

## LOOKING BACK...with Molly



With Thurlby Herb Farm on the market, it would seem a good time to look back on the simple beginning of this iconic and extremely popular tourist attraction.

The idyllic bush setting drew the Jewell family - Penny, Kim and their two daughters Melissa and Eleanor, to the district in 1974 and it wasn't long before the perfume of lavender bushes was in the air. From this simple garden plant, Thurlby Herb Farm was born. The story goes that a neighbour urged Penny to use the prolific lavender crop by making and selling lavender dollies. The neighbour went one better and made some to get Penny started.

The Jewells also tried selling potted herbs, but realised that value adding was necessary and began making all types of herbal body products. These included their very popular soap made on the woodfired kitchen stove and shaped (in the early days of the business) in milk cartons collected from the Walpole community!

It was obvious that the popularity of their products with the unique colourful packaging had the potential for a successful family business. Local markets and regional shows were conquered first, leading to sales in Perth shops and statewide interest. The necessity to engage employees soon became evident.

Thurlby Herb Farm's products are now part of 900 retail outlets in Australia, including wholesale Trade Fairs in all major cities and are exported to New Zealand, Europe and Asia.

Penny and Kim realised that the number of visitors to the property indicated that a café would be an added attraction and this has been popular with visitors and locals alike.

Work potential for the community has been a boon with the business often listing the highest employment numbers in Walpole. As well as on-site workers Thurlby has piece workers around the district.

The Jewells have created a very popular haven in the idyllic bush setting just 15kms from Walpole. It is always easy to find an excuse to visit Thurlby Herb Farm, browse amongst its products and bring the interlude to a close with coffee and cake....or a delicious meal.



*The Walpole*  
**Hotel Motel**



**Friday 3rd November: Chase The Ace**

Jackpot: \$1,100  
Tickets between 5pm - 7pm  
Drawn @ 7:30pm  
Happy Hour: 5pm - 7pm  
Bar Snacks @ 5.30pm



**MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH**  
**\$50 per head - 3 courses**  
**Prizes for best hat, best dressed**  
**Bookings essential - phone 9840 1023**


**This Week's Bottle Shop Specials**

Millers Stubbies Carton:	\$47.00
Tooheys Extra Dry Stubbies:	\$44.00
Swan Draught Stubbies Carton:	\$50.00
VB Cans 30 pack:	\$59.00
Hahn Super Dry 3.5 Stubbies Carton:	\$46.00
Great Northern Carton:	\$47.00
Hahn Super Dry Stubbies Carton:	\$49.00

**Restaurant Open 7 days**

Lunch	12 - 2pm
Dinner	6 - 8pm

[www.walpolehotelmotel.com.au](http://www.walpolehotelmotel.com.au)



Walpole  
Community Resource Centre

## Laminating

A4 \$1.50 per sheet  
A3 \$3.00 per sheet

Posters and Maps from \$10

Cheaper rates for financial members.

## Social morning tea

will be held at  
St George's Anglican Church  
on **Friday 10th November**  
between  
10am - 12 noon.

**Bargain and  
produce stall.  
Entry by gold  
coin donation.**

**Come Join Me For  
Morning Tea**

