

# 1958

## WALPOLE YACHT CLUB

### 1958

Dr Burnside (b 1889) died...buried Walpole Cemetery.

Nell Swarbrick (b 1892) died.

Walpole Yacht Club: Inaugural meeting 13th February...First public meeting 27th February. Meeting 17 April: proposed site changed from Swan Bay to Coalmine Beach...late 1958: Lean-to boatshed built and jetty construction started there.

Late 1950's-early 1960's: Frank and Sylvia Parker took over Bayley Bros Butchers building and ran a General Store.

### 1959

Walpole Yacht Club Lease and permit to build boatshed/clubhouse granted....Jetty completed...timber came from old Kent River Sawmill.

March: First official regatta with visitors...Official opening 23 November 1959.

Forestry Department single men's house built (Park Avenue).

Pasture Improvement Group formed in Tingle-dale...First President, Doug Hull (North Walpole).

Peppermints Camp closed – Manjimup Shire suggested site to be left for short-stay campers...Isle Road, Coalmine Beach suggested alternatives.

Public Works Department (PWD) built Town Jetty (Walpole Inlet).

Walpole 'Swing Stars' modern band formed...played until c 1970.

Radiogram (record player and radio) Bobby Darin (Dream Lover); Cliff Richard (Living Doll); Frankie Avalon (Venus).

Red Cross 100 Years Celebration: Walpole branch planted shrubs and trees in 'a nice corner in the centre of town' with plaques...First Main road landscaping in Walpole.

c 1959-60: Nockolds #4 Store built by Bill Harrison...used Johnny Nockold's handmade bricks (now the extended 'Pioneer Store').

### 1960

Walpole Butcher's Shop opened by Fred & Eileen Mallett in Vista Street...built by Frank Thompson Jnr of Tinglewood.

Severe gales caused winter damage – floods.

Swing Stars (Walpole Orchestra) played at Crowea Ball, Denmark.

## 1961

Swarbricks sold mill in town to Bunnings...Tom Swarbrick Jnr stayed as Manager. Swarbrick forest Block was named after the family.

Bow River Mill closed (Jim and son Bruce Smith)...19 years producing packing cases, scantling etc...permit for milling areas sold to Millars Timber Company.

A-class Reserve status agreed (Broke Inlet – Mandalay Beach).

Nornalup Stockyards under threat – locals requested they be kept.

SJAA (Ambulance) Building opened in main street (Nockolds Street)...all volunteers...Dr Stewart held consultations here.

BTH Ladies Group formed (Bow Bridge, Tingle-dale, Hazelvale).

Walpole Yacht Club given a 21 year lease @ £5 per year...Foreshore reclamation (sleepers from Nornalup Railway).

c 1961-62 Seagull Autel built (cnr Highway & Stewart Street) by Jack Lanning and wife.

## 1962

Lionel Gunson appointed Forestry's first full-time Ranger (1962-86)...Established Coalmine Caravan Park (no water/electricity) with wife Dot.

Water Supply Department given land to build Town Dam by brothers Jan & Con Butler.

Manjimup-Walpole Road bitumenised to Crystal Springs.

Infant Health Centre 'Vista Centre' built...Clinics run by Sister Shotter.

WYC: Boat ramp constructed next to jetty.

## 1963

The Peppermints cleared by Rangers John Rate & Lionel Gunson.

Scheme water from Town dam to Walpole houses. Septic tanks compulsory.

WYC: Starter's Box built on end of jetty.

Bob Cutts, Bert Blakers bought ½ acre from Jorgensons at Broke Inlet when the Peppermints closed...Some campers went to Banksia Camp at Mandalay Beach.

## 1964

Main Street: vacant land cleared to build original Golden Wattle café in main street...opened in December. Owners Tom and Edna Palmer had sold their farm...Café run by Edna, Tom managed Bunnings Mill.

Walpole area population c 300.

Nornalup Inlet: all campers' structures removed from the 'Peppermints Camp' by Forestry Department Rangers.

Inaugural King Karri tours (WAGR) Bunbury-Albany.

Mid 1960's: Walpole streets bitumenised and curbed.

Eric Thompson became Walpole Postmaster and Shire of Manjimup Councillor.

Shire of Perup divided into Perup and Walpole to give Walpole representation on Manjimup Road Board Council...Jack Lanning, Councillor, pushed for bitumenising roads.

Shire Machinery Depot established (Industrial Area)

Walpole Hotel built by Noel Duggan...Its power plant supplied electricity to the Forestry houses across the road in Boronia Avenue.

Crystal Springs operated as Roadhouse (Burnett family).

RSL Branch membership declined...Jack Clarke Secretary for many years.

Nornalup 'Jesmond Dene' cottages sold to the Van Dalsons.

1960's cars: Monaro, V8's, Toyota Triage, Ford Falcon Futura & Datsun Bluebird.

Fashion: Crocheted clothes, bell-bottom pants (1969).

Toys: Troll Dolls, Cindy Dolls, Lego, Scaletrix, Spirograph & Twister.

Beatlemania (1966), Skateboarding (1968).

## 1965

Swarbricks left Walpole...Rest Point sold to Barney Hayes.

Bunnings and Shire Contract: provided electricity from mill powerhouse to be sold to the Shire Council for Walpole town...Walpole Progress Association worked hard for this.

Late 1960's: Walpole's first airstrip was built on Ross Young's property by R & N Palmer, log contractors...available for emergencies and Fire Spotter planes.

New type of log truck with jinkers introduced by R & N Palmer.

Winston Churchill died...Most of the immigrant group settlers had come from the United Kingdom.

## 1966

Decimal currency introduced: All previous stamps no longer legal.

## 1967

Golden Wattle Café owners Tom & Edna Palmer opened a Shell garage next door...Tom left Bunnings Mill to help Edna.

Post Office gets electronic sorting and post codes introduced.

The Burnett family left Crystal Springs...Burnett Forest Block was named after them...they moved to Walpole.

SEC electricity reached Hazelvale via Bow Bridge..."farms first" policy.

## 1968

High School bus service, Hazelvale to Denmark

started...George Cook driver...Nornalup and Walpole parents drove their children to Bow Bridge to catch the bus.

Rest Point sold to Henry & Trudy Fleck.

Walpole-Nornalup National Park (WNNP) nomenclature approved and declared (previously Nornalup National Park).

Forestry Department transferred operations, plant and houses to Walpole when Shannon mill closed...some timber houses in Walpole came from there.

## 1969

Rest Point re-sold...Manager employed till 1973...Water was carted in.

Tingledale School closed...became local hall.

Tom Swarbrick Snr (b 1888) died.

Bert Saw (b 1887) killed by motor vehicle on Nornalup-Denmark Road (Walpole Cemetery).

John Rate killed by falling tree during prescribed burn.

John Rate Lookout on Highway constructed.

Rates Tingle, E.brevistylis, identified and named after its discoverer...J Rate also found that Red and Yellow Tingle were different species.

Bow Bridge: Saw property sold to Jack Barrow after 51 years of Saw family ownership.

Man on the moon.

## 1970

Forestry Department built new workshop on Swan Street.

Bunnings Mill generator powered Walpole street lights.

SJAA: Biggest expense was for tyres...All gravel roads except Highway.

State electricity reached North Walpole farms...  
SEC policy – “farms first”.

Nockolds Street formed after major upgrade of  
the highway...(and named?)

Red Cross Centenary Garden on main road de-  
molished as a ‘road hazard’...Established 1959.

Ross Muir, licensed fisherman began fishing in  
the area.

High School bus service: Feeder bus replaced  
private cars, Walpole to Bow Bridge...Drivers,  
Mr & Mrs John Edmonds.

Walpole Primary School: 3 teachers and 78  
pupils.

Walpole Golf Club formed: Old #3 School  
teacher’s house shifted to become the first clu-  
broom (later demolished).

Charlie Underhill took over Cream Truck to  
Manjimup...Only 17 suppliers left (peak 1950  
with 45).

Vietnam War protests...Peace talks in Paris.

## 1971

RSL Walpole Branch disbanded...Hall in main  
(Nockolds) street empty.

Walpole: Fishing Competitions started...Angling  
Club formed...bought old RSL Hall and moved it  
to site near Town Jetty (now Sea Rescue).

SEC power to all farms north of Allen Road.

1970’s-1993: Spotter planes introduced by  
Forestry Department.

## 1972

SEC power reached Walpole...Mill power redun-  
dant.

Cattle grazing on coastal leases almost fin-  
ished...A-class Reserve status fulfilled...Mot-  
trams the last to run cattle on the coastal hills.

CWA Rooms became a kindergarten...teacher,  
Kate O’Brien...children’s parents provided fenc-  
es and gate from fundraising.

Walpole Community Hall: Shannon Social Club  
shifted to Walpole...58 volunteers...Joe Burton  
Snr was overseer...CWA provided new fittings  
and appliances.

Frank Ebbett and Ron Collins had Profession-  
al Fishing Licences...set up ‘Salmon Camp’ at  
mouth of Nornalup Inlet...Caravan and tractor  
brought along Bellanger Beach.

Walpole Angling Club bought Grigg’s land lease  
and old RSL Hall from Nockolds Street...Rebuilt  
it near Jonesy’s Jetty...Now, Sea Rescue Head-  
quarters (2013)

Nornalup Bridge on Frankland River upgraded.

Johnny Nockolds retired...Son Max Nockolds  
took over the Pioneer Store #4...A brick building  
which had replaced the weatherboard #3 store  
c 1959.

1970’s: Macramé, Flower Power, Denim Rules  
OK, Protests A Bomb, Psychiatry, Vietnam War,  
Helen Reddy - “I am Woman”, Burn your bra  
and Germaine Greer.

## 1973

Cease fire (Vietnam).

The Saw property at Bow Bridge sold after 65  
years’ ownership...Bert’s shingle hut still stand-  
ing, 2014.

Aerial fire surveillance flights trialed – 1973/74  
season.

Channel dredged in Walpole Inlet between Town  
and Rest Point jetties.

Captain Tom Price died aged nearly 92.

Manjimup Road Board name changed to Shire  
of Manjimup.

Rest Point: Bought by Phyllis Thompson (ex-Tinglewood), Jim & Gwen Harrison and daughter Gail (now Guthrie).

Walpole Red Cross disbanded...last two members Mrs Ida Clarke and Dora Neuzerling.

## 1974

Silver Chain Nursing Post built in Nockolds Street...Sister Ruth Cole arrived...Sister Peg Shotter retired after 34 years as District Nurse.

Portable sawmills introduced...Farmers had "Timber Rights"...Vaughan Bellanger, Norm Sawyer, John Thompson and Ross Young had portable saws.

High School Bus Service, Walpole to Denmark...driver Mr Horsman.

Nuyts Wilderness proposed by National Parks Board.

## 1975

Automatic Telephone Exchange built next to Silver Chain in Nockolds Street.

Silver Chain: Sister Anna Johnstone arrived. Later married Harold Wood.

Colour television arrived...Batman, Brady Bunch and Hawaii Five O.

Golden Wattle Café and garage sold...Tom & Edna Palmer moved to Crystal Springs which they had bought earlier...Tom gained his Coxswain's Ticket and Pro-fisherman's Licence (held for 35 years).

## 1976

Nuyts Wilderness declared...Unique...All park except 10 acres at Broke Inlet...vehicle access to Thompson and Alridge Coves replaced by walk tracks.

Milk Board introduced 'Quotas'.

Government (WAGR) Manjimup – Walpole bus service ceased. Once again no public transport.

'Cream Truck' run to Manjimup ended...Less than 10 suppliers (Charlie Underhill, driver). Cream truck replaced by Bulk Milk Carrier...Gordon Brass, North Walpole continued cream cans and carted their cream to Manjimup.

## 1977

50 Years of Settlement Celebrations: Hazelvale Groups 138 & 139.

Lionel Gunson (Ranger) found Eocene fossil shells 26 kms north of Walpole while upgrading culverts and the Fernhook Falls bridge.

Silver Chain: Sister Lawrence (till 1980) – 24 hours, 7 days per week.

Ranger's Hut built at Crystal Spring (Forestry Department).

Inlets: Net Fishing issues...remained banned.

School Tree Society planted *E.ficifolias* (red flowering gums) round Walpole.

Manjimup Butter Factory (Sunnywest) stopped taking Walpole Cream (1946-77).

CWA building empty...CWA disbanded due to ongoing costs.

## 1978

Eric Thompson retired as Postmaster and Shire Councillor...Faye Hindmarsh (and "Charlie Girl", her cat) became Post Mistress until 1993.

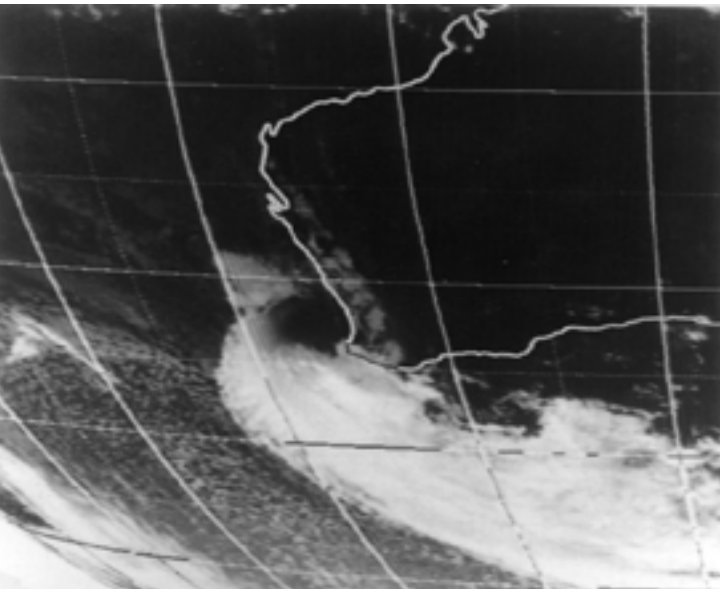
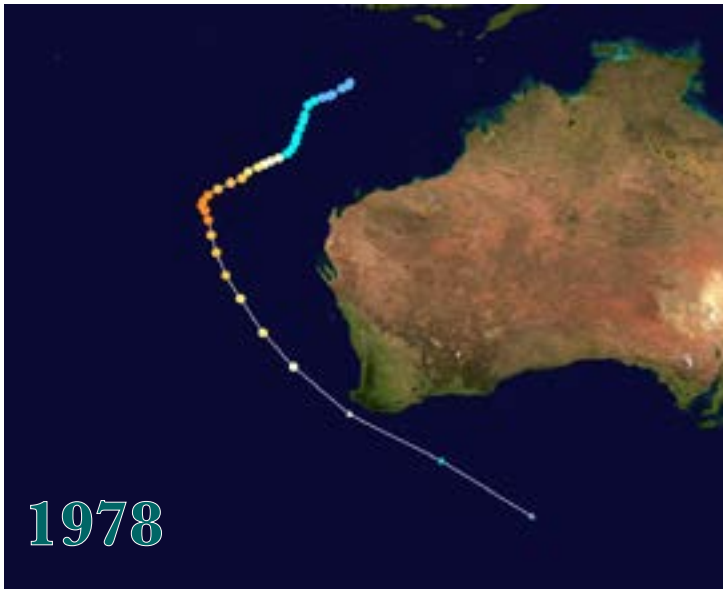
Tom Palmer got Skipper's Ticket...became licensed fisherman.

Tinglewood Guesthouse destroyed by fire...new A-frame building opened in October.

Old Walpole Hall on Lot 35 was shifted to the Community Centre to become the Lesser Hall.

Tingledale fire damaged 'Jesmond Dene' at Nornalup.

Walpole Play Group started in CWA building...vested in Manjimup Shire 1977.



## 1978

April 8: Cyclone Alby caused widespread damage from Geraldton to Albany... 'Amity' had one mast snapped off, winds 130 kph, houses unroofed and flooding.

Walpole Laundromat, milk cold storage and drapery opened by John & Pat Edmonds...Milk licence held by them and Joe & Betty Burton (to supply town residents).

## 1979

Road to Mandalay Beach from South Coast Highway...first direct overland access to the Walpole coast within the Manjimup Shire.

D'Entrecasteaux National Park (formerly South Coast National Park) declared. Broke/Mandalay...Cattle leases to cease.

Western Australia: 150 Years Celebrations (1829-1979).

Bush Fire Brigade (Western Zone) formed (May). Forestry Department gave a 1965 International truck which was housed in the shed next to Tingledale Hall.

'Jesmond Dene' re-opened (built c 1934).

Tree plantings: Karri seedlings (Forestry Department)...for Western Australia's 150 Years Celebration.

Forestry Department: Safety Awards for Walpole employees initiated.

Dr Stewart (Denmark) retired...Dr Yates (Denmark) began visits to Walpole and Peaceful Bay.

Max Nockolds converted store to self service...the kerosene box shelving was removed.

Silver Chain: Sister Margaret Harrington arrived (1979-87).

Walpole Golf Club bought Tone R Social Club building to be its clubhouse.


Primary School got fourth classroom and teacher...Locals requested a Junior High School...buried a time capsule in the school grounds.

Last can of cream (butterfat) taken to Manjimup from North Walpole by Gordon & Jenny Brass...Gordon's parents had arrived in 1941.

R & I Bank replaced old weatherboard cottage (which was sold) with new building (Nockolds Street)...still in use.

Fashion: Leg warmers, bodysuits, permed hair, leggings, fluoro socks, punk, stone-washed denim, off the shoulder tops and surf wear as street wear.

Walpole Building Company (Bob & Kaye Kelly) opened Building and Hardware shop in Vista Street.

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