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An Update on the Arches

Last month our story of the southern arch was not totally accurate. The amazing photo which Graeme Gandy's family shared with us of Graeme on top of the arch driving in the last spike, whilst still no less incredible, was not on the southern arch at all. We made an error, the photo was taken at the northern arch in 1982, the southern arch being built in 1988. So now we give an arches' timeline, as close as we can to being right, which we hope is the correct history.

- 1958 Northern arch erected by community members
- 1982 Northern arch found to have badly rotted wood. A replacement arch built by community members, and the photo of Graeme taken at that time.
- 1988 Southern arch built by community members.
- 2013 Southern arch tumbles down.

An interesting snippet which has come to light is that the wood from the original northern arch was raffled in aid of charity, and served to keep one of Manjimup's families warm for quite a few months.

Well, we have made it to Edition Three and we hope you will enjoy this month's collection.

Please remember we are simply a group of volunteers trying to produce a light hearted publication, hopefully to share the good things in our town, and our area.

If you have anything you would like to pass along, or any comments, our email address is manjicafeytes@gmail.com.

The Community Resource Centre have funded printing for twelve months, but afterwards...if we are to continue we will need to find sponsors or advertisers. So please think about that.

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Seen on Canvas – Bevan Jeffery

One of the fascinating things about humanity is how we may all be living similar lives, in similar circumstances, but be so very different in our interests, talents and abilities. We are such a diverse species. And how much do we ordinary folk envy those amongst us who were lucky enough to be born with a natural talent.

Amongst these special talents is the ability to produce fine art. Now art is something that can be taught, but those with a natural talent stand out in the field. Many of us who missed out on that gift can still produce attractive art work but speaking from experience, it has to be said that it can be a blow to the morale to pick up a paint brush thinking it's going to be easy to slap up a classic, and finding that it is definitely not easy for the ungifted!



We have a few talented artists in our midst who are usually happiest keeping a low profile, 'hiding their light under a bushel', and we've just missed an opportunity to gain an eye view of the talents of one of our local artists, Bevan Jeffery who had an exhibition in July at The Wine and Truffle Company, Manjimup and also at Painted Tree Gallery at Northcliffe.

Bevan has lived all of his life in Manjimup. He is quiet and unassuming, definitely more prone to keeping his art work to himself, so it was a privilege to be able to check out just what he is capable of at these exhibitions.

Our congratulations go to Bevan on his inspirational art and we hope he continues to share his talents with the community - we will look forward to seeing more of his work in the future.

PHOTO CHALLENGE

What was it?



Much of photography is about celebrating whatever's in front of the camera, seeing those things everybody passes by without giving a second glance and making a picture that shows it in a way nobody's thought of. With enough practice and passion, you can even take something as humdrum as a capsicum and photograph it in such a way that it becomes an enduring work of art (see Edward Weston's Pepper #30).

So whether you're curious about taking better portraits, making art, documenting today for future generations, or just exploring what your camera can do, have a think about popping down to the Manji Photo Club for a visit. Our members might be at all skill levels, and interested in a wide range of photographic subjects, but we all share an unbridled enthusiasm for taking pictures (and having a chinwag).

Manjimup Photo Club
Second Thursday of each Month
Family Centre, 7pm - 9pm



And remember, if you're feeling cold and damp at the moment

"LIFE ISN'T ABOUT
WAITING FOR THE STORM TO PASS
IT'S ABOUT
LEARNING TO DANCE
IN THE RAIN"

(Vivien Greene)

The Noongar word for this month is

BOORDA
which means **LATER**

and is such a nicer way to say goodbye. Goodbye is so final – while 'boorda' means "I will see you again"

Thanks again to Heather Ryan

This month's Chat Subject

If you run out of conversation while sipping your coffee here's something to think about to share ...

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be, and why?

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Hill With a View

A cold but sunny Saturday morning at the Manjimup Farmer's Markets and I was down there bright and early for a chat with Beth Shorthouse of the delightfully named Yallamurrup (hill with a view) Jam.

Beth and husband John are former teachers and purchased their land at Middlesex in 1984. They had some friends at that time who were growing berries and selling them to the markets in Perth.



Eventually John took over the berry canes and then came a natural progression to jam making. Beth has perfected several recipes through trial and error and has some pleasurable mouth-watering combinations such as Black-berry & Port, Topsy Strawberry and Summer Berries. And with raspberries, loganberries, boysenberries, silvanberries, blackberries, blueberries and gooseberries all grown on the farm the stall was packed to the hilt and I was spoilt for choice

Apricots, figs, strawberries and quinces are purchased locally for jams, in addition to which Beth makes a selection of marmalades including Ginger and Rum & Raisin. She also has a range of local honey available.

For the more savoury palate there was a tempting display of relishes and chutneys, pickled onions and raspberry vinegar.

The Manjimup Farmers Markets opened in 2003 in the old Wesfarmers shed (now PHR) and in about 2006 moved to the Round House at the Timber and Heritage Park. They now have an undercover area at Manjin Park, just off the South West Highway, 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 8.30 to 12.30pm. Yallamurrup Jam has been a stalwart of the markets and their produce is also available from several outlets in Manjimup, Pemberton, Nannup and Walpole.

The next time you visit, stop and say hello to Beth, she has a wonderful array of jams and pickles to choose from. I selected Quince Jelly, Gooseberry Jam and Triberry Jam, all attractively packaged and the colours just glowed in the sunshine. Try out this quick and easy recipe, lovely with a cuppa on a cold winter morning!

Liz's Kitchen Rules

JAM DROPS

Ingredients: 125g softened butter, ½ cup caster sugar, 1 teasp vanilla essence, 1 egg, 1 1/4 cups SR Flour, 1/3 cup jam, (I used Triberry). Oven 180 deg C.

Method: Line 2 baking trays with baking paper. Beat butter, sugar and vanilla essence until pale and creamy. Add egg and beat again. Sift flour into mixture and stir until combined. Using lightly floured hands, roll teaspoonsful of mixture into balls. Place on trays 5cm apart. Now for the fun part, make a small indentation in the centre of each ball, spoon ½ teasp. jam into centre. Bake for 15 minutes until golden, allow to cool : the jam will be hot. Enjoy!

The Written Word

The postie could tell us just how few personal letters are delivered on their rounds, and anyone who receives a hand written letter nowadays can feel pretty darned privileged.

The internet is amazing, isn't it? Nearly everyone is living their own version of an addiction to the little screen. But, how much of what we share between our friends will be preserved? Facebook stories, emails – they are all read and then deleted.

Letters which were saved in the past have proven wonderful sources of family history, so what is going to fill the gap for historians in the future when they are researching this era.?

So while we are sitting snug and warm by our fires, how about we proclaim August to be "Letter Writing Month". We could make it our mission to write at least one letter to family or friends, which will give them a big surprise! And ask them to save it. It would be a way of helping to preserve history, because you know, we are making history today. These will be the 'old days', one day.

Watching Birds Go By

Birdwatching is not really a main stream hobby, it doesn't draw the crowds that footy does. Which is pretty fortunate really, as not too many birds would wait around to be watched if a footy fevered crowd equivalent gathered in the bush to hear their songs.

Birdwatching can get you in, their beauty and diversity is amazing. And we would like to introduce you to someone in our community who is fortunate to be able to make a living whilst following this interest. Peter Taylor has been living in Manjimup since 1998. He came here to work at the Department of Agriculture as a Hydrologist, but in 2007 he resigned from this and took the step to follow his dream. If you go to Peter's web site, <http://birding-southwest.mysouthwest.com.au/> you will read his comments;

"My passion is birdwatching, whether it be taking other birders to my favourite haunts, or out on my own, taking photographs of the wonderful avifauna of Western Australia. A keen birder from childhood, I moved to Western Australia in 1998 and since then I've been actively involved in the National Bird Atlas Project as a Regional Organiser in the South West. I organise customised birdwatching tours conducted primarily in the South West region of Western Australia but also in other parts of Australia by request."

Peter has recently returned from a five day tour through our South West with some visitors from the United States and in the past has conducted tours in the Northern Territory, NSW, Queensland and the Kimberley region of WA. His clients come from all over the world, particularly from the UK and the US but also from Canada, South Africa, Singapore, Vietnam and Germany (and even from other parts of Australia!). What an interesting career this is. Did you know that over 170 different species have been recorded just within the Shire of Manjimup? And eleven of those are found nowhere else outside of the south west of WA. No wonder birdwatchers are keen to visit our part of the world!

And our new word for today is: *Avifauna*, which means all the birds that live in a particular area.

Living History Exhibition Tour in Manjimup

Date: 3 Aug 2014

Time: 09:00 am to 05:00 pm

Location: Manjimup Library: Cnr Rose and Mount Streets Manjimup

Cost: Free

Add to calendar

The exhibition is in Manjimup until 16 August 2014

The Returned & Services League of Australia WA Branch Incorporated (RSLWA) is proud to present **From War to Remembrance - A Living History of the RSL**, a travelling exhibition created to celebrate the formation, purpose and the many and varied activities of the RSL throughout WA.

Visitors to the travelling exhibition can read about the history of the organisation, the RSL's involvement in supporting veterans and their dependents, and role within the local community. The exhibition features photographs from the archives of the RSL and the State Library of Western Australia and access to an online interactive map detailing the formation and activities of the sub-branches of the RSL throughout WA.

More info: <http://www.rslwahq.org.au/Events/From-War-to-Remembrance-A-Living-History-of-the-RSL.aspx>



When we walk around town at the moment, it's not hard to spot the empty shops, but what can be done to alleviate this? Our business community and Shire are all working as best they can to try and resolve the situation, but in the meantime what sort of businesses would you like to see in town? Is there something you've seen somewhere else that would be perfect for Manjimup? Would you like to start your own business and what would it be? Let us know, email us at manjicafeytes@gmail.com.

Manjimup Makes Music

Have you seen the promotions for Manjimup Old time Music and Bluegrass Weekend, set for weekend October 3rd to 5th?

We are hoping that everyone is aware there is money up for grabs on that weekend, with a cash prize of \$300 for the best lyrics written to match the music of one of three songs, music you are possibly already familiar with. All Johnny Cash fans will definitely know "Will the Circle be Unbroken", which is one of them. So check out the website <http://www.manjimupbluegrassoldtimemusicweekend.com/> and click on *Song Competition*.

As has to be, there are a few rules but these look pretty easy to follow. The guest Bluegrass music group, The Company, will be doing the judging, and singing the songs to the winning lyrics at the concert on Saturday October 4th. And if you happen to be present that night there will be another \$100 added to the prize money!

So here's a challenge for you to go on line, listen to the three songs, choose the tune you think suits the words you have running through your mind, and submit your entry.

Good luck! **Competition closes : 5th September.**