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### *Quote for July*

*"Family is not an important thing. It's everything" – Michael J Fox (1961 -)*

### *Word for July*

**GROOMZILLA:** *A man who is neurotically obsessed with planning his wedding*

Welcome to our July newsletter, a little something for you to read as you sit by a cosy warm fire, with a hot cup of beverage. Thanks to those who have contributed and please remember, we always welcome those who wish to share their stories. Email to [manjicafeytes@gmail.com](mailto:manjicafeytes@gmail.com). Stay warm, we have passed the winter solstice, so there's better days ahead. And the rainfall has been magnificent, filling the dams.

So, settle in and enjoy this issue filled full of wonderful local stories!

## JOIN THE WOCKEY LADIES

Thanks to the Warren Hockey ladies for supplying this info and photo on their new venture, playing hockey at walking pace, not on the run. And the name they have given to this sport is an indication of the fun that will be experienced, the sport's name of Hockey has been converted to Wockey. Walking hockey is not a wide spread sport in WA, and it is the first year it's been played in Manjimup, thought that the only other state competition is in Fremantle.

Started in April, thinking it would probably be mainly older ladies who would join, but it has proven popular with younger set as well - already a group of nearly 30, made up of a few teens, a few over 60s and mainly 30 - 55 year olds. A blend of ex-players and never-held-a-stick-before ladies, plus a handful of current players who help keep the game flowing and provide a bit of tuition.

Currently the games are played at 5:30pm on Mondays, at Kearnan College undercover area. It's a Gold coin donation to play and loan sticks are provided if required. The teams are different to usual hockey, played on a smaller field, with 4-8 players/team. There's a short skills session first, followed by 3 x 12 minute game periods. Important to remember, it's purely social – guaranteed to bring lots of fun and laughter with the added benefit of improved physical and mental health.

Initially these games were planned to run for School Term 2 only, but there's been enough interest shown to continue after the school holidays. Weather is not an issue, playing in the undercover area that is available. The ladies are also considering a summer comp. And why not, we need to exercise all year.

Interested new players are always very welcome. Contact Carol 0401 915 884, Debbie 0439 515 300 or Warren Women's Hockey Facebook page.

*A quote from [play.Englandhockey.co.uk/walking-hockey](http://play.Englandhockey.co.uk/walking-hockey).*

*"Walking Hockey is exactly as the name suggests... You play hockey, walking, not running. It's designed to help people keep an active lifestyle regardless of age, health and ability. Whether you're new to the sport, just not played for a while or had to stop due to injuries or other reasons, Walking Hockey allows you to pick up a stick in a fun and relaxed environment with like-minded people."*

Kathy Hill



## MACEDONIAN MIGRANTS IN MANJIMUP

Circa 1920s to 1960s

Macedonian, Yugoslav and Italian migrants arrived in Western Australia disembarking at the Fremantle Port in the 1920s.

Arriving to a new land was daunting.

They had heard reports that Australia was a land that offered plenty which proved otherwise. Many who had borrowed money for their journey were now obligated to find any work they could to repay their loans. In a different climate with hot summers, foreign flora and the ever-present language problem many believed they had gone from bad to worse, but tenacious people that they were and remembering the horror of the countries that they left, in this new country, they struggled and most eventually became successful.

The culture shock to these new arrivals was obvious, many found jobs on the Goldfields, in Moora clearing Mulga bush and in the wheatbelt area. Others made their way to the Southwest. Karri and Jarrah forests were being recognised for invaluable resources which offered many young men jobs in sleeper cutting. That became the first occupation of the young male migrants. Living in Tents and Shante's made with bark and corrugated Iron the bark whitewashed with lime and cement.

In 1924 the first Macedonian men to arrive in Manjimup was Kole Palasin from the village Bapchor as well as Milentises, Lazo Miche, Jovan Konsolov and Naum Grozotis all from the same village in Macedonia. They worked clearing bushland and Sleeper cutting.

However, the Macedonian connection would become best known for their involvement in the Tobacco industry. Manjimup's reputation spread to communities across Australia and to their homeland with people coming in search of financial gain.

Many migrants had managed to pay their fares back to the sponsors and bring their families to their new homeland.

Peter Michelides, a Greek entrepreneur from Perth created a major industry from tobacco growing from the 1930s to the 1950s Many migrants worked the plantations.

The Macedonian community and other migrants had complete comradeship, they had monthly get togethers having Picnics, Traditional Dancing and meeting and visiting each other it was a social event that everyone looked forward to, where young people could meet friends and get to know one another, and older folk could catch up on news from the homeland. A multicultural band provided music.

In the 1950s Macedonian migrants reached their peak with nearly 300 families in the town centre and surrounding districts. Many growers that worked on the plantations ended up leasing plots of land to grow their own tobacco plots close together and everyone helped each other picking, harvesting and drying the tobacco getting it ready for sale. After the demise of the Tobacco Industry in 1963 many people had to look for alternate work. A lot of families left the community and re-established in Perth whilst others moved to Melbourne and Sydney to be with relatives. Other families remained. Many worked in the timber industry, others turned to growing Vegetables, Orchards, Dairy Farming and opening businesses in Town.



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## MACEDONIAN MIGRANTS IN MANJIMUP (Cont'd)

At one of the Dances which were held at the Karate Hall a meeting was called to talk about the prospect of having a Macedonian Community Centre in Manjimup. This was a unanimous vote. Stan Stoiche a prominent businessman donated two and half acres of prime land for the construction of the centre. Fund raising was started. With many people of the Manjimup Shire contributing also The Macedonian Community of Perth Western Australia. The Macedonian Centre was completed with pride in 1987.

The centre was utilised by many people, weddings were held, entertainment, and Service Clubs used it for functions. After the downturn of the timber industry a lot more families left the community which had an impact and the centre had to go into caretakers' mode.

In 2020 a meeting was called to try and establish a committee as many could see that the centre needed work. A membership drive was organised, and the response was overwhelming by the local community. A multicultural committee was formed, the first function was a success with many past residents attending and wanting a reunion. It was decided at this event that we will try to organise a Back to Manjimup later in 2023. Hopefully this will bring back many of the people who had lived in Manjimup and have fond memories of the community.



Tobacco pickers Grozotis Farm



First Macedonians to arrive in Manjimup  
L to R: Unknown, John Konsolov, Naum Groztis,  
Nick Palasin



The Macedonian Hall in Ipsen Street

Thanks to the dedication of volunteers, Manjimup Scouts have started 2023 meetings at the Scout Hall, Collier Street.

**Joeys** 5-7 years Thursday 4 -5 pm.  
**Cubs** 8-10 years Wednesday 5.30-7.30pm  
**11 Years +** Thursday 5.30-7.30pm



# Liz's



## Kitchen Rules

### APPLES

There are many varieties of apples, (*Malus domestica*) cultivated worldwide. The wild ancestor of the species (*Malus sieversii*) originated in Central Asia where it is still found today. Apples have been grown for thousands of years in Asia and Europe and were brought to Australia by early settlers. Apples grown from seed tend to lack the desired qualities of their parents and are most often grown from grafting onto rootstocks.

There are more than 7,500 cultivars of apples, bred for various uses such as eating, cooking and cider making. Apples are milled or pressed to produce apple juice which can be drunk unfiltered. Apple juice is fermented to make cider which can be quite a potent alcoholic beverage. It was more popular than wine for many years in England, especially the West country where most of the cider apples were grown. Apples are an important ingredient in many desserts such as apple pie, apple crumble, apple crisp and apple cake. They can be pureed in apple sauce, and also made into apple butter and apple jelly, they are easily dried in an oven or dehydrator and make a delicious snack.

The phrase "An apple a day, keeps the doctor away" has been traced to 19<sup>th</sup> century Wales, the original phrase being "Eat an apple on going to bed, and you'll keep the doctor from earning his bread". Despite the saying sadly there is no evidence that eating an apple a day has significant health benefits.

Everyone knows the story of Eve coaxing Adam to share her apple "the forbidden fruit", but did you know that the larynx became known as Adam's apple as it was thought a piece of the fruit remained in Adam's throat.

The Southern Forests supply nearly 60% of Western Australia's apple production with Manjimup being the home of Pink Lady and Bravo apples. Pink Lady was bred in Manjimup and is now grown and distributed throughout the world. A Manjimup farm has recently planted a new 'Cosmic Crisp' apple variety as part of a \$27 million investment by grower Red Rich Fruits. The first apples are expected to hit the market in mid-2024 after Washington State University took 20 years to develop the Honeycrisp and Enterprise Blend.

Apples contain Vitamin C and potassium, vitamins K and B6, manganese and copper.

### BAKED APPLES

**Ingredients:** 4 apples (Golden Delicious or Granny Smith), 1/3 cup sultanas, 1/3 cup soft brown sugar, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, small amount butter.

**Method:** Preheat oven to 180C. Using a small sharp knife remove cores from apples, leaving apples whole and bases intact. Place apples, upright, into a baking dish. Combine sultanas, cinnamon and sugar. Spoon sultana mixture into centre of each apple, place a knob of butter on top of each apple. Add a tablespoon of water to the baking dish. Baste apples with liquid in the bottom of your dish after 20 minutes. Bake for 30-35 minutes.

This is delicious served with Crème Fraiche or Custard.







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## COMMUNITY BYTE SIZED PIECES

- Manjimup Photo Club invite you to enter your photos for their Fantastic Fungi competition, \$20 gets you 3 entries. Closes on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023, plenty of time to get your camera out and start clicking! Facebook: Manjimup Photo Club inc.
- Another one for the photographers: The Bibbulmun Track Photo Competition and Exhibition entries are now closed but if you want to check out some of the wonderful items on display they will be exhibited throughout August at The Painted Tree Gallery in Northcliffe.
- The Pemberton Tramway reopens on July 1<sup>st</sup> after closing down in February due to maintenance issues after 36 years. It's a perfect chance to get picturesque views of our beautiful forests, sit back and enjoy the ride.
- Congratulations to Manjimup Men's Shed for recently hosting a successful and well attended opening day. The shed opens Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 3pm and Wednesday 9am to noon.
- The Water Corporation is currently offering their free showerhead program. Change up to two of your inefficient showerheads for WELS4 star rated models. See Manjimup Community Resource Centre Facebook page for details.
- Reminder: Research informs that 530 million 10 cent containers are still being lost to landfill every year in WA. That's 53 million dollars' worth!
- Lots of those empty 10 cent containers are plastic water bottles, often drunk on the go, where limited recycling options are available. Hold onto these and any other 10 cent containers until they can be returned to a Containers for Change exchange point or recycle bin. As the saying goes, don't feed the fill.
- Remember with this cold winter we are experiencing, the Warren Valley Community Church continue to have their supply of blankets and doonas stored in the cupboard outside their entry, if you have spares please drop them in or if in need, you are welcome to collect from the donations.

## WORLD UFO DAY

Being a space nerd from way back, I am a little excited about the advent of UFO Day on July 2<sup>nd</sup> when everyone on Earth gets the chance to look out for and report any strange objects in the sky.

The history of UFOs dates back centuries, UFO sightings took off in earnest during the 19th and 20th centuries when in 1896 and 1897 dozens of mystery airships were reported over America. Newspapers reported on strange objects in the sky throughout the 1950s, and sightings began to be reported all over the planet. Since then, UFOs have captured the minds of old and young alike, and witness stories have proliferated around the world.

Media interest eventually died down, but ufologists continued to study and observe UFOs. In 2001, Ufologist, Haktan Akdogan celebrated the first UFO Day to raise awareness of his work. The holiday quickly became popular amongst UFO researchers. Why July 2? This date represents the anniversary of the famed 1947 incident in Roswell, New Mexico. Believers claim a UFO crash landed here, deep in the American southwest, but that the government has been covering it up ever since.

"I want to believe." These are the words of *X-Files* hero Fox Mulder who managed to convince an entire generation of the possibility that we are not alone. Sixty-five percent of Americans believe that intelligent life exists outside Earth. 51% of Americans say that UFOs are probably or definitely proof of intelligent life.

Fox Mulder also said "the truth is out there", so I'll be keeping an eye on the sky on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, you never know what I might spot!

Liz Coley



## AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Congratulations to the CWA and Family Centre for their Cancer fundraising Morning Tea, held on Wednesday 28th June at the RSL Hall. Approximately 100 attended to sample the delicious food and enjoy the fun with many Raffle prizes donated with grateful thanks to all who contributed. It was hoped to raise over \$1000 toward the fight to cure Cancer.

Thanks to the RSL for their generous use of their Hall and kitchen and providing the Tea and Coffee. It was cozy and warm and much enjoyment was had by those who attended.



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## YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP

Thanks to one of our Board Members, John Hunter for this contribution.

### The British Expedition to Abyssinia 1868 (Modern day Ethiopia)

This is a true story, I'm gonna give you a super condensed version, you can google the whole story at your leisure.

So in the mid 1860's King Theodore of Abyssinia put an English Christian missionary and a handful of British citizens in jail they languished in atrocious conditions for a couple of years, the British were very diplomatic about asking for their people to be released, all to no avail.

Queen Victoria said to the British military 'How about we go get our people?'

So they did. Like I said, this is the condensed version. General Napier was put in charge first thing he did was get 44 trained elephants from India, to haul the heavy artillery, the Brits set sail Dec 1867 there was 287 yes 287!! sailing ships and steamships they took 13,000 soldiers, 26,000 'camp followers' (cooks, boot menders, medical dudes, carpenters, toilet diggers you get the idea) about 40,00 horses and mules, 32 kilometres of railway line, sleepers, and locomotives.

Advance ships arrived before the main fleet, and built a 640 metre pier, and another in six weeks! Then they built warehouses kitchens blah blah.

There was no fresh water where they were, so they converted 2 steamships into desalination plants, and produced 200 tons of fresh water a day!

They sent out lots of Emissaries to the surrounding villages and towns and told them, that they weren't there to molest them, enslave them, or take over their country they were going to get their people and leave, they explained that they needed to buy food (lots of it) and land to forage the animals on and they paid the asking price for everything in their local currency.

They built the 32 KMs of railway in a matter of weeks, and a further 100 KMs of road in similar time it took them 3 months to march the 640 kilometres thru the mountains to the fortress of Magdala engaged the waiting hostile, entrenched army won the battle in 90 minutes, kicked the fortress in, freed their people and went home!

In money terms, it cost Britain 25 million pounds, billions of \$\$\$ in today's money.

There is more to the story hope this wets your appetite for some amazing history!!!

PS.....and all done without anything resembling a compute, no modern hydraulics, electricity etc.

## MANJIMUP REPERTORY CLUB NEWS

The Manjimup Repertory Club invites you to a "Sweet Selection" of short comedies over one weekend on 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July. This assortment of plays takes a lighthearted look at life from conception to death and beyond and includes murder, infidelity, antique dealers and chocolates. You'll find many new faces alongside familiar favourites and the format has enabled some members to explore new roles in directing, backstage, sound and lighting. There's nothing like a good laugh to brighten the winter gloom. We'd love to see you there so get your tickets online from Trybooking or in person at the Manjimup Library. The evening shows begin at 7.30pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and there is a matinee performance at 2pm on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. (The show contains some adult themes, sexual references and coarse language.)



### Opening Hours

Monday-Friday  
(see Facebook page)

Saturday: 10-3

Sunday: 10-2



## WINTER WEATHER

The main topic of conversation on everyone's lips lately seems to be the weather. Our general way of greeting each other has changed from "How are you going" – "Good and you" – now the reply is "It's freezing"! And it is.

Researching the Manjimup climate in June shows that it is generally mild and wet with daytime maximums an average of 16degC dropping to 8degC at night. On average June is the second wettest month of the year.

So how are we going this year?

The coldest temperature so far this month was 3.3degC on the 19<sup>th</sup> June compared to coldest ever 0.2deg on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 1966, I'll bet a few can still remember that one. Taken over 100 years of data up until last year the coldest June ever was in 1960, there are still a few June days to go at the time of writing so we may break that record. I wouldn't be at all surprised at that.

Not only has it been cold it's also been wet, I like the sound of rain on the roof as much as anyone after a hot, dry summer and we have certainly had our fair share in June 2023. The average rainfall for June is 158.5mm, we have beaten the average this year as we have had 189mm so far and it's still raining. However, we topped that in 1917 with a whopping 331.9mm!

July is usually the coldest month of the year and it seems that 2023 will be no exception so we'll be rugged up for a while yet, as we all know we can't control the weather so let's enjoy sitting by the fire with a warming drink at hand, after all it will be summer again before we know it. Meanwhile we can reflect on the wise words of this old rhyme.

Whether the weather be fine, or whether the weather be not,  
Whether the weather be cold, or whether the weather be hot,  
We'll weather the weather, whatever the weather,  
Whether we like it or not. *Anon.*

Liz Coley



## MYSTERY PHOTO—WHERE AM I? (MANJIMUP TOWNSITE)



# SAFE USE OF LITHIUM BATTERIES

## Home Fires Safety – safe use of lithium-ion batteries

### You do not need to be at home for there to be a house fire

West Australians are urged to not leave e-Rideables and other household items containing lithium-ion batteries charging overnight or when they are not at home due to their potential to overheat and cause devastating home fires.

Batteries can overheat when left on charge or when they are faulty. Once the battery explodes, it can end up metres from where it was charging, and a small fire can spread quickly engulfing an entire home in just minutes.

Fire investigators are seeing a rise in the number of fires caused by lithium-ion batteries where the home has either been significantly damaged or completely destroyed.

Here are a few things you can do to protect you and your home from a house fire:

- Check electrical items and cords for signs of wear and tear before using them. Don't use damaged or dented equipment.
- Never leave batteries charging when no one is home, or in unsupervised areas such as garages.
- Make sure when charging batteries they are placed on a hard surface, and are not left charging on bedding, couches, carpets or clothing.
- Don't leave batteries charging once they have reached 100% as they can overheat.
- Take care when purchasing batteries or devices online or second-hand. Replacement batteries and electrical cords should only be purchased from reputable companies.
- Batteries are classed as hazardous waste and should never be placed in your kerbside bins. You can find your nearest battery recycling bin by contacting your local government or visiting [recycleright.wa.gov.au](https://recycleright.wa.gov.au).

For more information visit [Preventing a fire in the home - Department of Fire and Emergency Services \(dfes.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/preventing-a-fire-in-the-home)





A photograph showing two firefighters in full yellow protective gear, including helmets and oxygen tanks, fighting a fire in a living room. The fire is intense, with bright orange flames and thick smoke rising from a sofa. The room is dimly lit, with a television and other furniture visible in the background. The firefighters are positioned in the foreground, facing the fire.

# DON'T GET BURNED BY YOUR BATTERY

**Batteries can cause fires if not disposed of correctly.**

**Dispose of a battery or charger if:**

- ✓ It is damaged or dented.
- ✓ It emits a strange smell.
- ✓ It has come into contact with water.
- ✓ It no longer charges or holds charge efficiently.
- ✓ Never discard of a battery in general waste.

**Dispose of batteries appropriately through a Recycling Centre.**

Check your with your local council for a drop off point near you.

**For more information visit [dfes.wa.gov.au](https://dfes.wa.gov.au)**

## ANNE MARTIN—MOVING TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA—PART 2

This month we continue CRC Staff Member, Anne Martin's story.

I remember parts of our drive and the train journey to Western Australia

My sister and I thought the train was magic. We had a hand basin that you pulled to bring out of the wall and our beds were the same. We sat on the couches when the beds were put away and watched the Nullabor roll by. My mother must have thought she had died and gone to heaven as we had three sit down meals each day and we were waited on!

The train stopped at all the little stations along the way that probably only had the station master and his family living there. I remember Cook and small children riding tricycles in the dust. I remember the vastness of the Nullabor and I still love it when we drive to Sydney or Adelaide today.

When we reached Kalgoorlie and collected our car off the train we had been robbed of some of the goods that we had packed in the back. A vivid memory is my mother in a caravan park laundry talking to ladies who took out a map and told her that all the towns that had names ending in UP meant that there was water there.

When we ran out of petrol and ended up in Collie and had to spend the night in the car, I complained that much that my father pushed some of the goods we had packed in the back of the Ute to one side and I slept in the back that night while my poor sister had to sit upright in the front with our parents. Frogs sang all night which was the first time I had heard anything like that. There was a garage that had a clock in the front window that said "back in 10 minutes" and was closed (and remained so all night). There were a group of bikies waiting, like us, for fuel; my mother told my father not to go near them but he did and they very kindly gave us some fuel and were very gracious. They told dad they wanted to throw the clock through the window and he agreed he felt the same way.

I too remember the endless rain when we finally got to Donnybrook and everyone we met saying "oh, you are the people from the EASTERN STATES" which we were insulted by because we were from VICTORIA! No I have lived here for so long I say exactly the same thing to people who come to W.A.

The School I came from was a large one and we marched around the quadrangle daily and sang the national anthem. One of our teachers had been a prisoner of war in Singapore and told us stories that were brutal. The school I came to in Donnybrook was small where some of the children didn't wear shoes and ALL of the boys and girls played cricket at recess.

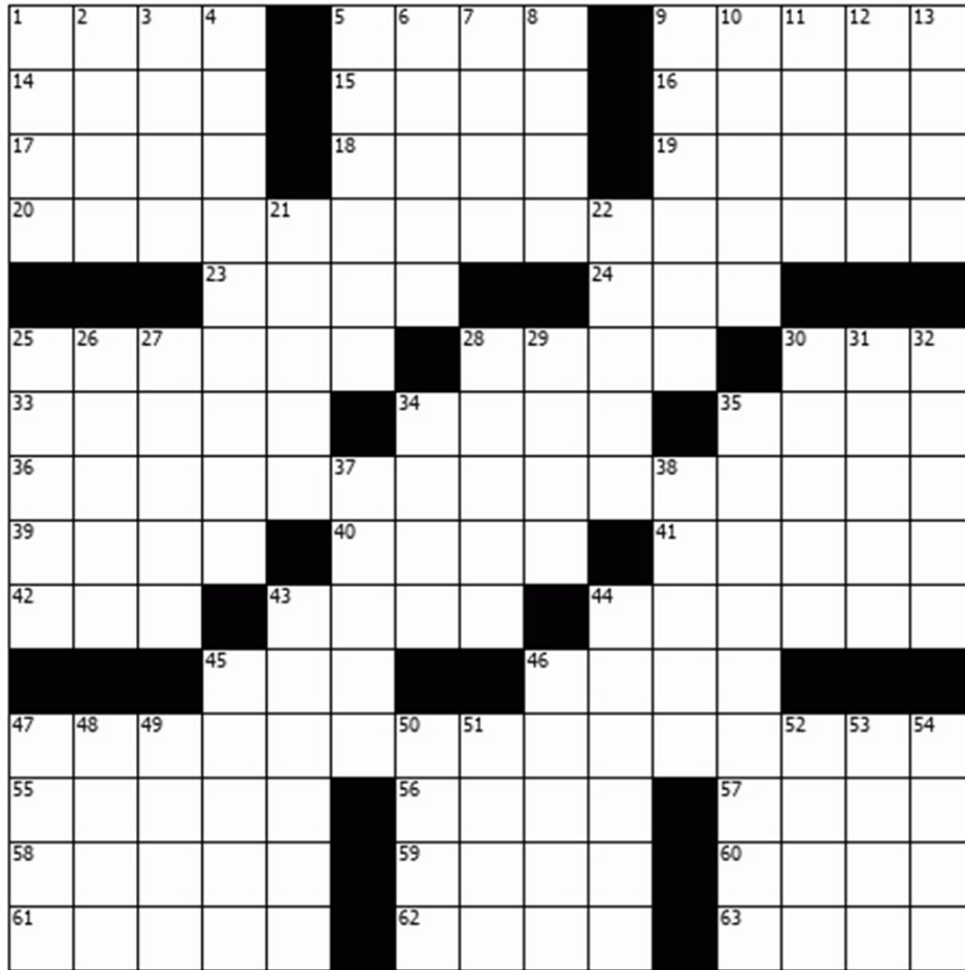
I become very nostalgic when we go back to Mildura and wonder what would have happened if we hadn't left as all our relatives were left behind including the only grandparent I had. However I do not regret the decision my parents made although I know it was influenced by Mildura having the longest bar in the Working Mans Club which measures 91 metres and was once known as the worlds longest bar.



Artwork by Anne



## CROSSWORD by JORDAN KINGSTON



### Across

1. It may be spiked
5. Indiana Jones' dread
9. Master of spin?
14. Radius neighbour
15. Classic TV's Carla
16. Scrap for Rover
17. At the acme of
18. King George III loyalist
19. Dilapidated
20. Start of a lazybones' remark
23. Graft recipient
24. Bighorn breeder
25. Most reliable
28. Catcher's putdown?
30. Atty. group
33. Wee atoll
34. Jane you may have read about
35. Emulate a checker
36. Part 2 of the remark
39. Ranges of understanding
40. It might lead to a check
41. Martian marking
42. It doesn't hurt to do this
43. Actress Pinkett Smith
44. Dowel pin
45. Good to some
46. Where the gang is
47. End of the remark
55. Brief advertisement
56. Oenologist's interest
57. École chum
58. It could cause division among the congregation
59. Ring tightly studded with diamonds
60. Coquette
61. Croupier, e.g.
62. Made do (with "out")
63. Uptight

**Down**

1. Former blacklisting org.
2. Kind of flute
3. Knowledgeable about
4. Criminals' accumulations
5. One who creates a scene?
6. Exclamation of disappointment
7. One-time land of the Incas
8. States
9. Spread here and there
10. Degrade
11. Small but appreciable amounts
12. Not behind
13. Florida extension
21. \_\_\_\_ del Sol
22. Israeli desert
25. Alaska cruise stop
26. Sackcloth partner
27. Cut of meat
28. Part of the Fertile Crescent
29. Persian Gulf nation
30. Getting no returns?
31. Humdrum
32. It's sometimes right but always to a degree
34. "Heavens!"
35. Hollywood moniker
37. A, B or C, e.g.
38. Item in a cheek pouch
43. Talk nonsensically
44. Gave a raspberry to
45. Uncle Miltie
46. Ho predecessor
47. Cable attachment to give you a lift
48. Pelvic bones
49. Kind of ox or rat
50. Hunt and peck
51. Lacking potency
52. Within or among
53. High-pitched metallic sound
54. Like Sadie of song

## A PAIR OF JEANS

This is a love story that started back in the 1960's when stirrup pants for winter and pedal pushers for summer were popular. When my husband and I first started going out together in the sixties, he wore a suit and tie if we went to the movies or to see a live band but for less formal occasions, he would wear jeans. I always admired his jeans and wondered why a woman couldn't wear them but I guess it wasn't considered ladylike then. When I went out, I'd be wearing a dress with a rope petticoat starched to the hilt, stockings with seams, gloves, high heels and matching handbag.

Then along came three little girls in three years who took up most of my time, then I found that I lived in pants and shirts and baggy jumpers. My next-door neighbour had a mail order catalogue which I enjoyed browsing through when I got five minutes to myself, among those coloured pages I found boy's jeans, blue denim, copper rivets and handy pockets which my stirrup pants lacked. I worked out that a 14-year-old boy size would fit me and before I thought too much about it ordered them. Eileen was a bit surprised but

commenting, after commission. I lived in them, they absorbed sticky crawling around matter how often I came up looking as get stared at a bit out in them as I out, my husband wore jeans to work you could say that affair with jeans.

1969 everyone Woodstock and be there to listen to Hendrix, Janis Guthrie. I loved the

I had bell bottom jeans, psychedelic patterned shirts, a fringed vest and belt (I still have the belt somewhere), high boots, patterned fabric bags and lots of beads and feathers. Flower power, peace and love were everywhere.

Life changed for us in 1972 when we packed and moved to Western Australia, I still wore my jeans but not as often in the hot summer weather. It was around the mid-seventies that Levi 501s came on to the market and of course I had to have them. 501s were a little bit different, they were shrink to fit, which meant you bought a pair, filled the bath with water and sat down in it until they shrunk to fit like a glove. They were exceptionally hard wearing and I wore them for years. This was the era of the blue jean craze, all the rock bands of the 70's and 80's wore them, we never missed Countdown and listened to Cold Chisel, Midnight Oil and the Divinyls, if it was good enough for them, it was good enough for me and the girls!

I guess my favourite jeans of all time would have to be the high waisted denims we wore in the nineties, a perfect fit with a T shirt or shirt tucked in, a leather belt and of course boots and you could go anywhere. I have never liked low waisted jeans, especially with a g string as was the fashion at one time, I'm happy that high waists are coming back.

At the moment I have 14 good pairs hanging in my wardrobe, 5 older pairs on the shelf and another drawer full of pairs that are too small but I might fit back into them again one day.

What can I say, I love my jeans!

Liz Coley



refrained from all she was getting loved those jeans, I fitted so well, they fingers and the floor and no washed them they good as new. I did the first time I went was the odd one didn't mind, he every day. I guess began my love

was talking about wishing they could Santana, Jimi Joplin and Arlo fashion of that era,





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- Our Volunteer Directory is well underway and will be in print form and online soon. If you would like your organisation included, give Andrea a call on Monday or Tuesday at the CRC on 9777 2774.
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