, preserved and tested many weird and wonderful recipes. My family's taste buds have certainly been exposed to some different flavours over time.

As the spicy aromas filled our home, new recipes began to evolve and old recipes reborn. Some of my nana's hand written recipes have been the hero on many platters and bring comfort in each mouthful. Both our children are growing up appreciating home grown, locally sourced food, that's lovingly made into tasty condiments free from artificial colourings, preservatives, flavours and are gluten free.

So the name "the pickled wife" came about on a lazy Sunday afternoon whilst enjoying fine food and wine with good friends. Now I'm not sure if it was that 3rd glass of wine that convinced me or our friends' genuine love of my condiments, I like to think it was the latter. The rest is history and the pickled wife was born.

So now my love of food is not only made to share with my family and friends but with all the hungry hoards who also appreciate homemade condiments filled with beautiful produce, lovingly made in small batches by the Fishwick family in Manjimup.

Bon Appetite - Chris Fishwick and the rest of the pickled family.

Hot Jam - Our favourite ways to use the pickled wife's spicy tomato, chilli & coriander jam: perfect on soft cheese, burgers, BBQ meats, stir fry's, coat chicken or fish & wrap in foil & slowly roast or simply mix into pasta..yum!

Dukkah - Dig in & try some of our favourites: dunk Turkish bread into olive oil & dip into Dukkah, coat your favourite meats for a lovely crusty crunch, makes a wonderful coating for fish, chicken or lamb or simply sprinkle over your scrambled eggs or favourite dip..delicious!

Currently "the pickled wife" has two products in our range since starting 4 months ago..Hot Jam - Asian influenced relish with hints of ginger, coriander, chilli and garlic and Dukkah - an Arabic spice blend of delicious middle eastern spices.

Our 3rd product (old family favourite) is almost ready for release, which is really exciting! Hopefully; all going well, we are aiming to have our jars of sticky loveliness on the shelves by the beginning of March, so you'll have to hold back your tastebuds until then.

Some other exciting products are currently in the "test kitchen"; these will complement our grape growing region and no doubt tempt lovers of fine delicate preserves...Over the months we have slowly built up our outlets along the way with our first distributors being Lost Lake Winery; selling our preserves at their cellar door provedore. The Cherry Box, Blackwood Kitchen in Bridgetown and The Black Duck Gourmet Pantry in Albany.

Another deli in Albany has shown interest in our product range along with several outlets in Perth and further afield as Geraldton, so that could also have potential down the track as things grow...very exciting! Overall, our products have been received really well and we continue to have positive feedback which is so humbling.

All our products are made in small batches; which I believe keeps our product true to our humble beginnings and that is; homemade good food sells itself. People want to buy quality products that are all about supporting local community, freshness and flavours that take you back to your childhood memories of Nan's kitchen infused with all it's wonderful aromas, tastes and family food memories. That's what we hope to achieve in each jar that leaves our kitchen; lovingly made for you.

Our products have the approval of "Genuinely Southern Forest" which has been a great addition to "the pickled wife". Our aim is to try and source as much of our ingredients from local producers; therefore keeping the local network growing & working together to help promote and complement each other's produce/products, maintaining freshness, ease of accessibility and supporting our region as a whole.

All of our products are free of from artificial colourings, preservatives, flavours and where possible, are gluten free.

I'm currently working on our facebook page, instagram and business cards, a slow process at the moment but eventually will happen. If people wish to contact me, they can go to our gmail address which is located on each product.