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Walpole 'In the Trees' Regatta 2024



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The Walpole Yacht Club was again proud to host the 2024 'In the Trees' Regatta over the Labour Day long weekend, racing within the Nornalup Inlet Marine Park.

From small classic plywood dinghies like the Mirror and Pelican to carbon fibre hulls and spars on 505 dinghies, the regatta showcased a wide array of sailing talent and technology from metropolitan and regional Yacht Clubs with 118 boats crewed by 180 competitors. Esperance sailors completed the South Coast contingent alongside Walpole, Denmark and Albany. Crews from Geraldton made an extra-long drive and Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club entered eighteen boats.

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Saturday afternoon saw winds of 25+ knots and became a competition just to stay upright. Support boats were kept busy assisting exhausted crews righting capsized dinghies and catamarans and towing some to shore. The junior crews in the Small Dinghy Division took it in their stride with most avoiding a swim and experiencing exhilarating, seat-of-your-pants, high-speed rides.



In complete contrast
Sunday saw moderate to light to drifting conditions with two races completed.

Volunteers from WYC and Denmark Sailing Club made for smooth running with other Yacht Clubs providing on-water and on-land teams. Walpole SES and Volunteer Marine Rescue Service on 'Swarbrick' were there to keep everything safe and Houseboat Holidays provided a fantastic finishing boat.

Huge congratulations to everyone involved in the regatta and we hope to see you again next year! For a detailed breakdown of



the scores, go here:

http://www.walpoleyachtclub.com.au/results.

Shire of Manjimup provided a Community Grant for the event and Burton Realty, Coalmine Beach Caravan Park, Rest Point Caravan Park, Bow Bridge



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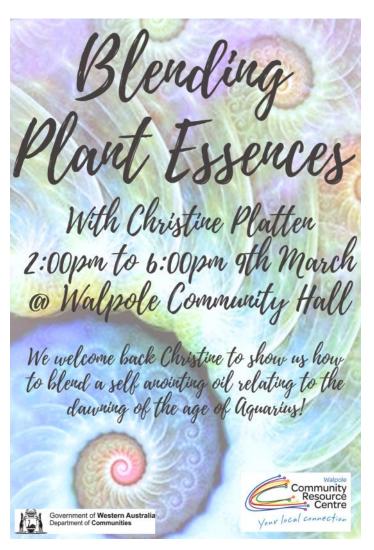
~Walpole Yacht Club



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Women's Wellness in the Walpole Wilderness FEBRUARY/MARCH

- Thursday 14th March Excel and Publisher Workshop @ Walpole CRC 10:00am -12 Noon
- Monday 18th March Death Café and Shopping Denmark - Bus leaves 12noon
- Saturday 9th March Plant Essence Blending with Christine Platten 3pm @ Community Hall
- Thursday 21st March Suicide Prevention Workshop @ Walpole CRC

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Pioneer Park set for Nature Playground development



The Shire of Manjimup has initiated the planning stages for a new nature playground at Pioneer Park, aiming to enhance outdoor recreational options for the community. In an effort to begin this development, the Shire has sought input from key stakeholders and has appointed Peter Trend from Plan E Landscape Architects to design a plan.

The proposed nature playground is envisioned to provide a safe and engaging outdoor space where children can play and learn about the natural environment. The Shire believes this project will not only add to the local amenities but also promote environmental awareness among its younger residents.

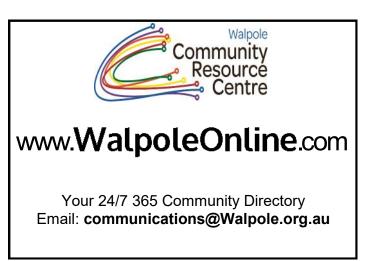
Peter Trend, tasked with the project's design, will be developing initial plans and cost estimates. These are necessary steps for the Shire to seek grant funding to support the playground's construction. The design phase is crucial in outlining the playground's features, which are expected to include native plants, educational signage, and play structures that blend with the natural surroundings.

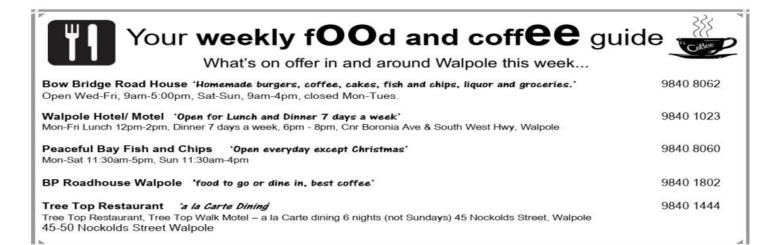
This project represents a significant investment in the community's outdoor and recreational infrastructure. The Shire will be engaging further with the community to gather feedback and ensure the playground meets the needs and expectations of local families. The timeline for the project's completion will depend on the success of the grant application and the subsequent stages of design and construction. The Shire is committed to keeping the community informed and involved throughout the process.

Residents are encouraged to stay tuned for further updates and opportunities to provide input on the nature playground at Pioneer Park.

~Cherie Smith







Taking Control of your own Hereafter...



Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA) President, Jenny Willcox, presented a very informative workshop last week on a topic which many people shy away from dealing with - 'Taking Control of your own Hereafter'.

Around twenty people attended, including a couple from Wickepin who were holidaying in the area and had seen the promo for the Workshop in the Walpole Weekly. Feedback received was very positive and everyone believed the information conveyed was very relevant and agreed that the number of issues that need to be known about; understood; considered; put in place and dealt with prior to one's death were far more than they had envisaged before the workshop. The statement, "I've got a Will" just doesn't cut it these days.

There is no more generous legacy we can leave our family than to have put all our affairs in order before we pass away.

The day was split in two -

- Topics that should be addressed prior to death such as: Advanced Health Directives, Enduring Power of Attorney, Enduring Power of Guardianship, Wills and Codicils, Executors and Digital Executors, Organ Donor registration, Funeral options, estate and future planning; assets, personal effects, Superannuation binding and non-binding beneficiaries, Life Assurance beneficiaries, compiling one's Memoirs, Digital Legacies, writing your Life Story, Family History / Genealogy.
- Topics that need to be dealt with after death who to notify, Utilities, Centrelink bereavement payments, Funeral Directors / Undertakers, Funeral arrangements, eulogies, electronic presentations, Probate, Letters of Administration.

Credible resources covering every topic were provided to each participant, having been sourced from WA Dept Health, Legal Aid, Citizens Advice Bureau, the Arthritis and Osteoporosis Association, Prime Time and various other online avenues - allowing for private scrutiny of the valuable collection all in one place.

Jenny shared some personal experiences with death and dying; she has delivered this down-to-earth, practical workshop, as well as separate aspects of it, a number of times over several years, via both face-to-face and virtual delivery into various locations across Australia.

During the lunchtime break the group were treated to a ride in one of the two community buses - the new Courtesy Bus operated by Walpole Hotel Motel, that was used to transport everyone to the Hotel for lunch.

~Jenny Willcox

Nature Notes: Bottlenose Dolphin



The bottlenose dolphin that we see around Walpole is probably *Tursiops truncates* or the Common Bottlenose Dolphin. This is the

archetypal dolphin we know about, unlike the common dolphin which we talked about last week.

The reason why we know this dolphin better is this is the one that interacts with humans more. Like all dolphins and whales, they are mammals that suckle their young. The bottlenose dolphin can weigh up to 300kg and can reach a length of 4ms. They are usually dark grey on the back and light grey beneath. The colour can vary considerably depending on the environment; they are often darker on the back behind the dorsal fin. This is called countershading and is a form of camouflage.

The elongated upper and lower jaws are called a rostrum or snout. This gives the animal its name but it is not a true nose as all dolphins and whales have a blowhole and this is how they breathe air which they do when they surface. Bottlenose dolphins have 18-28 conical teeth on each side of their jaws. The dorsal fins and flukes on the tail are formed of dense connective tissue and muscles. The two side flippers are for steering. The side fins are like human arms and a dolphin was found in Japan with two at the tail, about the size of human hands, this mutation was a throwback and points to the fact that dolphins were once land animals before returning to the sea. Bottlenose dolphins swim at 5-11kph. but are capable of speeds of 29-35kph, however they cannot sustain this for long. They also have blubber which keeps them warm in cooler waters.

The dolphin searches for food using echolocation. It emits clicks which bounce off an object or fish; this returns to the dolphin and it can sense the object size and speed. As the dolphin approaches a fish or similar prey, they quieten their click and its frequency so as to not scare away the prey. The dolphin has ears each side of the head behind the eyes, but most sound is received through the lower

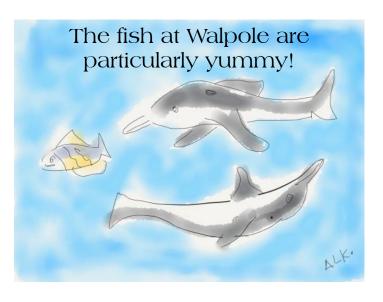
jaw and transferred to the inner ear. Dolphins can form a picture of the shape of their prey from this echolocation. We were out at the mouth of the Walpole Inlet in Gary's boat when a pod of dolphins came in and, as they use echolocation and we were going slowly, they had no trouble avoiding us but dolphins can be at risk of being injured by boats. By contrast, a dolphin's sense of smell is poor but they do have a sense of taste and in captivity can show preference for certain types of fish. They produce sounds using six air sacks in the blow hole. Each dolphin has its own signature whistle which acts like a name and is important in calf-mother bonding. As the whistles are at a very high frequency, they cannot be detected by humans.

Dolphins communicate with one another by sounds, pulses and body language such as jumping and tail slapping. There is little doubt that these animals are intelligent and social, living in pods as they do. In Shark Bay WA, dolphins have been seen using sponges to protect their rostrums when searching in sand for prey. Cooperation has been noted between dolphins and humans - in certain parts of the world dolphins drive fish towards the nets of fishermen.

Dolphins are known to have lifted drowning humans to the surface and they also carry out this behavior with the sick or young of their own species. They have also been known to protect shipwrecked humans from sharks.

They are not considered to be at risk of extinction by the International Union for the Conservation of nature but there have been concerns raised about their welfare, particularly in relation to dolphins kept in captivity - the human population wondering if this is really the best life for them.

~Alison Kenworthy

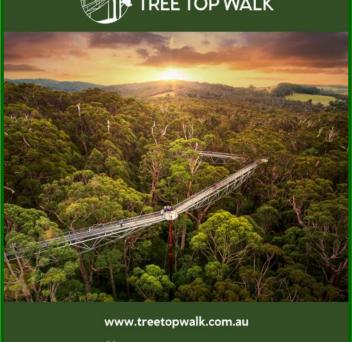


Weekly Upcoming Activities

Time	Date	Details
10am to 12pm	Friday March 8th	Centrelink Free seminar at Walpole CRC
3pm	Saturday 9th March	Plant Essence Blending with Christine Platten 3pm at Community Hall
10am to 12pm	Thursday 14th March	Excel and Publisher Workshop at Walpole CRC
10am to 11am	Friday March 15th	Storytime at Walpole Library
8.30am to 4.30pm	13th-15th March	Home Care Work Training at Walpole CRC
Time to be announced	Thursday 21st March	Suicide Prevention Workshop at Walpole CRC











Walpole Country Club Men's Golf 12pm

Walpole Comics reading at Writers Weekend



A letter from Nathan Vass Viney.

On 24th February 2024, I was lucky enough to present my comic strip, 'Walpole Kids', at Perth Festival's Writers Weekend.

Crowds waited

patiently at the entrance of the State Library of Western Australia, keen to listen, learn and purchase books! When 10am came around, children and parents sat down in the Education Centre, a humble little room connected to The Story Place, a vibrant and colourful space with plenty of books for the little ones.

I was joined by the brilliant illustrator and comic writer, Sarah Winifred Searle, who was first in line to read her work to the children. Sarah read Chubby Bunny, a book written by Julie Murphy and illustrated by Sarah. The audience read along as each detailed page was projected onto a large screen. The children (and parents) were well-behaved as Sarah spoke about the making of the book. She emphasised the author's enthusiasm for comic-style art and how that inspired the finished illustrations.

'Walpole Kids' came next. I had selected 33 newspaper style strips (as seen in the *Walpole Weekly*) to read. With the confidence I gained at my previous live reading in 2023, I was able to choose a few wild ones that required a big, expressive voice. Initially, I was concerned that my audience at the Writers Weekend were a bit younger than my usual audience, but with the parents on board, everything seemed to run smoothly.

After the readings, Sarah and I sat at a signing table at the entrance of the building. While it was a little quiet, it was still a great opportunity to chat with fellow writers and illustrators.

The energy at the State Library was wonderful. The Writers Weekend was filled with workshops, speeches, and live readings. Boffins even set up a brilliant bookshop featuring work from every guest artist at the front of the library, including my own

book: 'Walpole Kids: New Friends'.

I would like to say a big thank you to the Perth Comic Arts Festival, who suggested my name for the event. I would



also like to thank my partner Jasmine, for being an amazing assistant and my sister Eloise, for the photograph provided and a lovely lunch. A final thanks to Writing WA for inviting me along to your excellent Festival.

Copies of the 'Walpole Kids Comics book: New Friends' can be purchased at at the Walpole-Nornalup Visitor Centre, Rest Point Caravan Park, Walpole CRC, and Walpole Pharmacy.

~ Nathan Vass Viney

Local Violinist Wins State Honours



Local youngster Xavier Kolan received statewide honours based on his performances in the 2023 Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB) examination and his subsequent performance

in the AMEB High Achievers Concert in December.

Xavier was one of only three violinists and fifteen instrumentalists overall who achieved an A+ on their AMEB examination last year in the State. On the heels of this result, he was invited to perform at the University of Western Australia in December.

Based on those performances, Xavier became the first recipient of the Christopher Latham Memorial Award for Most Musically Outstanding Performance Grade 5 Violin.

This is the first time the AMEB in Western Australia has given Awards for Excellence recognising the outstanding results of candidates in both the Music and Speech and Drama examinations. The awards were given on 23 February at UWA. Xavier attended with his mother, brother, and grandmother.

Congratulations, Xavier, for a job well done!

~Jim Kolan

Manjimup Shire President meet and greet



Donelle Buegge, Shire of Manjimup President, this week began her regular bi-monthly visits to Walpole, making herself available to listen and respond to any issues raised by residents,

community groups and/or business owners.

She met with Rural Ward Councillor, Jennifer Willcox, in Pioneer Park on Monday afternoon, where they discussed several matters with St John Ambulance Walpole Sub-Branch Chair, Ivan Woodhams, pictured centre above.

Ms Buegge's next visit is scheduled for the first Monday in May and on the first Monday in every alternate month after that. She will be at the Barbecue Shelter in Pioneer Park during the hours of 1pm - 3pm.

After meeting up with a local landowner, Jennifer took Donelle on a short guided tour of the town, including Boronia Ridge, to familiarise themselves with a variety of issues currently on the table.

Partnership cleans up Walpole - for Clean Up Australia Day



partnership between Walpole Tidy Towns, Shire of Manjimup, DBCA and Dept Justice (Walpole

Work Camp) was cemented recently with the ongoing support for Walpole to remain not so much Litter Free these days, as that is pretty much taken care of, but to bring an awareness to the growing problem of weeds. The ultimate goal is to make



Walpole both Litter- and Weed-free which would be a bonus in the ongoing quest for the Walpole Wilderness to be deemed World Heritage status.

The exercise was timed to coincide with Clean Up Australia Day and will be held as an annual event, bringing back the tradition of several years ago.



DBCA Officer
Janine
Liddlelow,
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District, together
with Shire of
Manjimup's
Acting Parks

Supervisor, Victor Green, provided practical advice with regard to weed infestations to Senior staff of Pardelup Prison Farm Superintendent Jodi Miller, Assistant Superintendent David Patterson and Officer Dan Porritt, together with inmates of the Walpole Work Camp. Walpole townsite was the target, particularly the area of Horseyard Hill behind the Walpole-Nornalup Visitor Centre.

~Jenny Willcox



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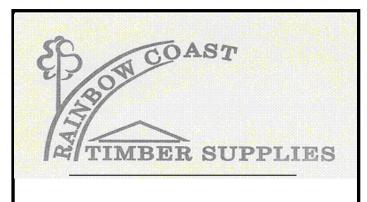
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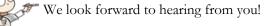


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Manjimup Shire Bulletin

March 2024

SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Shire of Manjimup Community Grant round is now open. We have 96 community groups just in central Manjimup, this is your opportunity to apply for assistance for support from the Shire, so make the most of it! Check the Shire website or pop into the front counter for more information.

Have you downloaded the Antenno app?

Not only can you report faults within the Shire, photos can be attached and location pin pointed. You can be notified of your bin days, emergency warnings, fire bans and notifications upcoming events. opportunities to comment on Shire matters and workshops to be involved in.

Manjimup Art Gallery has a magnificent exhibition at the moment, Richard Woldendorp - Aerial Impressions of a Complex Landscape, a series of photographs unedited and untouched - pop in and have a look

Did you know Council meetings are open to the public? Do you have a question you would like to ask of the Council? Meeting dates are listed on the Shire website and meetings commence at 5:30pm. At the beginning of each Council meeting there is an opportunity for you to ask your question directly to Council and receive an answer might be a better way than on social media. The March Council meeting will be held in Northcliffe on 14th at the Town Hall.

Finally, town visits, this month I will be in Pemberton from 9-11am and Walpole 1-3pm on Monday 4th March, yep the Public Holiday. April I'm back in Northcliffe and Quinninup.

Stay safe, looking forward to seeing you.

Donelle Buegge (Shire President)

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Walpole Transfer Station - Plain Road Tuesday & Thursday: 1 pm - 5 pm Sunday: 9 am - 5 pm

Walpole Library 2 Pier Street 9840 1108 Wednesday: 9 am - 12 pm and 1 pm - 3.30pm Friday: 9am - 12 pm and 1 pm - 3.30 pm



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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

March meeting - Northcliffe

The first of the annual outer town Council meetings will be held at the Northcliffe Town Hall, 5.30pm, 14 March 2024.

SHIRE NOTICES

Regulated Burn Times

Zone 6 - Northcliffe and Walpole, prohibited period extended to 14 March 2024.

Due date for 4th Instalment - 11 April 2024.

SHIRE NEWS

Windy Harbour Coastal Hazard Risk **Management and Adaptation Plan**

The Shire is involving the community in coastal planning at Windy Harbour. A CHRMAP is a strategic plan that assists decision makers to meet the challenges associated with coastal hazards including erosion and sea level rise over the next 100 years. A risk assessment has been undertaken for Windy Harbour which has identified assets possibly impacted. A workshop was held Wednesday 21 February 2024 to discuss adaptation preferences. Another consultation meeting will be held at Windy Harbour Friday 1 March 2024. The CHRMAP is due to be completed by June 2024.

National Reconciliation Week Banner Program The Shire is taking part in the 2024 National Reconciliation Week Street Banner Program from 27th May to 3rd June.

Each year for National Reconciliation Week, hundreds of banners are flown across WA featuring artwork by a WA Aboriginal artist.

The 2024 banners feature 'Mina Mina' by Aboriginal artist Benita Brown Nungurrayi. The banners will be hung in the Shire's event

banner frames in Manjimup, Pemberton, Northcliffe, and Walpole. Organisations can support the reconciliation movement sponsoring a banner with their logo featured. For more information, head to https:// shorturl.at/twHY5. Closes: 10 March.

Community Grants

SHIRE CALENDAR

Manjimup - Friday 10.30 am

Northcliffe - Monday 10.00 am

Pemberton - Wednesday 10.30 am

Walpole - Alternate Fridays 10.00 am

Library Storytime

Community groups not-for-profit and organisations are invited to apply for funding under the 2024-2025 Shire of Manjimup Community Grant Program.

Applications are open until 29 March 2024. Applicants will be notified on the outcome of their grant with the adoption of the Shire's Annual Budget (late July / August).

Application forms are available from the Administration Office, libraries or the website www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/communitygrants

Libraries - LOTE4Kids

Borrow and enjoy a collection of picture books, ebooks and audio books in a diverse range of languages. LOTE4Kids allows kids to enjoy the magic of books and other activities in languages other than English and it is all free with your library card.

Art Gallery - Contours: Aerial Impressions of a Complex Landscape by Richard Woldendorp

For almost 60 years, Richard Woldendorp used aerial photography to create stunning abstract art pieces inspired by Australia's unique landscape. 16 February to 22 March.

AquaCentre - Watch Around Water

Even though lifeguards are on duty at public pools, parents still have a crucial role to play in the supervision of children at these facilities. Its not about shifting responsibility, it's about working together to keep children safe.

- · Under 5 keep them at arms length.
- · Under 10 keep them in sight.
- · Be aware of distractions.
- · Be prepared.

Since the 2004 Watch Around Water program introduction, there have been no drowning deaths of young children in public swimming pools in WA.

Home and Community Care

Manjimup Home and Community Care provide a diverse range of services to older persons, people living with disabilities, people living with dementia and their carers. See what they can do for you or your loved ones at manjimup.wa.gov.au/mhcc

Brockman Street Lights

In March we will be lighting up for the following occasions:

4 - Labour Day

21 - Harmony Day

Scleroderma Sunflower Day 26 - Purple Lights for Epilepsy

17 - St Patrick's Day

Council Meetings

The March Council meeting will commence at 5.30 pm in the Northcliffe Town Hall on 14

AquaCentre

Check out the extensive group fitness and Swim School programs on the website.

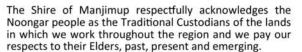
MHCC Activities

Boronia Club - 10 am to 2 pm Monday and Friday Over 50 Exercise Group - 9 am to 10 am Tuesday and Thursday Tai Chi 10.30 am to 11.30 am Wednesday Bingo - 1 pm to 3pm Thursday









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