

Looking back with Molly...

By Molly Smith

The month of May 1976 brought some controversy into the Walpole district when the decision was made by the then National Parks Authority to turn the Point Nuyts block (an area of approximately 2225 hectares) into a Wilderness Block.

In a wilderness block, no vehicles are allowed. Entry is on foot only.

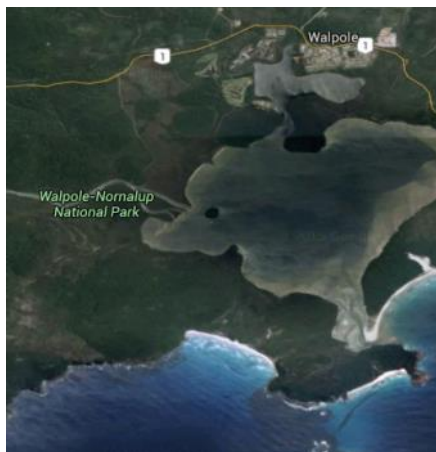
The antagonism was due to the fact that this tract of land includes an area of rugged coastline unsurpassed in scenic beauty and known for its well stocked fishing holes.

Over the years, however, opposition has faded and the wilderness block is a tourist attraction unique to the Walpole district with many enthusiastic reports from individual travellers as well as groups of campers.

A walk trail was mapped out by National Parks Authority rangers to lead walkers to the coast – a distance of about 7 km. Whilst many walkers complete the whole trail and camp for several nights at the coast, some prefer just to do a short distance.

On the way to the coast a number of scenic areas were recommended by the rangers. Mt Hopkins with its amazing rock formations and spectacular views of the coast, Crystal Lake, and Boggy Lake, Aldridge Cove and Thompson Cove.

Today there is an additional feature at the beginning of the trail – a boot cleaning station developed by Gary Muir. The Point Nuyts Wilderness shares the popularity of other National Parks in the region with approximately 500,000 visitors over all per year to these areas.



Point Nuyts Wilderness is located within the Walpole Nornalup National Park. Source: Google Maps



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PUBLIC NOTICE REPRESENT YOUR COMMUNITY

The Shire of Manjimup is seeking community representatives on the following advisory committees:

- Manjimup Timber & Heritage Park Advisory Committee—3 vacancies plus 2 proxies
- Manjimup Recreation Advisory Committee (New Committee)—10 vacancies plus 7 proxies
- Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee—1 vacancy
- Southern Forests Alcohol and Other Drug Management Planning Committee—2 vacancies

Community members are encouraged to nominate for the positions available on these committees as they arise. It is an opportunity to represent your community, provide input into the future of your community initiatives and contribute to Council decision making.

For further information on the committees and their Terms of Reference, visit:

www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/committeesofcouncil

Nominations for representation should be addressed to Gail Ipsen Cutts, PO Box 1, Manjimup, WA, 6258 or email info@manjimup.wa.gov.au

Closing date: 4:30pm, Friday 12 February 2016.

Further Information: Contact Gail Ipsen Cutts on 9771 7750 or gail.ipsencutts@manjimup.wa.gov.au

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Community groups and 'not for profit' organisations are invited to apply for funding under the 2016/2017 Shire of Manjimup Community Contributions Grant Scheme.

Grants Open: Monday, 1 February 2016.

Application Forms: Available from the Shire of Manjimup Administration Centre, Community Resource Centres, Public Libraries or on the Shire website

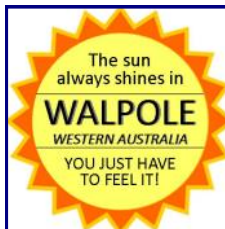
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Closing Date: 4pm, Thursday 31 March 2016.

Further Information: Contact Rachel Croft, Administration & Events Liaison Officer on 9771 7701 or by email rachel.croft@manjimup.wa.gov.au

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