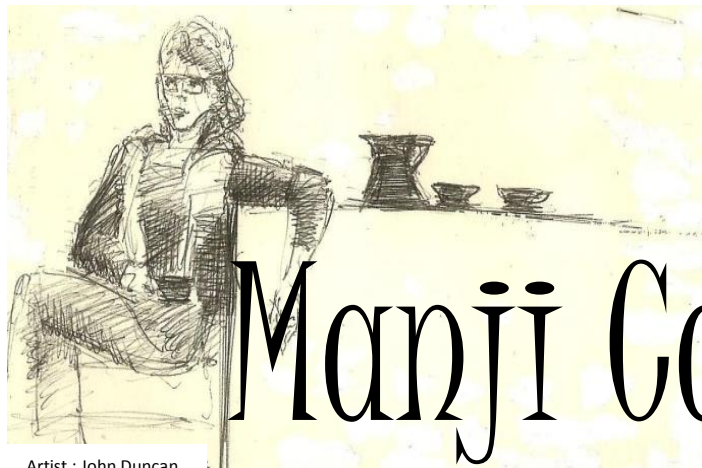


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Early advertisement for Thompson's Garage

Warmest greetings for July

Hard to believe, but half the year is over, it will be Christmas before we know it.

We may get sick of the rain but we need those showers to fill up the dams and tanks to ensure we have a plentiful supply before the dryness of summer. And the gardens appreciate a good soaking, bulbs are lying dormant just waiting for spring which is just around the corner.

Should those clouds clear away, have a look at the night sky; we have a full moon on the 2nd July and also 31st July which is a *blue moon*. These don't come around that often hence the phrase "once in a blue moon". Well, you can feel quite justified to trot that out in July and it will be true!

It is time to embrace winter, make the most of the cooler weather, order a coffee and maybe a slice of something rich and chocolatey, pull up a chair and relax with this month's read. 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>



Winter Fungus



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"WINTER WARMER"

AT MANJIMUP CRC
25TH JUNE 2015

The Centre was abuzz with activity last Thursday with all the staff focusing on making the evening an excellent experience for our guests.

Throughout the event approaching 50 visitors including volunteers, representatives from volunteer involving organisations, members of Manjimup CRC Board, Shire of Manjimup staff members and Shire President Wade DeCampo mingled, chatted and greeted each other.

The evening, as well as high-lighting the services provided at the CRC for volunteers and volunteer involving organisations, was an occasion to launch a permanent exhibition of Manjimup images entitled 'From Whence We Came'. The exhibition, completed by volunteers and supported by The Shire of Manjimup is permanent, and visitors to the CRC can view it on request, many of the images certainly caused interest and conversation on the opening night.

Local wines and foods, home-made soups (thankyou Jade) and first-rate platters from The Cherry Box, were very much appreciated on a chilly evening.

Our satisfaction survey at the end of the evening, gave the CRC an 'excellent' rating.

Rae Starr for Manjimup CRC



Ranui Harris & Clancy Utech
count the satisfaction survey replies

TIME ON HIS HANDS

During the cold months of winter, a lot of us pack the car, rug up and drive to various ovals around the area to spend an afternoon at the footy cheering for our team.



Of course the players take centre stage, but behind the scenes there is one very important person which no game can run without and that is the footy timekeeper.

Wayne (Marron) Hughes has been sounding the siren out at Deanmill for the last 15 years. Throughout the season from bounce down to full time you will find him keeping a close eye on proceedings from the timing box.

It really is the best seat in the house as one of your Bytes team found out; there's a great view of the ground and Wayne has seen all the changes over those years, such as relocation of the timing box, new scoreboard and lights.

Wayne explains that his uncle, Ray Richards, who was born in Manjimup, began his playing career at Deanmill and then spent some years with South Fremantle and Claremont and was recently honoured as an inductee to the WA Football Hall of Fame. He is proud of this and rightly so, as by all accounts Ray was a pretty tough full back with an enormous leap and a knack for taking a brilliant high mark, so it is easy to understand Wayne's passion for the game and his willingness to give up his weekends to give back to the Club.

He tells me that his most rewarding moment was about ten years ago; it was a pretty tight game and the last few minutes were crucial. An opposition player came to him after the game and said "Thank you, you are the most honest timekeeper I've ever known, anyone else would have blown the siren!"

Wayne will be taking a vacation from timekeeping from 8th to 16th August when he joins the Clown Car crew for the 2015 Camp Quality Moora to Bunbury run. Camp Quality WA has brought optimism, support and laughter into the lives of many families and children learning to live with Cancer throughout Western Australia. Millsy and the crew have raised \$29,000 so far for this very worthwhile cause; if you wish to donate go to www.wescarpade.org.au and follow the prompts for Team Clown Car.

MANJIMUP COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Clancy Utech & Megan Jones - Leeuwin Voyage

"This year our trainees got the opportunity of a life time! Thanks to the Boddington CRC Clancy and Megan were able to participate in the Leeuwin Voyage. The Leeuwin is a Tall Ship where people go to learn how to manoeuvre sails while taking part in leadership activities. Our girls were lucky enough to take part in a 10 day voyage from Monkey Mia to Fremantle.

The Voyage was such a success it will now be a yearly occurrence for the Manjimup Community Resource Centre trainees!

Megan - The Leeuwin was a fantastic experience for me. I love challenging myself and it did just that, from the lack of personal space, to the climbing, 4 hour middle of the night shifts and cleaning spew off the side of the ship. I would recommend this to anyone; people of all ages and backgrounds were on the voyage with us, and it was great making new friends with all of them. I am very grateful to have been able to fundraise all of my costs from a Woodside scholarship, the Manjimup Lions Club and personal donations from locals.

Clancy - The Leeuwin is something I wouldn't have thought to participate in, but thanks to my beautiful boss Ranui, I did. It was an amazing experience and I met some wonderful people. I challenged myself through setting sails at high heights, being in confined spaces, having lack of sleep, sea sickness, and being with a mixture of personalities!

I'm so happy the Leeuwin experience was offered to me! I would easily encourage others to take part in future voyages because there is nothing else quite like it!"



Clancy Utech & Megan Jones
on board the STS Leeuwin II

SHIRE OF MANJIMUP PLAQUES : THE SEARCH IS ON !

Do you know of any plaques on or near your property?

As part of its 20 year celebrations in 2016, the **Warren Family History Group** has taken on a community project of making a list with photos and a description of all the plaques in the Shire.

A plaque may be where a school once stood; to commemorate a person's life; the opening of a public office; on a war memorial; all those plaques that play a part in the history of the Shire.

The Warren Family History Group researches family histories and many of the family trees reflect people and events of our district. If you are able to help in adding to this list please contact Secretary Judy Murphy 0458 616 338 or Fiona Dickson 9776 7071

COFFEE CHAT SUBJECT

We have all bought that outfit that looked great in the shop – and never worn it!
What was yours and do you still have it?

The Noongar word for this month

Djarlma : (forest)

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

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Always remember that you are absolutely unique.
Just like everyone else
(Margaret Mead)



SEVEN DAYS FARM - PIGS

Jim Walker and Steph Carstairs of Seven Days Farm, Manjimup, have recently added pork to their range of grass fed Suffolk Lamb products for sale at the Manjimup Farmers Market.

Sticking to the free ranging, heirloom breeds of animals that grow out nice and steady, therefore producing a meat that is tender and flavoursome, the pork is from Wessex Saddleback pigs which is an old English breed known for its superb flavour and tender texture.

The pigs came from Jim's brother, Rob, who breeds them at his farm at Palgarup. Jim and Steph take the weaner pigs and fatten them up on fresh grass, apples and other vegetables like potatoes which they love, as well as pig pellets to ensure they get all the goodness they need.

Steph and Jim now have their own breeding herd in order to keep up with the overwhelming demand for this specialist product.

Cuts of pork available at the markets include pork belly, leg roasts, chops, cutlets and a range of sausages such as chipolatas and pork and apple. Custom kills are available for customers who prefer to order half or whole animals.

Recently, several pigs were finished in Tony Fontanini's chestnut grove as a special order for the Truffle Kerfuffle. Chestnuts are supposed to add an even more delicate flavour to the already succulent meat. The pigs certainly looked very contented in the chestnuts, sometimes staying huddled together until midday before venturing out for a feed.

Jim and Steph's preferred cut for winter is a slow cooked shoulder of pork with star anise, ginger and soy but they said customers are also enjoying the pork bellies a lot. The crackle can be removed before cooking but usually it disappears before it reaches the table!

Liz's Kitchen Rules

ROAST LEG OF PORK

Ingredients : Pork leg roast, 2 tbsp olive oil, 4 tbsp sea salt, 1 tbsp freshly ground black pepper, 2 onions peeled and thickly sliced, 2 apples sliced thickly in rounds.

Method : Use a sharp knife to score the pork at 1 cm intervals, rub oil, sea salt and black pepper into skin. Heat oven to 220 deg C, place onion rounds at base of roasting dish with pork on top. Roast for 30 mins (to crisp crackling) reduce heat to 200 deg C and roast until 30 mins before end of desired cooking time.

Remove from oven, baste pork, place apple slices around pork, roast for another 20-30 minutes or until apples are tender.

Along with accompanying vegetables of your choice this is indeed a delicious feast - enjoy !



THOMPSON'S GARAGE MANJIMUP

contributed by Alan Jeffree

"My father Norm Jeffree was born in 1911 and at age sixteen he started working for Fred Thompson, a Manjimup Blacksmith. In 1924 Fred's brother Lou opened a Garage in Mottram Street Manjimup, with Fred's blacksmith shop close by. There would not have been many vehicles around Manjimup at that time, and it was in the days when petrol truly was pumped into the gas tanks.

After a couple of weeks working with Fred my father swapped to the Garage with Lou. The business grew, and once completing his apprenticeship Dad became the Foreman and continued this role until retirement in 1975/76. Lou presented Dad with a gold watch in 1952 in appreciation of 25 years of service.

I think it was around 1930 that Lou moved the garage to where it is now and it was about this time he took on the General Motors franchise. As part of Thompson's corner complex they owned two separate attached shops along the Manjimup Hotel side, which were rented out.

Fred ran his blacksmith's business in a section of the garage, but later he closed this and moved into one of those shops, selling general household items.

Lou and Laura Thompson had two sons, Fred and George, both joining the business when they left school. Fred specialised in welding and the business ran a mobile welder on an ex-army four wheel drive and specialised in making bracken fern rollers. The district farms were overrun with ferns in those days.

It was a terrible shock when young Fred died suddenly from a heart attack, at about only 40 years of age.

Then around 1960 another tragedy struck when Lou was killed driving a new Holden back to Manjimup.

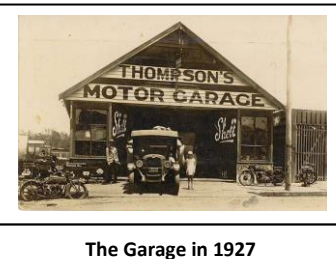
George took over the business and it continued to thrive, employing several mechanics. They continued the GM dealership but changed to Toyota around 1968.

My Uncle Gordon Jeffree was single and lived with his mother Lily in Duffield Street. He also joined the garage as a "grease monkey", as they were called, around 1955 until he retired about 1980. Some locals will remember him riding his push bike everywhere around Manjimup, and also that he had a 1963 EJ Holden which only came out on Sunday to take his mum to church! That vehicle is now in my garage and has still only done 77,000 miles."

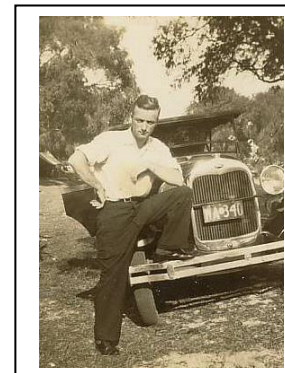
And from your Cafe Bytes reporter :

So, obviously Thompson's knew how to look after their staff and still do seeing as Ivan has been with them for over 35 years. Nowadays, though they no longer have the vehicle dealership or the service garage, they are still there to serve us the old fashioned way, just like the generations before, although the petrol is not physically pumped into the fuel tanks as it was in the early days!

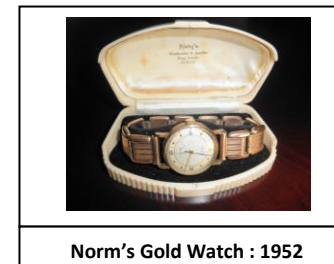
Many of us like to be greeted with that little bit of extra service that you don't get at the self service petrol outlets. Lou's great grandson Scott is now a Director of the business, so it is now into the 4th generation. That makes a record for Manjimup !



The Garage in 1927



Norm Jeffree



Norm's Gold Watch : 1952

FANTASTIC FUNGI

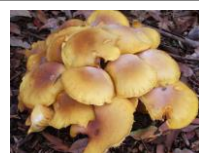
Down here in the South West we are blessed with many varieties of animal and plant life, all different, all unique and we have one of the tallest trees in the world, the Karri which can grow to a height of 90 metres.

However if we lower our eyes there is a much smaller species, just as majestic in their own way, the diverse forms of fungi.

The colder months of the year are ideal to spot these little beauties, hidden amongst the leaf litter or poking up in the lawn. The Kingdom of Fungi performs an essential role by breaking down dead organic material thus continuing the cycle of nutrients through the ecosystem.

There are many types of fungi in an array of colours and shades, red, yellow, brown and purple to name a few, the most well-known edible forms are mushrooms and truffles, many varieties are poisonous so perhaps it is better to admire them for their splendour and leave them alone.

Next time you take a walk through the bush or your garden, look down and you too may spot some of these fascinating little plants.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Many of us love a traditional Christmas Dinner, tucking into roast meat and vegetables followed by Christmas pudding with brandy custard, mince pies and cream, one or two glasses of sherry or wine and an afternoon snooze before tea.

Our friends in the wintry northern hemisphere will be celebrating just that on December 25th. However our midsummer heat, and the thought of wrestling a huge turkey into an oven that has become a furnace as the temperature climbs, means our enthusiasm wanes. It is just too hot and we plan on cold meats and salads, perhaps a barbecue and a cold beer with a day on the beach instead.

The origins of Christmas in July are not very clear, although it would seem to be a tradition that began as a way to celebrate the Yuletide festivities in the coolness of winter, including the arrival of Santa Claus and the exchanging of gifts.

And of course July is perfect for such a celebration, we are approaching mid-winter here in the south west, days are shorter, there is a definite coolness in the air and although we can't promise snow, no doubt there will be one or two frosty mornings to make up for it.



So let's brighten up July with some Christmas cheer, dig the tree out, find the tinsel and bonbons, hats and whistles. play the Christmas CDs, sing along to Jingle Bells and Silent Night, and roast the turkey with all the trimmings and you never know, Santa may be tempted to hitch up the reindeer to the sleigh and come to join in!

MANJIMUP VISITOR CENTRE ONCE A YEAR FUNDRAISER

Manjimup Visitor centre is a not for profit organisation which promotes Tourism and attractions in the area, our building is centrally located and easily accessible for Tourists and Locals. We have a nice bright and well stocked building with one full time Manager and many wonderful volunteers who all do an excellent job promoting our magnificent area. Our Visitor Centre is kept afloat by several avenues of fundraising and a much appreciated grant from The Shire of Manjimup.

Our main fundraiser for the year was held on Saturday night the 21st June, at our major sponsor's premises, The Manjimup Hotel, in the form of a Dinner and Auction. Items auctioned were all generously donated by local businesses; there was also a West Coast Eagles Jumper signed by Matt Priddis, donated by the Eagles Club which created a lot of interest. There were many other fantastic items donated such as loads of wood from Herdigan Logging and Cutts Transport, excellent items from Manjimup Economy Auto, Southern Belle Boutique vouchers and bags, guitar from Toyworld, tool box from Mitre 10, PHR Rural items, wine and products from local vignerons, fruit and vegie boxes from local producers, café vouchers, and much, much more. .

This once a year very enjoyable and entertaining fundraiser was a huge success, and we are extremely appreciative of all who attended and generously bought or donated items on the night. An excellent sum of money was raised, and this will go a long way in helping to keep our Visitor Centre doors open 7 days a week, to help promote and keep Tourists in our beautiful area longer.

President of Manjimup Visitor Centre
Kathy Savage