

**TO THE BUSINESS OWNER,**

## **WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW YOUR BUSINESS!**

A local history book is now in the process of being compiled and is in the early stage of data and photographic collection. The aim is for it to be an informative publication on all the businesses that have ever been in Manjimup from the first store in Giblett Street, in 1910, to all those we have at this present time, in 2016. If you **HAVE EVER HAD A BUSINESS** or **HAVE A BUSINESS NOW**, we need your help to record something about it. We are keen to ensure that we don't miss anyone and that all our business people are mentioned in the book, and this, by way of some background history. We would like to have a type of biography about those of you who have put your heart and soul into making our town what it is today. Research is showing us that we have been exceptionally well catered for over the years. You name it, and we probably have had it or got it. This is all because of people like you who have brought this about with your expertise and initiative in providing a service to the people of Manjimup and the public in general.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:** In around 500 words, or just a couple of printed pages could you please put down your memories, such as, how it came about that you were in Manjimup (i.e. were you born here)? A little family info or background is usually good; Your schooling, university, trade, profession? Your work history – other towns you have worked in, and jobs you have worked at before going into business? What was it that made you decide to go into business? What year was this? Whereabouts was/is your business located? Please state street number and address, and who was/is on either side of you. Who did you purchase your business from (i.e. who was there before you)? What is it that you actually do/sell? How many people were/are employed? To those of you who have sold, who took over the business? What year was this? If you have had a number of locations, please can you include the details for these, where to, and the year? etc. Any memories of being in business that you might like to relate. Do you have any photos of the business, its staff, or location?

Please email your submissions to [muirjem@gmail.com](mailto:muirjem@gmail.com) or drop your story in at the Manjimup Newsagents where they will have a special folder set aside for collection of stories. Don't forget to include your phone number and email address. Submissions close end of November 2016. Please don't miss this opportunity to record your business history. You will be glad you made the effort.

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