

1980

FIFTY YEARS

Walpole Land Settlement Scheme

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50 Years at Walpole: Land Settlement Scheme Celebrations.

SJAA: New ambulance, third since 1956, fitted with 2 way radio for Walpole St John Ambulance Association.

Ebbett's fishing barge new to Inlet...off-loaded salmon caught along Bellanger Beach at Isle Road (Deep River).

1981-82: Walpole Automated Telephone Exchange replaced...Jarrah Glen, North Walpole and Nornalup Manual Exchanges no longer operated.

Bus Service: Perth – Albany...provided by private company.

Peter & Marlene Bidwell bought hardware business from Bob Kelly, Builder.

Ross Young became Shire of Manjimup Councillor when Eric Thompson retired.

1981

Walpole Water Tank: ½ million gallons...installed for town water supply.

1982

Floods swept away Sappers Bridge, built by Army recruits on the Frankland river.

Bunnings Mill destroyed by fire...smaller mill was built...reduced staff.

WYC: To re-build its jetty at Coalmine Beach...old one too low in the water (built 1958).

Walpole Arts & Crafts opened. Bill & Cherry Pearce, owners...in same building Anne's Pantry Café opened by Betty Burton and daughter Anne Lillee (Nockolds Street).

c 1982-83: CALM (now DPAW) built the Plain Road airstrip for use by its Spotter Planes.

Plans for Walpole Pioneer Park finalised.

Tom & Jim Palmer caught 4.5 metre Great White shark.

Church stall fundraisers for renovations of St George's Anglican Church.

1983

Filming and premiere of 'River of Giants'...story of the Bellangers at Nornalup.

Thurlby Herb Farm established by Kim & Penny Jewell...North Walpole.

Australia won the America's Cup.

Muir family's last cattle drive to coast...Cliffy Head via Broke Inlet...first c 1863.

Christmas carols at St George's Church until 2000.

1984

Town jetty: funds allocated 1983-84 budget...jetty was 50 years old...only two boats could moor alongside...rebuilt and opened.

1985

Quit Smoking Campaign.

1985-88: Biological survey of Walpole-Nornalup National Park (WNNP) before Management Plan developed.

Edna Palmer opened a 2nd Hand Shop in Vista Street.

1986

Bunnings Mill closed...Skeleton staff continued to cut firewood.

Lionel Gunson retired from Forestry Department after 24 years in the Walpole Office.

Fisherman drowned...one of several drowning along this coast.

Noisy Scrub birds trans-located from Two People's Bay (Albany) to Nuyts Wilderness.

De Luxe Bus: Private service Perth – Albany began.

1987

Sappers Bridge rebuilt (after 1982 floods).

Walpole-Nornalup National Park Association...WNNPA...formed.

Sister Harrington left Silver Chain after 8 years...Mavis Winfield arrived.

Rest Point auction...Phyllis Thompson (aged 88) became sole owner...Dave Hughes, Manager.

South Coast licensed fishermen wanted all Inlets opened for netting cobbler/mullet...move failed.

Bill & Jill Muir took over Pioneer Store...IGA. Colin and Kaye Oliver, Managers.

1988

Conservation and Land Management (CALM): ex Forestry Department...old saw pit at Rest Point restored...dug 1860's.

Thurlby Herb Farm opened café for tourists.

Nornalup 'Jesmond Dene': Dalsons owners for 25 years.

Bow Bridge fishing plant set up...cleaning, freezing...processing mainly salmon.

Meals on Wheels: Set up by Edna Palmer, Betty Burton, Denise Stafford, et al.

c 1988 small complex built on west side of IGA – shop, gallery and café.

Bakery opened...Colin & Shelda Park, Denmark...Sharon Hatfield, Manager...new building, Nockolds Street owned by Joe Burton Jnr...now Burton Real Estate (2013).

WYC: Kitchen added, electricity connected...new toilet block built.

1989

'Norms Tyre & Hire' – Norm Hawkins bought Edna Palmer's 2nd Hand Shop in Vista Street and ran this business until 2007.

Walpole Hardware opened in new building on West End of Nockolds Street...Tom Palmer Manager.

Rural Watch Scheme began.

1990

Valley of the Giants added to WNNP...The iconic Giant Tingle fell down.

Nornalup: Stella Peden sold her property...her 'Forest Lady' boat tours on the Frankland River ceased.

Mount Burnside Lookout Tower condemned and dismantled.

1991

Post Office Express Post introduced.

Walpole Sea Rescue formed...clubhouse old Angling Club at Town Jetty.

1992

July 1: Recreational netting on the Inlets including Broke, banned...Professional Fishing Licences still valid for Broke Inlet...Judy Dittmer and Derick Beale.

Proposed extension of WNNP put forward.

Protests re: CALM controlled burns.

Jeff Rumsey ran "Naughty Lass" up Deep River for tourists.

WNDHS: Inaugural meeting of the Walpole-Nornalup & Districts Historical Society, March 12.

Silver Chain: Sister Mavis Winfield retired...replaced by Marita Sealy. Mavis continued community service (including Shire Councillor) until 2004.

Burton Real Estate opened in Johnny Nockolds' old house, Nockolds Street (Hairdresser 2013).

1993

Jonesy's jetty demolished (was sited next to Town Jetty).

Old Post Office: closed/demolished...Fay Hind-

marsh retired; new Post Office opened...Post Mistresses, Sharyn Burton and Danny Sarre...in Burton Real Estate Office, Nockolds Street.

WNDHS: First display in Community Hall... Photo acquisitions in conjunction with 'Back to Walpole' weekend.

Phyllis Thompson died four days before her 93rd birthday (b 1900)...Buried in Walpole Cemetery...Manager Dave Hughes (died 2002) inherited Rest Point Caravan Park...Lease due to expire 2014.

Dave Tapley elected Councillor, Walpole Ward – Shire of Manjimup.

Nuyts Wilderness fire burnt 450 hectares.

Fire Towers re-instated by CALM including Mount Frankland, as planes discontinued...Tower-men, Lou Howard and Ted Middleton.

1994

65th Anniversary of Denmark – Nornalup Railway opening...8 December 1929.

WNDHS: Plaque to commemorate the Railway and Nornalup Station...closed 1957.

R & I Bank became Bankwest...Walpole Branch continued to be serviced from Denmark.

Silver Chain: Staff car allocated to the Nursing Post.

Recreation Centre Planning Committee accepted \$10,000 cheque from Denmark Shire towards its building fund.

Catalina Club International Re-union: Members from WWII visited Walpole.

'Tree Top Walk' Motel opened.

1995

Telecentre opened in Single Men's Quarters (Forestry now DPAW)...Jenny Wilcox Manager.

Bank of Scotland bought Bankwest...business as usual in Walpole.

Tinglewood Guesthouse closed – became private residence.

Silver Chain 21st Anniversary...began 1974.

1996

Walpole Mill closed (downgraded since 1986 fire)...Bunnings Company left town.

Silver Chain expanded...8 staff.

North Walpole settler, Kate Stewart, aged 99, died.

WNDHS: Plaque to commemorate George Vancouver's voyage 1791...erected at Mandalay Beach...placed on observation platform there.

Plaque and replica figurehead to commemorate the "Mandalay" wrecked in 1911, Mandalay Beach...placed on observation platform nearby.

Sewerage Treatment Plant planned.

Tree Top Walk opened in the Valley of the Giants...CALM managed 450,000 hectares of parks and reserves from Walpole Office.

Telecentre moved to Vista Centre (also used by Infant Health, Meals on Wheels and Kindergarten)...Jenny Wilcox Manager. Meals on Wheels disbanded...not enough recipients.

1997

All telephone numbers in Australia changed.

WNDHS: Plaque to commemorate arrival of Groups 138, 139 at Hazelvale.

Walpole R & I Bank hold up.

Walpole Recreation Centre construction began.

Walpole Chemist opened in new arcade, Nockolds Street...on site of the Old Post Office (formerly Bill Harrison's house, built 1930).

Walpole Hardware (on west end of Nockolds Street) leased to Sue Hawkins when Tom Palmer retired.

1998

Walpole Recreation Centre opened (Colin Burton, President).

'Tree Top Walk' won BHP Steel Award.

WNDHS: Second plaque at Hazelvale School site added teachers' names (from 1928) to first plaque.

Nornalup: 'Jesmond Dene' sold by Van Dalsons after 34 years there.

State Emergency Service (SES) Branch set up in Walpole.

Tidy Towns first entry.

Coalmine Beach Lookout opened.

Walpole Primary School extensions.

Tourist Bureau: 53,000 passed through their doors in 1998 due to Tree Top Walk. Bibbulmun Track officially opened (Albany).

Pressure on businesses due to increased Tourism.

Silver Chain: First male nurse, Mike More arrived.

Dr Hector Faulkner arrived in Denmark...began fortnightly visits to Walpole and Peaceful Bay.

1999

Protests re: logging old growth forests...divided town opinions.

Original 80 blocks were being farmed by 30 farmers...some land reverted to CALM.

WYC becomes Walpole Yachting & Boating Club (WYBC).

Silver Chain: 25th Anniversary of Walpole branch...building renovations.

Teleyouth began in Walpole.

Telecommunications tower erected on R & J Young's hill above Walpole.

Meetings re: Upgrade of water supply for Walpole residential area.

Meetings re: Deep sewerage for Walpole residential area.

Bibbulmun Track re-aligned and opened (Kalamunda – Walpole – Albany).

September: Bristlebirds released in WNNP (Nuyts Wilderness).

Mandalay Beach Road upgraded to 2 wheel drive...only one between Windy Harbour and Conspicuous Cliff.

Kentdale re-union: 75 Year Anniversary for Groups 105 and 110.

Plaque at Kentdale Hall to commemorate 1924 settlers.

First edition of WNDHS newsletter 'The Walpolian'.

2000

Dr Virginia Longley (Denmark) began weekly visits.

WYBC: Storm severely damaged jetty and starter's box...demolished.

RSL Branch (Walpole) reformed...War Memorial proposed.

Walpole Waste Water/Sewerage Plant Stage 1 opened.

Walpole Sea Rescue given money to build a boat shed...bought Rescue boat.

Official opening of Clubroom and Communications Room (shared with SES).

Tourist Bureau, which began as a replica settler's cottage, was upgraded.

Horseyard Hill Walk constructed...opened 2001.

WNDHS placed Commemorative plaques #1, #2 and #3 Schools sites, North Walpole.

Western Australian Government country bus service started.

Bus bogged...service closed...residents requested return of service.

Olympic torch carried through town.

Stan Ravenhill completed 49 years with Walpole – Tingleddale Bush Fire Brigade.

Fox-baiting programme organised by Walpole – Tingleddale LCDC.

Christmas carols in the Park began.

Peaceful Bay Sea Rescue building opening (founded in 1976).

2001

Nornalup Settlers Park established on the river front/Riverside Drive...90 years since first settlers arrived (Bellangers) at Nornalup.

Horseyard Hill Commemorative Walk, Walpole, opened.

Reticulated sewerage service began in Walpole.

Community Hall renovations and Library opened.

Volunteer Appreciation Night (Walpole and District residents) inaugurated.

Fire through Nuyts: 2,700 hectares, killed quokkas, noisy scrub birds and bristlebirds.

Telecentre took over 'Walpole Weekly'.

Tingleddale Hall renovated.

Conveyor belting on coastal dunes 4WD tracks...Banksia Camp, Long Point etc.

Walpole – Nornalup community concerned about power supply problems...SEC upgrades began.

SJAA: Neville Brass, President since 1989 (Walpole branch).

Jack Edmonds died aged 91...Tingledale Group 116, 1924.

Dairy farmers selling out...turning to beef... Deregulation killed dairying in Western Australia...last district dairy farmers Leggerini, Cooper, Vermuelen, Ravenhill, Neill and Burton.

2002

April: Walpole War Memorial opened...Inaugural Anzac Day Service.

SJAA: Ambulance..."spare" one from Denmark given to Walpole branch...fourth since 1956.

New Post Office opened in Nockolds Street... built in 1988...Joe Burton Realty building. Post Office license sold to Louise Pickett...continued in Joe Burton Realty building....Pam Pernich assistant.

"Save Swarbrick Jetty" campaign when faced with demolition...Repaired by community members after fundraising (built 1956).

Walpole Op Shop opened...fundraising for Walpole Community Projects.

Norm & Sue Hawkins built new Hardware store on Vista Street...run by Sue.

2003

Silver Chain: 30th Anniversary in Walpole... fundraising etc.

Fundraising for new building and equipment...2 staff cars available.

Bank of Scotland took full ownership of Bankwest in Western Australia.

2004

80th Anniversary...Group 116, Tingledale...celebrations.

Old Railway "Rail Trail" (Denmark – Nornalup Walk) construction began.

Library: Lesser Hall upgrade.

Extended Wilderness Area created (360,000 hectares – 7 National Parks amalgamated).

2005

75th Anniversary...Walpole Land Settlement Scheme...celebrations.

WNDHS organised "Ghosts of Walpole Past" night walk round Horseyard Hill.

Telecentre: Ten Year Service Award for Jenny Willcox.

Official opening of new building after 9 years in 'Vista Centre'.

Bendigo Bank opened its Walpole branch at the Telecentre.

Community Hall renovations including kitchen and supper room.

Police Station: 'Vista Centre' renovated.

First 'Dreams of the Bay' Art Exhibition, Peaceful Bay – fundraiser for Peaceful Bay Sea Rescue.

Norm's Tyre & Hire sold to Peter Rooke "Walpole Mechanical & Tyres" (2005-07).

Walpole Hardware opened in new building (Norm & Sue Hawkins)...Vista Street.

Bulk milk truck run to North Walpole and Hazelvale ended – Ravenhills had last dairy herd in Tingledale.

2006

Walpole Marine Park working committee formed.

Frank Cooper, last dairy farmer in North Walpole, changed to beef cattle.

WNDHS: Plaque to commemorate arrival of Group 116 – Tingledale, 1924.

Water and electricity investigated – supplies to be updated and improved.

New Post Office building completed and occupied by Louise Pickett & Pam Pernich.

2007

Silver Chain: New purpose-built Clinic opened (Latham Avenue, Walpole).

Inaugural 'Art & Craft-in-Action' fundraiser, Walpole...to run every 2nd year.

Norm Hawkins left 'Norms Tyres & Hire' and joined his wife Sue at Walpole Hardware & Rural Supplies...Tyre business leased by new owners leased to Stan Dreja.

2008

Ravenhills: Last dairy farmers in the district... Tinglewood settlers, 1924.

Bankwest sold to Commonwealth Bank (Walpole branch 76 years old).

Inaugural "Walpole Wilderness" Art Exhibition fundraiser.

Working committee for sewerage upgrade in Walpole formed.

Family Centre opened in old CWA rooms.

Alf Tindale (Hazelvale Group 139, 1928) died aged 89.

Police Station, Vista Street opened...built on Vista Centre (Infant Health) site.

2009

100 Years at Bow River (Bert Saw's shingle hut built in 1909).

200 Years of Australia Post.

WNDHS: 'Honour Board for Horses' erected in Pioneer Park.

Re-zoning blocks in town proposed...R20/R30... passed with modification.

Community Hall Committee purchased furnishings through sponsorship...movie screen, chairs etc.

Walpole Cemetery maintenance and gazebo completed.

Walpole Marine Park declared.

2010

100 Years of Walpole – Nornalup National Park Commemoration: WNDHS and DEC function.

Plaque placed at Monastery Landing on Frankland River.

100 Years Celebration: Bellanger family and Charlie Benson arrived at Nornalup.

100 Years Celebration: FS Thompson settled at Deep River, 'Tinglewood'.

SJAA: 10 active volunteers...half aged over 60.

WNDHS: Nomenclature 'Grace Darling Bay' at Bellanger Beach approved.

Manjimup Shire Heritage Trail: Cream Truck Icon...Pioneer Park, Walpole.

'Lady Walpole'...built by Tom Swarbrick and sons at Rest Point, 1934...returned to Walpole.

2011

100 Years: Frank Skinner Thompson's family arrived at 'Tinglewood'.

100 Years: 'Mandalay' wrecked.

WNDHS: Bert Saw's Shingle Hut fenced and re-roofed.

Manjimup Shire Heritage Trail: Cattlemen Icon (South West Highway/Middleton Road).

WNDHS: Website 'Explore Walpole' created.

2012

Silver Chain: Independent Living Complex construction began.

DEC and WNDHS: 'Mandalay' monument given
Interpretive signage.

Manjimup Shire Heritage Trail: Medical Icon
(Northcliffe)

Walpole Sea Rescue, 21st birthday.

Section of Town Jetty (rebuilt 1984) damaged
and closed.

2013

WYBC Regatta – first since 1997.

Joe Burton Senior died aged 84 (Hazelvale
Group 138).

March 12: WNDHS, 21st birthday.

September: Helen Pierce, formerly of Nornalup
and Hazelvale, turned 88.

December: Barbara Ebbett, formerly of Bow
Bridge, turned 94.

Coalmine Beach Boat ramp and Finger jetty
completed.