

# 1943



## CATALINA FLYING BOATS

Rest and recreation for officers at  
Tinglewood Lodge (Deep River)

### 1943

Telephone, single line reached Walpole via Jarrah Glen...operated by Bob Nockolds...direct link to Albany AMF Headquarters.

Back to horse and cart.

Ration Books in use for fuel, butter, sugar and clothing.

#2 School closed for remainder of War.

St Johns Ambulance Australia (SJAA): Service from Denmark to Nornalup...First patient west of the Frankland River was Mary Tapley before son David's birth, 28 December 1943. A relay of private vehicles took her from North Walpole to Nornalup as ambulance couldn't leave Denmark Road Board.

Rural Re-construction Committee visited Walpole...met at Coopers...no action till after War. Settlers hoped for write-off of outstanding Agricultural Bank debts (didn't eventuate).

District Advisory Committee: allocated rations especially fuel...coupons.

Coastal Surveillance Group: daily observations by aircraft and locals...volunteers included C Vigus, Grace Burnside and Louise Price (nee Bellanger).

Bob Nockolds delivered groceries, stockfeed, kerosene, mail and up-to-date War news to the farms free of charge.

Radio reports via Joe Tindale (battery operated).

During the War, the CWA ran 'Paddy's Markets' in the Town Hall...stalls with local produce...held in the evenings so farmers could attend.

Catalina Flying Boats: Officers stayed at 'Tinglewood' for R & R (USA) after landing on Nornalup Inlet...fishing/shooting on coastal hills.

Some farms got milking machines...but most milking was done by hand (little fuel for generators).



## 1944

Ned Hughes died...left land at Broke Inlet to Tom Clarke who died soon after...brother Herb Clarke inherited it in 1946.

Inlets opened to net fishing 1944-45.

Meat rationing began.

Four Tinglewood tourists drowned in boating accident at Inlet mouth.

Commonwealth Unemployment & Sickness benefits began July 1.

## 1945

May: V E Day Celebrations (Europe).

Atomic bombs dropped in Japan.

August: VP Day Celebrations (Pacific). After atomic bombs, Japan surrendered.

Old Mrs Shaw retired from Nornalup Post Office...son Ray built a new Post Office.

Nornalup Cottage Hospital became guest house.

Pierre Bellanger (1875-1945) died...buried at Nornalup.

Thomas Saw aged 92 and his second wife Eliza, aged 87 died at Bow River.

Swarbricks' property 'Rendezvous' renamed 'Rest Point'...Rest Point Sports Day resumed...built a new mill on the site of their first one (1926).

CWA 'Aid to Scholarship' (a State Fund in honour of James Mitchell)...set up to aid one child per family at a time...small amount but helpful at start of school year.

Agricultural Bank became a Trading Bank...name changed to Rural & Industries (R&I) Bank of Western Australia...Mr James Fox, Manager of Denmark branch, ran the Walpole branch in the two front rooms of the Bank Cottage in

Walpole's main street every Wednesday...no more Living Allowances were paid...each farm had to cope with its own mortgage.

Milk-Sunnywest, Manjimup, took over Walpole dairy farmers...Bruce Burnside carted for 29 suppliers...1946-1977.

The Factory made cash advances enabling farmers to pay school fees, etc.

WWII Servicemen began returning home. Johnny Nockolds took over his father's store when he returned.

Brengun carriers converted to bulldozers to clear land and shift logs at mill and on farms.

## 1946

Dr Burnside returned to be District's doctor, dentist and vet.

Diphtheria outbreak...2 children died...Immunisation began (Sister Shotter).

Joe & Carol Anderson moved Post Office from Nockold's Store to a room in the 'Ideal Tearooms' building...Carol ran the Tearooms and the Boarding house at the back for Bob.

c 1946-47: They moved to the Bayley Bros Butchers...renovated and added a brick frontage...ran the Post Office there.

Rationing still severe.

CWA aided the State Scholarship Fund (set up in honour of Sir James Mitchell) to aid one child per family at a time...a small amount but helpful.

Inlets closed to net fishing at Walpole – never re-opened.

Rest Point Sports Days resumed.

Pigs sold at Denmark sales.

Bow River Sawmill re-opened by Jim Smith and his son Bruce (owner – Jack Smith).



Duke & Duchess of Gloucester visited area:  
"Lady Walpole" Inlet excursion.

Dairy farm improvements...each farm had about 30 cows. Bruce Burside carted cream for 29 suppliers to Manjimup butter Factory until 1977. Sunnywest took over the factory...made cash advances to farmers to pay school fees, etc.

### 1947

The Burnett family moved to Crystal Springs (property formerly Miguel's Tobacco farm).

Walpole Progress Association active.

July: Sugar Rationing ended.

### 1948

June: Meat and clothing rationing ended.

#2 School closed temporarily.

First Holden car came off assembly line in Victoria.

Phyllis Thompson left Tinglewood for Brisbane...until 1973.

Main road at Manjimup bituminised...Manjimup-Nornalup completed 1964.

Alice Thompson (Tinglewood) died (b 1871)...buried Walpole Cemetery.

Andre Bellanger (Nornalup) died (b 1887).

### 1949

Frank Skinner Thompson (Tinglewood) died (b 1867)...buried Walpole Cemetery.

Rest Point mass produced timber for Walpole housing and Settlement Programme.

Sister Shotter started Infant Health clinics in Walpole Tearooms once per month – "shopping day".

c 1949: Crystal Springs- the Burnetts moved to a shack on the main road.

CWA block bought and cleared in Swan Street.

Film "Eureka Stockade".

Bruce Burnside Jnr began carting timber to Swarbrick Mill.

#2 School closed permanently...lack of students.

### 1950

CWA purchased #2 School for £20 guineas.

Korean War 1950-53.

Butter (June) and Tea (July) Rationing ended.

'Buster' Burton (Roy) with Joe Tindale's help took over Cream truck run to Manjimup from Bruce Burnside....at its peak, 45 suppliers.

1950's

New settlers: Jorgensons bought Broke property (10 acres freehold from Herb Clarke).

War Service Land Settlement Scheme for ex-servicemen is implemented in Western Australia.

Gradual phasing out of working horses as farmers acquired tractors and farm vehicles.

Walpole Orchestra began playing at dances at Tingledale, Kent River, Walpole and Denmark.

Early 50's: Post Office: Mr Hughes Post Master at some time...Edna Palmer worked for him.

Problems at Peppermints Campsite with rubbish disposal etc.

### 1951

Forestry Department established in Walpole...started to set up buildings and plant...#3 School shifted to site (Swan Street/Main road) in 1952 for use by Forestry Dept staff and visitors.

Stan Ravenhill joined newly formed Bushfire Brigade...member from 1951-2000...10 years as Secretary/Treasurer.

National Service introduced.



Forestry Department established in Walpole.

John Rate appointed Resident Forestry Officer and Honorary Ranger. Replaced part-time Ranger Tom Swarbrick Snr (appointed in 1927).

Bert Grigg pro-fisherman arrived...had the only foreshore lease on Inlet...built jetty near present Town jetty...lease sold to Angling Club 1972.

Stella Peden began building on Riverside Drive, Nornalup.

## 1952

Frank & Phyllis Thompson from Tinglewood bought Bill Harrison's house and garage in the Main Street.

CWA Restroom opened...used by other organisations for meetings (Library, Bush Fire Brigade, Infant Health Clinic with Sister Shotter).

#1 and #3 Schools closed. Children moved to new school in Walpole. Bus drivers: Phil Dawson (North Walpole) and Bruce Burnside (Nornalup/Hazelvale).

Walpole Primary: #1 School moved to town-site...at first, one class was held in the old Hazelvale Mission House (shifted to Walpole)... Headmaster was Bill Williams from #1 School... Mission House later sold and shifted to East Walpole Street.

Crystal Springs: The Burnetts built a house... ran a small shop for travellers.

December: Mount Burnside Fire Lookout Cabin declared operational...Arthur Iredell, tower master.

## 1953

The Swarbricks bought the Harrison House from Frank & Phyllis Thompson...it became the Post Office...Licence held by Miss Kane (about 3 years), Mrs Keeley and Mrs Brass over the following years.

Woomera: Atomic bomb testing began.

Granite Peak Fire Lookout tower (on Pingerup

Plain) construction began....completed 1955. Walpole Primary School: Jim Collins became Headmaster.

## 1954

Swarbrick mill moved to town – provided power for lighting Main road businesses, mill houses and SHC houses in town.

Rationing ended in Britain.

Queen Elizabeth and Duke of Edinburgh visited Perth.

Official opening of Walpole Primary School.

December: Mount Burnside lookout tower completed...Bush telephone line extended to the tower from Shannon...operated until 1990.

Mount Frankland Fire lookout cabin started... operational for 1954-55 fire season.

Lionel Gunson arrived – Forestry Department employee.

## 1955

Arbor Day: Walpole School...Merle Ebbett planted Ficofofia to honour Bert Saw...James Mitchell, Pierre Bellanger, Frank S Thompson also honoured.

Granite Peak Fire Lookout tower operational.

Mount Frankland Fire Lookout cabin operational.

Sunnywest took over Great Southern Butter Factory, Denmark.

Red Cross Walpole Branch formed.

## 1956

All but two dairy farms had milking machines (farmers used generators)...farmers were gradually changing to sheep and cattle.

Dr Burnside appointed Assistant Medical Officer (Manjimup Road Board). He retired and Dr Stewart (Denmark) took over, seeing patients in the RSL Hall (Nockolds Street).



## 1956 (cont)

Polio Immunisation began (SALK Vaccine).

South West Highway upgraded.

WAGR buses ran Perth to Albany via Walpole.

Winifrede Bellanger (b 1879) died.

Tinglewood Guesthouse sold to Les Harbin...  
lease and option to buy property.

Coalmine site approved for camping.

Timber on old #2 School site felled for Swarbrick's Mill in town.

c 1956: Junior Red Cross started at Walpole Primary School.

Swarbrick Jetty built. Terry Swarbrick sailed first yacht in Swan Bay (Walpole Inlet). He, Claude and Frank Cooper et al built a small boat shed near site for Swarbricks Jetty.

March: Annual P & C meeting – No smoking in Committee Hall during film shows. Electricity from the mill – no more lamp-lit dances.

SJAA: Inaugural meeting held in CWA rooms... Old ambulance, purchased from Denmark...Bob Slater (mill worker) gave First Aid lessons to members.

St Georges' Church built by community next to old Mission House from Hazelvale on Vista Street.

Roman Catholic Church built by Phil Dawson 'St Francis Xavier' in Vista Street...Dawson Forest Block named after his family.

## 1957

Railway closed, Captain Tom Price caretaker for 28 years retired.

Camfield (Broke Inlet) declared a town...cancelled in 1967.

Dairy Farms: reduced to 24 (650 cows).  
"Cream Truck" took over Railway service...  
Bruce Burnside Jnr driver since 1946.



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