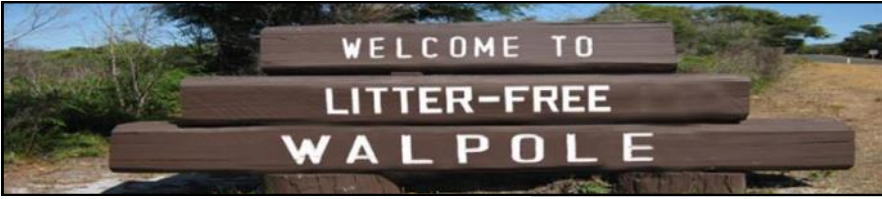


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Welcome to the Elizabeth Gerner Walpole Library!



On December 14, 2023, the Walpole community celebrated the renaming of their library to the “Elizabeth Gerner Walpole Library.” This event honoured Elizabeth Gerner's significant contributions to the town, especially her dedication as a librarian. Attendees included Elizabeth's family, her husband Thomas and their children, Edward and Anna, who were travelling to participate in this significant moment. The ceremony showcased historical elements from Elizabeth's time as a librarian, such as an old catalogue drawer she used, providing tangible links to her lasting legacy.

The renaming ceremony was marked by a series of speeches, highlighting Elizabeth's contributions and the community's respect for her work. Notable speakers included the new President of Manjimup Shire, Donelle Buegge, Jenny Willcox, who paid homage to Elizabeth's legacy. Thomas Gerner's moving speech resonated with the attendees, underscoring the honour bestowed upon the family and the memory of Elizabeth.

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Kim Mills: 50 Years as Santa

Kim Mills first donned the red suit in 1973, inspired by a simple wish to bring joy to children at Christmas. This year marks his 50th anniversary as Santa Claus, a role he's filled with enthusiasm across various communities before bringing his holiday cheer to Walpole.

Known for his jolly demeanor and memorable interactions, Kim has a trove of stories from his Santa days, from playful encounters with water-balloon wielding kids to post-pool visits that left his suit a little damper than usual.

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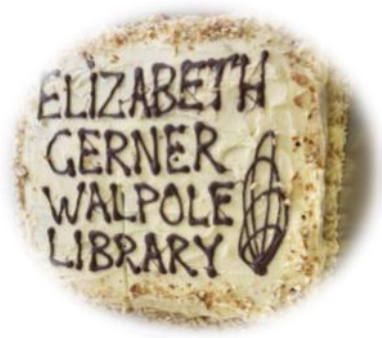


The event was meticulously prepared by current library staff Tash Viney, Helen Webster, and Margo Pierce, who ensured the library and supper room were adorned appropriately for the occasion. They brought in historical elements such as

old signage and photographs, adding a personal and historical touch to the venue.

As the community celebrated Elizabeth's legacy, the ceremony not only served as a dedication but also as a reminder of the critical role public spaces like libraries play in nurturing community ties and preserving collective memory. The Elizabeth Gerner Walpole Library now represents local heritage, embodying the spirit of community and the value of stewardship.

~Cherie Smith



At last year's Walpole Christmas lunch, Kim's portrayal of

Father Christmas was a highlight, demonstrating the deep affection and dedication he has for this annual tradition.



Kim was also seen at the most recent Community Markets spreading Christmas cheer! We hope you wished him a merry Christmas if you came across him. As a side-note, don't forget to visit the Markets Saturday 23rd December if you're looking for a fun family outing.

Despite the years, his passion for playing Santa hasn't waned. Kim intends to keep the sleigh bells jingling for as long as he can, ensuring that the magic of Christmas remains alive for kids and those young at heart.

~Walpole Weekly



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Notice of 2023 Annual Meeting of Electors

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Manjimup will be held in the JC Rose Room, corner Rose and Brockman Streets, Manjimup on Tuesday, 16 January 2024 commencing at 6:00pm.

To allow items of general business or complex questions to be answered, notice of such is requested to be lodged in writing with the Shire of Manjimup at least two working days prior to the meeting to info@manjimup.wa.gov.au

Copies of the Annual Report are available for inspection from the Administration Centre and Shire libraries during normal office hours, or from the Shire's website www.manjimup.wa.gov.au

Benjamin (Ben) Rose,
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Good Afternoon Jennifer Willcox

Thank you for donating, as Councillor for the Shire of Manjimup, the 'Shire of Manjimup Youth Scholarship Award' at our Lower School Award Ceremony.

Daniel Steiner

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12.30pm to 3.30pm	Friday 12th January	Beach Cricket at Peaceful Bay \$5 per child
9am to 4pm	Wednesday 17th January	Laser Tag in Albany \$35 per child
8.30am to 1pm	Friday 26th January	Av' A G'day at Walpole Pioneer Park
12:30pm	Saturday 27th January	Nornalup Residents and Ratepayers Community BBQ and AGM. Settlers Park, Nornalup

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Weekly events

Day	Details
Monday	Mahjong at Walpole Community Hall, 10am - Noon Mahjong at Nornalup 2pm - 5pm Contact Gail on 0427 689 028 for venue details. Zumba at Walpole Sport and Recreation Centre, 5:30pm - 6:30pm Doctor Services at Walpole Silver Chain by appointment 9840 1173 Pilates with Anna-Marie, 20 Bellanger Rd Nornalup. 10.30am
Tuesday	Weight Watchers at the Anglican Church Walpole, 9:30am Country Club Scoungers Golf 12:30pm Autumn Club at Walpole Sport and Recreation Centre, 1pm Pilates with Anna-Marie, 20 Bellanger Rd Nornalup. 6.00pm
Wednesday	Tone and Stretch Class at Walpole Sport and Rec Centre, 9 - 10am Doctor Services at Walpole Silver Chain by appointment 9840 1173 - Telehealth only 10am - 2pm (Every last Wednesday each month) Walpole Country Club Social Bowls 12:30pm Yin Yoga with Emelie at 20 Bellanger Road, Nornalup 10.30am and 6pm
Thursday	Pathology Pathwest at Walpole Silver Chain 8:30am - 11:30am JR Karate at Walpole Sport and Rec Centre 3:15 - 4:15pm Yoga with Jenny Nornalup Hall 5:30pm Anglicare Financial Counselling 1st Thursday every month by appointment - contact CRC Ladies golf 10.30am at Walpole Country Club Pilates with Anna-Marie, 20 Bellanger Rd Nornalup. 10.30am Community Lunch at Walpole Hotel/Motel 12pm
Friday	Walpole Menshed at LIA Miguel Place, Walpole, 9.30am - 12:30pm Table Tennis and Games at Nornalup Community Hall, 5 - 7pm Zumba Gold at Walpole Sport and Rec Centre, 9 - 10am Craft Group at Walpole Community Hall, 2nd and 4th Friday 9:30am Storytime at Walpole Library 10am (Held fortnightly during school term) Meals on Wheels Delivery Walpole Community Bus trip every second Friday of every month Yin Yoga with Emelie at 20 Bellanger Road, Nornalup 10.30am
Saturday	St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Service at Walpole, 3:45pm Yoga with Jenny Nornalup Hall 9am
Sunday	St George's Anglican Church Service 10am Ficifolia Gardens Busy Bee 10am, second Sunday of every month -- all welcome Walpole Country Club Scroungers Bowls 12:30 pm Walpole Country Club men's Golf 12pm

Vale William John (Bill) Armstrong

24-09-1933 to 26-11-2023



The funeral of the late Mr Bill Armstrong was held on 12th November at the Walpole Community Centre. Some 200+ people were in attendance to celebrate his life.

Bill's parents were original group settlers at Walpole in 1930. He was born at the family farm and lived in Walpole his entire life. He worked his farms until recent years when he sold the original farm.

Marrying later in life, Bill built a lovely home on his second farm for his wife Ann and himself. Over the years he supplemented his income with carpentry work and running a gravel and sand supply with his business partner, Thomas Gerner.

Bill was a huge contributor to the Walpole people, being involved with moving the Community Hall from the Shannon and relocating the lesser hall (now the library). He served on the hall committee for many, many years and had numerous active roles in the badminton and tennis clubs.

His recollections and story telling of the history and his experiences of Walpole in the old days were both informative and entertaining. He wrote a book about his Irish parents' migration to Australia and the history of their early years settling in Walpole.

He was loved and adored by all of his family and was well-respected in the community. Bill provided a great listening ear and some very sound advice to those he came in contact.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Ann, the family and many others.

Rest in Peace Bill

~Peter Bidwell

A Magical Night at Walpole Primary School: Journey Into the Mountains with Gawaine the Dragon



On an enchanting Friday night at our Presentation Night, the talented students of Walpole Primary School transported the audience into a mystical world high in the mountains. The highlight of the evening was the whole school play, brilliantly directed by Miss Lyndall Watson and Mrs Kim Burton.

The stage was set in a quaint village inhabited by characters with vivid imaginations, all under the shadow of the legendary dragon, Gawaine. The role of the fearsome yet misunderstood dragon was portrayed by Peyton, adding a touch of magic to the performance. It was the brave Tommy, played by Dylan, who was forced to embark on a courageous journey to rescue the village from the perceived threat.

As the story unfolded, the audience was treated to a delightful twist, revealing Gawaine to be a friendly and gentle dragon. The heartwarming ending left everyone in awe, showcasing the power of friendship and understanding.

Adding to the enchantment were the talented trio of Savanna, Aoife, and Finlay, who brought the village to life with their portrayal of cackling crones. The Kindergarten students added a touch of innocence and beauty to the production, portraying delightful snowflakes.

The night was not only filled with captivating performances but also a celebration of achievements. Throughout the evening, many deserving students were recognized and honoured with awards, highlighting their dedication, talent, and hard work.

~Walpole Primary School

First WOW Ecocruise back into the Wilderness!



It's been over two years since a partial landslide compromised the structural integrity of the staircase leading to Shelly Beach in the Nuyts Wilderness, forcing its closure due to public safety concerns.

Shelly Beach is a significant attraction within the Nuyts Wilderness Area and important to the tourism

economy of the region. Prior to its closure, the staircase had been widely used by the visiting public and was the main destination on the WOW Wilderness Ecocruise run by Gary Muir.

Speaking to the *Walpole Weekly*, Gary said:

"It has been so exciting to get back to Shelly beach and into the Nuyts wilderness...due to damage received during La Niña, we lost the stairs."

"The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions got the team together and its finally open!"

Just last week, works were completed to remove the old staircase and install a brand new one, which has been engineered to stabilise the slope using a 'sure-foot' anchor system, with stainless steel frame and fibreglass reinforced mesh treads.

This new staircase complements the refurbishment works which were carried out to the adjoining jetty in 2019, meaning that the site will now offer safe access to Shelley Beach for many years to come.

~Cherie Smith

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Nornalup Jetty project update



Substantial progress has been made on the construction and installation of an all-abilities accessible jetty and paddlecraft launch at Nornalup.

The Shire of Denmark has received notification from project partner Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) that piling works are now complete and the floating platform is installed, but due to contractor delays the concrete boat ramp will be installed in January.

This means, the existing boat launch ramp at Nornalup will remain closed to the public throughout the Christmas period, but the existing paddle access, nearby on Riverside Drive, remains accessible and boat users can launch from the Walpole town jetty.

Work will soon get underway to replace the aged timber structure at Monastery Landing, but the structure will remain in place over the holidays for public use.

The Shelly Beach staircase has been replaced and reopened, providing safe access from the Walpole/Nornalup inlet to Shelly Beach.

This project is delivered in partnership with DBCA through the State Government Recovery Programme.

~Shire of Denmark Media

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR TRADING HOURS 2023/24

SAT 23rd.....9am-1pm

SUN 24th.....Closed

MON 25th Christmas Day...Closed

TUE 26th Boxing Day.....9am-1pm

WED 27th-FRI 29th.....9am-5pm

SAT 30th.....9am-1pm

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**We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
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Pygmy Sperm Whale washed up on Circus Beach



On 20th September, a small whale carcass was discovered washed up on Circus Beach. It was an unusual specimen, and at 3.2m in length it was easy to assume that it was a newborn sperm whale, but as usual nature was full of surprises.

There were some school groups visiting at the time, and a few were lucky enough to be taken across for a look by Gary Muir. Measurements and photos were taken, and DBCA rangers took a sample of skin and blubber which was sent to the DBCA science lab in Kensington.

There were 2 possibilities in terms of species: a Dwarf Sperm Whale *Kogia sima*, or a Pygmy Sperm Whale *Kogia breviceps*. They are both dispersed widely across temperate and tropical oceans and have similar diets and habits but are rarely seen. Most of what we know comes from the analysis of beached specimens.

Genetic analysis is the best way to confirm the species, and the results from this specimen confirmed it to be the Pygmy Sperm! A rare find and another treasure thrown up on our beaches by the Southern Ocean.

Marine debris is reported to be a common threat to the species, which is another reminder for us to help keep our oceans clean and dispose of rubbish correctly.

~Huw Dilley, Marine Park Ranger
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Sun 10am

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St Leonard's Dec 24 5pm

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with Communion

St Leonard's Dec 24 7pm

Christmas Day

St Leonard's
Communion 9.30am



St Georges
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10am

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Nature Notes: Earwigs



It may seem a funny topic to write about for nature notes but we have been seeing a lot of these around lately. A bit of research reveals that this order of

insects is quite interesting. The earwigs are in the order *Dermaptera*, with about 2,000 species world wide. They are found on all continents except Antarctica.

They are mostly nocturnal and like to hide in small damp crevices during the day. Their common name comes from the old English *wicga* meaning insect or beetle and the mistaken idea that earwigs crawled into the ear and laid eggs in the brains of humans!

There has been some instances of earwigs found in the ear, but science has disproved the myth they lay eggs in the human brain and despite their fierce appearance, due to an impressive pair of nippers on the back end, there is no evidence that they are harmful. In fact, like most insects they have an important balancing effect in the environment and a role in recycling debris and eating other insects such as woolly aphids.

Earwigs feed on a wide variety of insects and plants as well as scavenge. Damage to foliage and flowers and crops is often blamed on earwigs. Earwigs go through five molts before becoming adults. The female earwig shows maternal care towards the eggs and young which is extremely unusual in non-social insects. Males usually have curved nippers or pincers while in the females they are straighter. Most earwigs have wings under their front wing covers - these are quite small and earwigs are rarely seen in flight. Parasitic earwigs usually do not have wings.

There are about 60 types of earwigs in Australia. The

largest species known is *Titanolabis colossea* it is 50mm long and is found in Australia.

As indicated earwigs go through about five molts before becoming adults. The in-between molts are called instars. Earwigs live for about a year. They live in chambers of soil and debris. After mating the sperm will live in the female for quite a few months before the eggs are fertilised. From mid-winter to early spring the male will leave or be driven out by the female. The eggs are pearly white when laid but become darker and kidney shaped before they hatch.

The female will gather them together, protect them from predators and keeps them warm. She will not leave them even to eat. She also cleans them to prevent fungi growing on them. The eggs hatch after seven days. The mother may assist the young to hatch. When the young emerge they will eat the egg casing and continue to live with the mother. They look similar to the parents, just smaller. The young nest under their parent and she will continue to protect them until their second molt. The nymphs feed on food regurgitated by the mother.

The pincers or nippers are used for a variety of purposes: they play a part in mating and, along with the back part of the body, are used in holding prey and in defence. These nippers are not dangerous to people.

~Alison Kenworthy



The good news is that I am not as fierce as I look!

Honouring Don Major: A Decade of Service



Walpole community celebrated a significant milestone this week as Don Major, a well-respected Prison Officer at Walpole Workcamp, received a 10 Year Certificate of Service. Presented by Commissioner Brad Royce, the award recognizes

Don's decade of dedicated service and his positive impact on both the workcamp and the local community.



Known for his "nothing is too much trouble" attitude, Don has become a valued figure in Walpole.

His commitment goes beyond his official duties, embodying a spirit of kindness and support that resonates with everyone he meets.

The ceremony, attended by colleagues Andrea Smith, Jodi Miller, and Dave Patterson, and community Members Cherie Smith and David Tapley was a moment of appreciation for Don's hard work and positive influence. His approach to his role has always been about more than just maintaining order; it's about fostering a supportive and rehabilitative environment.

The Walpole community and Don's colleagues commend him for his outstanding service and the difference he makes every day. His dedication is not just a benefit to the workcamp but an inspiration to all in Walpole. Congratulations, Don, on this well-deserved recognition!

~Walpole Weekly

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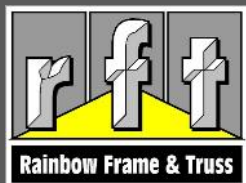
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MONDAY – FRIDAY

8AM – 5:30PM

SATURDAY 8AM – 5PM

SUNDAY – CLOSED

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A message from the Walpole Weekly

Got an interesting, funny, or heart-warming story?
We'd **love** to hear it!

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weekly@walpole.org.au
to get them printed in the Walpole Weekly!



We look forward to hearing from you!



Classifieds

Physiotherapy

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Walpole Silver Chain
0409 745 777

For sale

Free washing machines:
Centrex 6kg; Simpson 5.5kg

0428 401 334

For sale

1984 Subaru Wagon, no rego, great tyres, will run
but needs work.

\$150
0405 545 245

For sale

Electric wheelchair, as new condition
\$1500 or nearest offer

0427 049 219

For sale

Qunitrex 420 Breeze About
40 HP Honda Four Stroke. 71 Hours Power tilt
Power tilt.
0429 903 838.

For sale

Livestock for sale steers and heifers
6 first-cross heifers - bucket-reared
7 months old from \$380
15 Friesian steers 9 months old from \$300
0497 724 503

Eye to Eye Photographic Competition



Entries open from 6 December to 16 January

Competition entries via: eyetoeye.lei.org.au | More than \$10,000 in prizes to win
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Four categories plus a People's Choice Award

Human eye, window
to the world
Photos of
human eyes in
Western Australia

Eagle eye
Photos of
animal eyes
in Western
Australia

Seeing with the mind's eye
Unique perspectives
on the world, including
drawing attention to the
plight of people living with
vision impairment

Seeing through a child's
eye (under 18 only)
Children's category with
photos submitted being
aligned with any of the
adult category themes

People's
Choice
As voted
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PHOTOGRAPHY

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