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Manji Cafe Bytes

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WELCOME to this month's newsletter, can it really be April already?

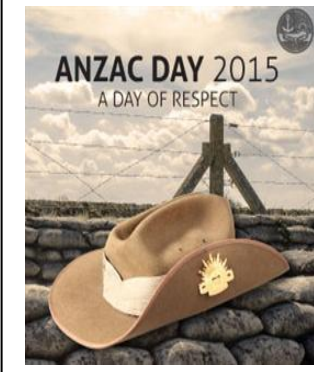
And what a month of mixed emotions! Starting with the Christians amongst us attending the traditional Easter ceremonies. Then we all enjoy a chocolate feast on Easter Sunday – if you can wait that long!

Later, on the 25th we feel the sombre mood of Anzac Day with all its sad associations. The Dawn Service always produces a charged atmosphere, you can feel the emotion wafting through the gathering as the sun rises and the Last Post echoes around the town, surprising the twittering birds as they begin their daily ritual.

So yes - it is a month of mixed emotions.

Stay safe on the roads and enjoy family time as we prepare ourselves for winter which is fast approaching. Make sure you keep an eye out for the beauty of Autumn, it will be all around us, especially in Manjin Park.

And don't forget that we always welcome your ideas at manjicafeytes@gmail.com and copies of Manji Cafe Bytes are also available online at <http://www.manjimup.crc.net.au>



HANNA, KATIE & MALI'S WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

On the 7th of March, 2015, I, Katie Liddelow along with Hanna Liddelow and Mali Newbold, participated in the World's Greatest Shave. We were given the idea of doing it on stage at the Manjimup Agricultural Show. Previous to the Show we had raised just over \$2,000. After the Show day had come and gone, we were left with no hair, but a total of over \$5,000.
(The picture on the right shows how long all our hair was)



We got up onto the stage and sat down all in a row while our hair was being cut off. It was a choice we made that changed our lives and the way people look at us. When we made the decision to do the shave, we didn't really think about it, just kind of dived in head first with no intention of regretting anything or wasting our lives on being ordinary. We had grown tired of doing nothing for other people, sitting at home just hearing about the millions affected by blood cancer each year, it was our turn to help.

We have only encountered one case of bullying so far but we knew what we were getting into, it didn't change anything. We embrace the bullies, they can't do anything to make us regret doing the shave. We achieved something magnificent – can they say the same ?

When you're a teenage girl with no hair you get strange looks walking down the street, when you're at work, when you're at school. We have learned to ignore the looks people give us. Every single person that knew who I was before the shave doesn't treat me any differently, maybe a casual pat on the head but nothing else has changed. Those are the people whose opinions I value.

Doing the shave has surely taught us a few things about life and how to live it. The after effects aren't as severe as we originally thought they would be. Nothing but good has come from the shave and we will never forget it or how much support we were given.



L-R : Hanna, Mali and Katie

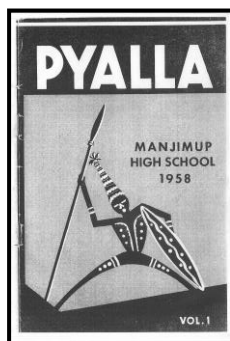
To support the invaluable work for which these intrepid young ladies have given so much, please go to <http://www.leukaemia.org.au> to donate and continue their story.

"PYALLA" : the Noongar word for "to talk"

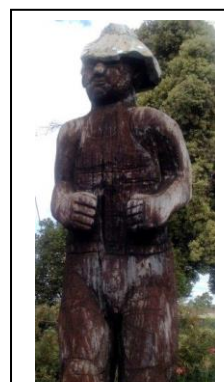
The Bytes team has discovered a magazine compiled by the students at the Manjimup High School, the cover of which is shown in our illustration. We have excerpts from issues dated 1958 and 1961.

We hope to be able to include some excerpts from it for your enjoyment in coming issues. It will be a pleasant surprise for you to perhaps see your compositions from over 50 years ago in print again !

Some of you may remember the advertisement for K & M Stokes on the top right of this month's newsletter ?



COFFEE CHAT SUBJECT



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USING
THE
LETTER
"F"

WHAT DO
YOU
THINK HE
IS SAYING
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The Noongar word for this month is

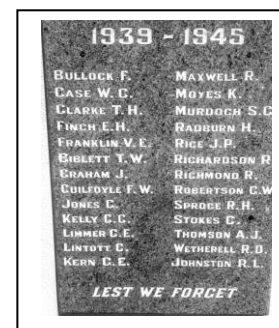
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April & May : Autumn

One of the
Six Noongar Seasons

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

ANZAC DAY : 25 APRIL 2015 : 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



The Memorial in Coronation Park shows fifty names from the four wars up until 1973 in which Australia has been involved. Fifty local citizens, many of the family names still familiar in town, who went away to fight for their community's freedom and so terribly sadly, did not return. What cannot be listed on any memorial are all those who went to war and although returning to their homes, had actually lost their lives in the war zones: that is, they lost their ability to lead a normal life. They were left as shells of their former selves.

On Anzac Day we pay respect to all who served in the past wars and to the service men and women currently overseas. They fought, and continue to fight, to defend our very special Australian way of life. We can only hope and pray that they return to their homes unscathed, without physical or emotional damage.

Our hearts go out to them and to their families. We wish them well and give thanks for all their sacrifices.

LEST WE FORGET

UTHANDO DOLL PROJECT

Over the last two years at Manjimup Primary School, students have used their creative skills, a couple of terms a year, making dolls for the Uthando Doll Project. "Uthando" means 'love' in the Zulu language. 95 dolls have now been made by students and others from the community



These dolls are going to children living in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, where two thirds of children live in poverty. All have been affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic and one in five children grieves the loss of one or both parents. The dolls are an invitation to play. This play can help the child with grief and loss. To own and play with their own doll encourages a child's development in all spheres: physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual.

The doll organizers say that "all dolls made by school children go to school children." Not only are there school groups making these dolls, but many doll-making groups from Perth to Albany and across Australia. This project was started by some ladies here in WA.

The students "give" of their talents, but also "give" up their lunch break. There are other helpers in our community who "give" of their time helping to sew up the doll bodies, so the students only need to stuff them, sew up the opening, before sewing and dressing their doll, also some helpers come into the school to help with threading needles, teaching new skills and giving encouragement where needed.

For more information: <http://uthandoproject.org/>

Susan Moore

YouthCARE Chaplain, Manjimup Primary School



EASTER EGGS

The name Easter is believed to have originated with an ancient Goddess, Eostre or Eastre, who was the Great Mother Goddess of the Saxon people in Northern Europe. Feasts in her honour were held in April each year to celebrate the arrival of the northern spring. With the rise of Christianity in Western Europe, the church adapted many pagan customs and Easter today is now a celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ.

Eggs have been a part of the Christian festival of Easter since the early days of the Church. The egg has always been a symbol of fertility and rebirth, so we can see the connection as a representation of the resurrection.

Traditionally eggs were exchanged as gifts, the earliest being hen or duck eggs which were dyed and decorated at home in bright colours with vegetable dyes and charcoal.



Russian Silver Easter Egg

Egg shaped toys were manufactured during the 17th and 18th centuries and were given to children at Easter. The Victorians had cardboard and satin covered eggs filled with Easter gifts and chocolates. The ultimate egg-shaped Easter gifts must have been the fabulous jewelled creations of Carl Fabergé made during the 19th century for the Russian Czar and Czarina, now precious museum pieces.

It was around this time that France and Germany took the lead in Europe by making the first chocolate Easter eggs. Some early eggs were solid, as the technique for mass-producing moulded chocolate had not been devised. The earliest chocolate eggs were made of dark chocolate with a plain smooth surface and filled with sugared almonds. Some were decorated with chocolate piping and marzipan flowers.

If all this hasn't got your taste buds tingling for chocolate, perhaps the following recipe might, it is quick and easy and delicious.

Liz's Kitchen Rules

CHOCOLATE EASTER EGGS

Ingredients: 200g good quality dark chocolate, chopped coarsely, 100 ml thickened cream, 10 chocolate ripple biscuits or similar, ¼ cup chocolate sprinkles

Method: Place the chocolate and cream in a heatproof bowl over a saucepan half filled with simmering water (make sure the bowl doesn't touch the water). Use a metal spoon to stir until the chocolate melts and the mixture is smooth. Cover with plastic wrap and place in the fridge for 1 hour or until firm. Place biscuits in the bowl of a food processor and process until finely chopped. Add to chocolate mixture and stir until combined. Cover and place in the fridge for a further 3 hours or until firm. Line a baking tray with non-stick baking paper. Spread the chocolate sprinkles on a plate. Form 2 teaspoonsful of the mixture into an egg shape, roll into sprinkles to coat. Repeat with rest of mixture. Place on the lined tray and chill in the fridge before serving, makes about 24.

Enjoy your Easter celebration and remember : dark chocolate is good for you!

ANOTHER DOOR OPENS

For locals who do not know the owners of The Cherry Box, we thought you might like to hear a little about this young enthusiastic couple. Way back when we first started the newsletter we ran a story on Alf's closure and headed it "As One Door Closes". Now we are delighted to bring you this follow up - under the heading 'Another Door Opens'. Congratulations Tamsyn and Anthony, you are doing Alf's Corner proud, The Cherry Box will become another Manjimup icon.



Corner Giblett & Ipsen Streets, Manjimup

"Well a big hello from The Cherry Box

It's been an interesting & hectic few months for us to say the least! Although it has been a bit of a juggling game with four children and trying to balance family life and work we are making it happen. Anthony & I are excited that we have been able to promote the great area that we live in by not only stocking locally grown seasonal fruit & vegetables at great prices but also all the yummy, jams, oils, chutneys etc that our region has to offer. The feedback that we have been receiving is that this is what our customers love too, a one stop local shop!

We are so pleased that we took the plunge to re-open the store and bring the corner back to life again. Everyone has been so encouraging of what we are doing and although it has taken a little bit of time I think we are heading in the right direction. A little tweak in our trading hours has given us some good benefits and we are now open 7am-6pm week days, Saturday 8am-7pm and Sunday 8am-1pm & 5pm-7pm.

Something that we have also been enjoying and is only possible with a small family business like ours is getting to know so many new people, whether it is as our customers or one of the ever so talented local producers or farmers dropping off some products. We already have some very loyal regulars & it's wonderful to see so many happy smiling faces when we come to work each day.

Why not drop by and see us for some great friendly local service, some fresh tasty local products, gluten free foods, health foods & continental lines, freshly sliced deli meats, maybe a veggie hamper or a delicious box of apples or even for a bite for lunch or an early morning coffee or smoothie.

Hope to see you soon,
Tamsyn & Anthony"

School Holidays

School holidays make for a pleasant change from the daily routine of lunches, uniforms, catching the bus, it's usually a very welcome relief from all that discipline.

But sometimes the days hang heavy in the household with bored children perhaps getting a little tetchy with each other and parents at a loss to think of something new to entertain them. Something that has come to the eye of the Bytes Team that might keep them occupied for a while, and involve Mum and Dad, is Geocaching. Perhaps we are the last in the district, or maybe in the world, to have heard of it, but just in case there is also someone else out there who hasn't, we would like to share a little about it.

Geocaching is a modern version of a treasure hunt, which are always fun, aren't they? For this era's version, you go on line, register with your code name and then search to see if there is a cache in your area. They are actually containers placed in hide away spots which can be as wide spread as bush tracks, to inner city locations. It is said they are all over the world in all regions.

A typical cache is a small waterproof container which holds a note book for the finder to register their code name and the date, then place it back where it was found. Some of the boxes contain items for trading, usually toys or trinkets of little financial value.

Another treasure hunt game is **Letterboxing**, also an outdoors activity, involving aspects of orienteering, art and problem solving. Letterboxers hide small, weatherproof boxes in publicly accessible places (such as parks) and distribute clues to finding the box in printed catalogs, on one of several web sites, or by word of mouth. Individual letterboxes usually contain a logbook and a rubber stamp.

Another fun challenge you will find details of online is a photo treasure hunt, where participants are given a list of things to find and photograph, the more unusual and challenging the better. With all of that to consider, perhaps the holidays will be free of "I'm bored!"

The BIG Picnic

Who doesn't like a picnic? Mostly everyone does, the word conjures up thoughts of relaxation, family time, tasty food, idle chatting, and maybe even a little exercise with chase the flies and ants activities.

Your chance to attend a picnic, a BIG Picnic, will be here on May 3rd, from 10 am to 4 pm at the Manjimup Timber and Heritage Park. The perfect place for a picnic; as more families have been discovering over the last few years, the park has developed into a very popular family outing spot.

The Big Picnic is being hosted by the Manjimup Historical Society and the Manjimup Repertory Club and the list of entertainment for your enjoyment includes a brass band with a Grand Parade through the Hamlet at 1.30, and through the day there will be country cottage produce stalls, working exhibitions and displays, games for all the family, street theatre and buskers. And included in this lineup is our very own Manjimup Sing Australia group. There's also going to be an auction of some vintage 1920's items - you never know what you might pick up!

So pack your picnic basket, or take it empty to The Cherry Box or Top Notch and fill it up there !

It is an open invitation for a great day out and to add to the fun you might like to dress the family in 1920's style....The Roaring 20's!! When women abandoned their restrictive fashions and wore more comfortable "flapper" clothing, shorter skirts and trousers, with bobbed hair cuts, and started the risqué Charleston dancing. Imagine what the parents of that day said about all of that!! High tea conversation would have been all about the depraved younger set.

All that is asked as your contribution to the day's entertainment is a gold coin donation to cover the costs involved.

EASTER BUNNY BELIEVERS

We all know that Australians love the coast, it's like a magnet. As a lot of Manjimup people have beach houses at Windy Harbour, most likely everyone who reads this will have been there, and have an opinion of liking, or hating, the place.

(Photo : Easter Sunday at Windy (can you see the ears?))



Windy began as a working man's holiday space, and the history throughout the years has plenty of colourful stories to tell. This happy tale is about a Windy Leaseholder family, Warren and Colleen Eaton of Manjimup. It started when their children were little, staying in a caravan park in the east and the kids were ecstatic when a generous Easter Bunny visited the park, handing out Easter eggs. This memory stayed with them. Then when time went by and Warren and Colleen's grandchildren were at Windy having fun with their Easter Egg treasure hunt, the Eatons decided to spread the joy and add a bit of community spirit to the settlement. Warren remembers driving his four wheeled motor bike through the camp, his face painted and bunny ears on, with a \$20 egg budget as he handed out eggs to surprised and delighted kids. From that simple beginning it has grown to a pretty amazing good will event.

Word has spread through the years so if you are near the Caravan Park at Windy on Easter Sunday you will see a huge gathering, Warren estimates 200, excited kids and smiling parents and grandparents. Everyone is out and waiting in anticipation of the ute's arrival - yes it is no longer a motor bike - this Easter Bunny has stepped up in style. You will see a man sized Easter Bunny on the back of the ute, with a huge supply of chocolate eggs to distribute! The atmosphere is worth its weight in gold. Some eggs are donated but Warren and Colleen buy most of the eggs themselves, and that's the way they like it - it is their good will gesture.

In recent years the gathering has had extra entertainment with the Volunteer Marine Rescue members holding an Easter bonnet competition, for adults and children. It is great fun and truly amazing what some clever people can produce!

Those Bytes readers who have driven through Windy Harbour, perhaps seeing rabbits scuttling around among the cottages, may have left there thinking nothing would ever happen in this sleepy village. So you would be sure to get a very big surprise if you dropped in on Easter Sunday morning!

Well done Colleen and Warren, and to the team organising the bonnet competition. Such great Aussie community spirit.