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Letter to the Editor

Blaze Aid

My sincere thanks to all sponsors and donors, the BTH Ladies Club and Tingledale Art and Craft Group for the mighty effort in raising \$2,560 for Blaze Aid.

This amount was banked yesterday.

The veggie stall at the Tingledale Hall, which to date has raised \$806.50, will continue while we have produce to sell.

Donations of produce are welcome.

- Chris Bellanger



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LOOKING BACK..... with Molly



The Walpole-Nornalup Visitor Centre was recently host to Katie McAlister and the ABC team from Albany when they conducted the morning program from the Centre as part of their road tour around the region.

This event was an excellent lead-in to Looking Back to the long weekend in October 1980 when the ABC, with John Cecil in the hot seat, conducted an outside broadcast as part of the Jubilee Celebrations held on that weekend to celebrate the 50th birthday of the town. John did an excellent job and his love of history was evident as he interviewed a number of the pioneer settlers who made the trip back for the festivities.

Preparations were intense for the weekend which was an unprecedented success and the early settlers who attended declared it to be "a weekend to remember".

An integral part of Walpole today is a direct result of the decision to celebrate the 50th birthday. This was the provision of Pioneer Park. Sadly, prior to this time, the area that is now such a drawcard in the town was most unattractive... overgrown and in places strewn with rubbish. Former resident and Manjimup Shire Councillor at the time, Ross Young, (also president of the Celebrations Committee) lobbied the Council and obtained their support in turning the area into a Pioneer Memorial Park. Many hours of voluntary labour and machines went into the preparation and clearing, and community support was quickly forthcoming with monetary donations to provide picnic facilities within the area. The Rural and Industries Bank of that time also donated generously to the project. Time constraints made it impossible for preparations to be completed in time for the 50th Anniversary, but the potential was there for all to see and Ross Young said that the Park would not only be a fitting memorial to the Jubilee weekend, but would provide local people and tourists with a central picnic area and also beautify the main thoroughfare.

When one surveys the area today, it is difficult to imagine Walpole without Pioneer Park.

NB 'Looking Back' in September 2015 was a reminiscence of the Jubilee Weekend.

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