

# MANJIMUP CRC MEMBER PROMOTIONS



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[www.manjimup.crc.net.au](http://www.manjimup.crc.net.au)



**MANJI mens shed**

**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?**  
The Manji Men's Shed is a community-based, not-for-profit, non-commercial organisation that is accessible to all men.

**CURRENT SHED TIMES**  
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 9am-3pm  
Wednesday Mornings, 10am-12pm  
Morning Tea only

**THE FORMER 'ACTIV' SHED LOT 479 PERUP ROAD**



**SSPAS.inc**  
*Southern Stage Performing Arts Studio inc*

**Enrolments for New Year 2020**  
First week back at school  
4th, 5th & 6th Feb from 3:30 - 6:00pm  
Classes run by school term

For more information  
Email: [sspas.inc@outlook.com](mailto:sspas.inc@outlook.com)



**Volunteering Sundowner**

*5 mins or 5 hours... It all helps!*

**Come join in the fun and find out more!**

**13th February @ 3:30pm**  
**The Gateway Hotel**

Light refreshments and nibbles provided

For more information contact: Jane Pratt  
[volunteer@manjimup.org.au](mailto:volunteer@manjimup.org.au)

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**Manji Cafe Bytes**  
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*New Edition, Same Great Stories!*

Cafe Bytes is a monthly newsletter distributed to cafes and business within the Manjimup region. The creators and editors are Kathy Hill, Liz Coley and Tracey Bingham, with assistance from the Manjimup Community Resource Centre.

You will find below all available issues for your downloading and reading pleasure!

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Cafe Bytes is our monthly newsletter distributed FREE to cafes and business within the Manjimup region. Our first edition went to press in June 2014, we are almost to our 70th edition.

The Cafe Bytes Team always welcome suggestions for our newsletter and we were delighted to receive interesting stories from some of our local schools last year, highlighting our younger community.

Online you will find **all** issues ever created for your downloading and reading pleasure!

**Go to:**  
<https://www.manjimup.crc.net.au/cafe-bytes.html>

*We hope you enjoy!*

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*Quote for February.*

"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop."  
- Confucius (551BC - 479BC)

*Chat subject for February.*

If you could ask a question about your future, what would it be?

Welcome to our newsletter for February 2020, the month with a bonus day at the end of the month. A day to do something special perhaps. How are your New Year resolutions going? We hope students and staff settle easily into the new School Year, the holidays have gone much too quickly. With February the time for Jazz in the Jarrah, RFDS will be very grateful to receive the donations that roll in from this event. Well done to the Lions Club Members for volunteering their time and efforts. Enjoy the rest of this lovely summer weather, soak up the warmth.

## MANJIMUP BANNERS



The banner poles have been a feature of the town for several years and were an initiative of the Shire of Manjimup with the aim of promoting local events and celebrations and to add a welcoming feel to our town. Local organisations and groups are encouraged to participate in the banner display.

The Warren District Agricultural Society have a colourful banner on Giblett Street advertising their 103rd show which will be held on the 14th March 2020.

In years gone by show day was a time when families left the farm and travelled into town, Mum, Dad and kids dressed in their Sunday best, all ready for a day of fun and wonder for the kids, tea and gossip for the Mums and maybe a yarn or two at the beer tent for the Dads.

Times may have changed but the show goes on, there will be Cattle, Horses, Poultry and a Pet Show, Trade stalls, Food stalls with local produce, displays, plenty of entertainment and sideshow alley among others. It is sure to be a great day out, don't miss it. For further information go to [www.warrenagsociety.com.au](http://www.warrenagsociety.com.au)

Liz Coley

## WALK YOURSELF HAPPY

The Walk Yourself Happy Heart Foundation weekly walk, a Manjimup CRC initiative, has changed meeting time for the summer. It's a great way to improve your health, stepping out with a social walking group. And it's Free! Come join in, 8.30 am at the Sandra Donovan Sound Shell, Manjimup Heritage Park. BYO mug for a shared cuppa after. **BYO friendly** ☺ if you like. Contact Tara 9771 8160 or Jane: [volunteer@manjimup.org.au](mailto:volunteer@manjimup.org.au).

Kathy Hill





**Thanks to Peg Johnstone and Gail Ipsen Cutts for their contribution to this history.**

With the impressive improvements to our town park perhaps it is time to take a look back and note the changes that have taken place over the decades. Many locals have been involved since its inception in the late 1950s, those beginnings being a very different concept to what we have today. Alex Jones, a farmer at Middlesex held a native game licence and had a collection of animals on his property. When he gave up farming he needed a home for them, and the records show that the Roads Board (now the Shire) offered 22 acres of bush close to the CBD. Alex accepted, the area was fenced and the animals came to town, to the Manjimup Native Game Sanctuary (In 1963 the Sanctuary was established and was officially opened February 16th 1967). A dam was built and an area cleared for pasture. Apex Club members built an aviary and Lions Club built storage rooms for food and equipment. Rotary Club provided more aviaries and constructed and stocked a snake pit, which many locals still recall clearly. Maintenance of the park was carried out by volunteers. Graham and Peggy Johnstone adventured out to the Nullarbor with Alex Jones and two wombats were brought back to add to the animal collection. The Tourist Bureau initiated a new entry with a water fountain and rose garden. Alex was working as Road Board Traffic Inspector and had to fit animal care duties around working, which meant the opportunity for visitors to view the sanctuary was very limited. By the late 1970s Alex was due to retire from work, with

plans to travel. His Sanctuary Fauna Licence was transferred to the Shire Council, along with the management responsibility. There were many problems around all of this, and the Tourist Bureau Committee agreed in 1971 to take over management, but with lack of funding one of the major problems, it was eventually recognised as not being viable. Decision time had arrived. A meeting was held on 16th February 1984 when the Shire, Chamber of Commerce, Forests Department, Jaycees Club, Timber Museum Committee and Tourist Bureau discussed the proposal of a “Timber Park” to replace the Sanctuary. Shire Engineer Geoff Trigg worked on the new park concept. The animals were relocated to sanctuaries and private zoos in other towns. The round rammed earth building intended for the Tourist Bureau, which was at that time in the old Police Station, Giblett Street, began in August 1985. It was in this era that a play ground was added, and the historical hamlet buildings were transported from out of town, these then being furnished by the Historical Society. Bunning Bros financed the “Age of Steam” Museum. The Blacksmith’s Shop was erected with tools and equipment donated by retired blacksmith Ted Martin. Many months of volunteer work was needed. At a meeting in July 1986 an interim Committee was formed: J Towie (Shire President), A Lush (CALM), J Sanders (Forest Products), J. Wiseman (Tourist Bureau), A Pow (Historical Society) and M. Jorgenson (Shire Clerk). It was a big day for town when the Manjimup Timber Park was officially opened on 11th October 1986, with a float parade through town, an official lunch, and official opening by Shire President John Towie, and Mrs P Beggs, the then Minister for Tourism, Bunnings Museum was opened by Mr B Bunning. Apex Club organised a games afternoon in the Park, and the day ended with a Cabaret and Disco in the evening. A walk through the Park today holds none of Alex Jones’ animal sanctuary dreams, the vast changes over these last 60 years have produced a much different facility. Tucked away in a northern section of the Park is the Community Garden, with some energetic members producing healthy crops. The playground constantly rings with the sound of children having fun, and excited screams echo from the slide. A Centenary Project, Federation Island was opened on 22nd February 2001. The Sandra Donovan Sound Shell adds a perfect entertainment facility, and the Lion’s Memorial Park is a quiet place to sit and rest. We have watched in wonder as the current major changes have evolved, with the new Café, Visitor Centre and Power Up Museum a spectacular addition, and the beautifully refurbished State Timber Museum built in 1977 (Winner of National Museums’ Award in 2019). The Park is also home to the Wood Turners’ Group, Historical Society, Community Garden, Visitor Centre and Friends of the Park. Today many water birds, especially ducks, make their home on the small islands in the pond catchment filtration system, night walks and careful examination will show evidence of bandicoots, possums and micro bats living

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## KALIMERA



A few months back we passed on some information about Dot's Place, a valuable service centre in Bunbury for anyone going through Cancer treatment. And now, a Café Bytes reader currently having eight weeks' radiation in Bunbury has suggested we share information on the accommodation which is available during medical treatment. Travelling each day, or the cost of private accommodation is often not a possible option, but there is an answer to that in Dallyellup. A very comfortable facility, Kalimera, which is promoted as "A home away from home for people who need accommodation closer to medical services". Our contact assures us that it is definitely a home away from home. The promotion informs "With the aim of giving back to their community, Graeme and Cathy Loton purchased the property to provide low cost or free accommodation for the people of the South West who need to stay in Bunbury for cancer or other long term treatments". Fees are covered by PATS if eligible, or \$60 per night per unit. So if you or anyone you know is facing treatment in Bunbury, remember this wonderful offer. It is available to everyone, an opportunity to relieve a little of the stress involved with away from home treatment. Thank you to those whose generosity has made this possible.

Kathy Hill



### Our Current Projects

Log Bogie - Final Restoration

### Ongoing Projects

- Chicken Boxes
- Cutting Boards
- Furniture Repairs
- Wooden Toys for Sale

**Come down for a look and a visit**  
Tues & Thurs 8:30am - 3:00pm  
Wed 9:0am - 12:0pm

**Shed Enquiries: 08 9772 4554**

## BUY NOTHING GROUP



Have you heard of the Buy Nothing Group? The Buy Nothing Project was founded in the USA in 2013 with the aim of encouraging recycling of consumer goods and services by the "gifting" of unwanted items amongst local groups, the aim being to reduce waste sent to landfill. It began as a Facebook campaign and has since spread world-wide, there are some simple rules: membership is restricted to persons of legal age and membership of one group only, unlike other initiatives where people can join as many groups as they wish. The first Buy Nothing Group began in Perth in 2016 as a way of finding a home for useful articles unwanted after moving house, once a Facebook page was set up people responded by including their surplus items free to others in the area. The idea grew and now there are 110 groups with over 50,000 members throughout Western Australia. Unwanted items can range from cars, furniture and the smaller items such as glass jars and cutlery, it is really up to the participants. Since the group's inception it is estimated that millions of items have been saved from landfill, certainly challenging our culture as a throwaway society. It is well documented that we do buy and throw away more than is necessary, maybe it's time to think a bit more about our purchases, we might want it but do we really need it? In the meantime, those unwanted items cluttering up the shed might just be what someone else needs!

Liz Coley



The Birak 'Beer-ok' Computer Club will enable our customers to have the confidence dealing with their government services through their MyGov accounts.

### Services include:

- Centrelink,
- Medicare
- DOTransport Practice Tests
- Jobactive General assistance



## 60 YEARS OF CHANGES - CONT'D

within the Park. Provenance planting of native flora is also a priority. And here's another change to adjust to. The Park name. It is no longer officially The Timber Park, although it is generally felt it will be a long while before that name is dropped in the community. What we now have is the Manjimup Heritage Park which definitely fits, but old habits die hard. Gail Ipsen Cutts supplied information on how the name change evolved. In 2018 when the Shire applied for registration of the name Manjimup Timber and Heritage Park it was deemed not eligible with Landgate Geographical Names Committee. After public consultation the Advisory Committee held discussions and recommended to present the name Manjimup Heritage Park to Council, and this was adopted.

We have a Park to be extremely proud of, which will surely bring many visitors to our town. Ahead we have the promise of another day to add to all the memories, Open Day @ the Manjimup Heritage Park on 22.2.2020. Too easy a date to forget. There will be markets, entertainment, kids' activities, indigenous cooking demo, blacksmith demo and guided tours of museum and nature trails, from 3 to 8 pm. We have to wonder, what would Alex Jones think of his Sanctuary area if he could view it now? The Shire of Manjimup is always looking to expand the incredible team of volunteers that work so hard to care for the park and objects within. If you are interested give them a call.

Kathy Hill - Photos supplied by: Tracey Bingham



## JUNIOR GOLF



Thanks to Bevan Humphrey for contributing this interesting information on an opportunity for our young folk.

Manjimup Country Club has been in operation for over 70 years and now offers the opportunity to play Golf, Bowls and Squash. In the past few years the Golf membership numbers have been slowly dropping. In an effort to try and boost these numbers a junior Golf programme has been set up thru MY GOLF. This programme is run throughout Australia and is fully endorsed by Golf Australia and PGA Australia.

It is run in a safe and healthy environment and is an introductory programme designed to teach kids new skills, make new friends and most importantly have FUN.

It also teaches respect and sportsmanship. Parents are encouraged to stay and help out if needed and encourage all kids.

Golf is a game you can learn and continue playing, or learn now and come back to it later. It can be played when you are young, middle age or senior. One of our senior players Doug Edwards, who played state golf as a junior is still playing now and he is in his eighties. Doug has always been keen and generous with his time to help out with more in depth coaching for those juniors who may want to continue golf after this programme. There will be 1 hour sessions running for 8 weeks, starting at 5pm on Tuesday February 11th at the Manjimup Golf Course. Cost is \$45 for the 8 weeks.

It is run by accredited instructors with the main focus on positive encouragement, having fun and challenging the kids thru game based activities.

This programme was run last February with 15 kids attending. All very keen to learn, and showed outstanding improvement thru the 8 weeks. To register for this amazing programme please go to MY Golf, all the details are on there.

**Entries required by Tuesday 1st May 2018**  
**Please email or message enquiries and teams to:**  
**Bevan Humphrey**  
**Email: bevanshandyman@westnet.com.au**  
**Phone: 0488 731 515**



February brought scorching heat and a dusty wind which snaked and shimmered through yellowing tufts of grass like waves on the ocean. Faith rubbed at the dusty window pane and peered inside, a shabby net curtain hung close to the glass, she saw a faded armchair and a dull brown table. The boards on the veranda creaked as she walked slowly to the front door, leaning against it as a sudden wave of pain hit her, she took several deep breaths and the moment passed. Crows flew overhead, their glossy black wings beating slowly as they swirled around the rooftop, Faith heard the sound of sharp claws slithering on the rusty iron roof and a loud caw. What was it they said? A murder of crows. Faith shook her head, now she was letting her imagination run away with her, she bit her lip as she recalled the urgency which had led her to undertake this journey alone, in her haste she hadn't noticed the temperature gauge rising, it wasn't until the motor started to rattle and she saw steam rising from under the bonnet that she looked for help. The old house had been barely visible, set a long way back from the road, a battered mailbox at the end of a dusty track the only sign of habitation. Faith's heart sank as she began to realise that the house appeared deserted. She opened the front door into a largish room which contained an old wood stove, a couple of chairs and a table, there was a sink in the corner, she turned the solitary brass tap and water came out in a muddy yellow stream, as soon as it cleared she drank greedily, quenching her thirst. Faith opened the door that led off the kitchen, a large iron bed dominated the room, it looked comfortable enough, just a little dusty, she opened a box at the foot of the bed and discovered sheets and towels, surprisingly clean although smelling faintly of mothballs. She found dry wood and matches and lit a fire in the stove, as she bent down to put more wood on the fire, contractions she had felt earlier turned into a wave of pain, Faith gasped, she stumbled into the bedroom and crawled onto the bed. This time she knew for sure that the baby was coming, she curled up into a ball trying to ease the pain, tears ran down her face, how she wished that John was here, but he had gone mustering on horseback at the far end of the station with the rest of the men and they were well out of radio range. Just before darkness fell, she heard the crows once more, their sharp insistent cawing echoed eerily around the house, she felt afraid, there was a little light from the fire but not enough to fill out the shadowy corners of the room. The discordant sound of the crows diminished, in the silence Faith became aware of her own terrified breathing. It had been a foolish decision to attempt to

make the long journey to the hospital on her own, she knew that now. Faith shut her eyes, through her half-closed eyelids she became aware of a shadowy figure and a soft light in the room. Her heart beat loudly and she opened her mouth to scream. A cool hand touched hers and she became aware of an old woman dressed in black, she was small and wiry, her features pale and indistinct, Faith felt a sense of peace and comfort and suddenly knew it was going to be alright. As the early morning light began to colour the sky with pink and gold, Faith sat up in bed and cradled her daughter in her arms. She felt rested and relieved, it had been an easy birth in the end and the old woman had somehow let her know what to do. The house was silent now, the fire had burnt out in the stove, she realised that she could no longer hear the harsh cawing sounds of the crows, they too had gone. Faith hugged John tightly, so glad to see him that she could hardly speak, John gazed in wonder at the precious bundle Faith placed in his arms, momentarily lost for words. Eventually he explained that they had finished mustering early and returned at nightfall to find Faith's note, he spoke to the hospital and realised that Faith was missing, he drove towards town and soon spotted the abandoned car. It wasn't until they were on their way to the hospital that she asked John about the old woman. John gave her a puzzled look and explained that the house had been empty for a long time, a mining company had bought the land. He thought maybe she had heard the tragic story about Daisy Morgan who had lived there alone well into her eighties, her young husband had been killed in a tractor accident, the shock had caused Daisy to go into labour, sadly their premature daughter only lived a few days. They were both buried at the old cemetery near the house, not wanting to leave them Daisy remained there until she too passed away. Faith suddenly remembered something she had read about crows, according to legend it was believed that when someone dies a crow carries their soul to the land of the dead, but sometimes a terrible sadness is carried with it and the soul cannot rest, then the crows must return and wait until the soul is at peace. Faith looked up and there high above a solitary crow climbed higher and higher, she smiled down at the baby in her arms, "I think I'll call her Daisy", she said.

Liz Coley

Babyit's Reward

To ALL Makuru Members! Mention this edition of Cafe Bytes to receive HALF PRICE Graphic Design for the Month of February.



# Liz's

## Kitchen Rules

### BLUEBERRY BATTER PUDDING

There are not many fruits that tempt the palate as much as the soft bloom on the luscious dark purple skin of a ripe blueberry, eaten raw or cooked with a sweet slightly acid taste they are equally delicious. Blueberries, (Cyanococcus), are native to North America and are cultivated in many parts of the world. They were first introduced to Australia in the 1950's, efforts to grow them commercially failed until the early 1970's when the Victorian Department of Agriculture imported seed from the US and began selection trials. The Australian Blueberry Growers' Association was formed in the mid 1970's. Native shrubs with similar looking berries are found in South America and Asia, huckleberries and whortleberries in North America and bilberries in Europe. If all this has you hankering to grow your own, the good news is that they can be grown in the garden or in pots. They need a well-drained acid soil or good quality potting mix, plenty of moisture particularly during fruit set and fruit growth and a cool frost free location. They like a little fertiliser in early spring and early summer and appreciate a nice mulch. Fruit is borne on the previous year's growth and plants should be pruned in winter when they are dormant. Rabbit eye blueberries (Vaccinium ashei) are suited to the cooler conditions of the south west, varieties include Brightwell, Premier and Powder Blue. Blueberries are promoted as one of the super foods and have many health benefits due to their high antioxidants and good levels of vitamin A and C. They are a good source of Vitamin K and manganese, also high in fibre and low in calories, all the good things rolled into one magic little package!



### BLUEBERRY BATTER PUDDING

Ingredients: 2 eggs, 40g SR Flour, 45g caster sugar, 115ml milk, 125ml cream, 150g blueberries.  
Method: Butter a round dish 18cm x 2.5cm high. Place all the ingredients except the blueberries in a large bowl and beat together with a hand held whisk or similar until well combined. Tip the blueberries into the prepared dish and pour the batter over. Bake in a preheated 190-200deg oven for about 40-50 minutes. Serves 4.  
A light delicious dessert served with a little cream.

