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Denmark 6333 WA

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Re Topographical Naming Submission

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to seek Shire support for the naming of a specific Wilson Inlet location in honour of the recently deceased **James (Jim) Hart**.

I disclose my interest in this submission as being an ex neighbour of the Harts and a close family friend.

The attached aerial maps show the area relating to this submission which I'm seeking to have named as **Hart Cove**.

Background information to support this request:

1. At the time of Jim's death, on 6th Feb 2022, Jim was 92 years old, making him Denmark's oldest locally-born resident.

Born in 1929 at the Denmark Hospital Jim's involvement in the Denmark community is extensive and diverse. He lived in a tent for several years while helping settle migrants at Rocky Gully, he worked as a foreman in the town's once busy timber mill, was a mechanic for several decades and also worked for the Main Roads Department and the Denmark Shire.

Jim spent several years as a volunteer ambulance driver and was also a founding member and inaugural captain of the Denmark Fire Brigade. He helped build the Hockley Street fire station that's still in use today.

Jim was also Denmark's volunteer fisheries officer for the Dept of Fisheries for more than a decade.

2. On a less public level, Jim is well known for having helped a large number of locals without fanfare. The fact that nearly 400 people attended his recent funeral is testament to how highly Jim was regarded.

For the past 32 years Jim had lived at 109 Minsterly with his wife of 67 years, Ethel. The story of how the Harts came to live at that location is another example of Jim's (and Ethel's) kindness of spirit.

While working at the timber mill years ago, Jim had become friends with a man called Harry Geard who owned a one acre vacant block on Minsterly Road. Harry wanted to build a

house on the block but couldn't manage it on his own so Jim stepped up to help - just as a mate. When Harry became terminally ill, Ethel cared for him for nearly a decade until he died. Before his death and as a token of his gratitude Harry subdivided the block and gave the Hart's half an acre of his land.

I too have been the receiver of help and support from Jim (and Ethel) having, until a few years ago, been an owner of Harry's old house at 107 Minsterly Rd for 14 years.

3. While this submission has been triggered by Jim's recent death it is also made in recognition of his parents Charles and Marion Hart and his grandparents who are listed in the Denmark Historical Society Index as 'Early Pioneers' having arrived here in 1909.

4. Elements of Jim's early life in Denmark have been recorded as an oral history record with the Denmark Historical Society holding the original audio from which extracts were published in the Society's Koorabup Newsletter in the summer of 2021.

The Denmark Bulletin Newspaper has also published articles on Jim's life.

The significance of the location.

1. The location of the proposed 'Hart Cove' sits directly in front of 107 and 109 Minsterly. It is a sheltered spot from where Jim launched his tinny. Jim has used this small bay/cove as the base for his fishing even before he lived there so it would be fair to say it was his fishing base for half his life.

Jim has fished all over Wilson Inlet for decades and people will tell you "he knew every inch of that inlet". People living on the inlet considered him the local fishing barometer and would tell you that "if Jim's not out fishing then there's no point going."

2. It is also an appropriate place to recognise his contribution to Inlet fishing and his volunteer work for the Fisheries Dept which he took incredibly seriously. It was at this spot that he would record weight, size and species of fish as well as recording weather and water conditions.

3. In looking at the aerial map it is 'hart-ening' to see that the area I propose be named Hart Cove, can be seen to resemble the upper outline and indent of a heart shape.

4. I believe the words 'Hart Cove' to be an appealing and enchanting addition to maps bearing names of other Wilson Inlet features and a stark contrast to the nearby feature known as Poison Point.

Due Diligence

1. I have conducted investigations via the Denmark Historical Society regarding any Aboriginal name or Aboriginal significance to the site. The society advised that neither a name or significance applied to this location due to the cove's distance from the only four places on the Inlet identified in an Aboriginal assessment conducted several years ago.

2. No other name for this cove is listed in any documents or on any maps and residents along this part of the Inlet, and those who use the Inlet, say it has no current name.

What I need from the Shire of Denmark

I am aware that this application needs to be submitted to Landgate for consideration. I am also aware that coordinates, showing the exact location of Hart Cove, needs to be included and I hope the Shire can assist.

More importantly I seek the Shire Council's endorsement for this application and, should that be obtained, I ask that the Shire lodge the final application with Landgate. The process, details and requirements can be found at

https://www0.landgate.wa.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0017/46421/1574-Geographic-names-policies-V3-November-2020.pdf

Refer to Appendix A1 and 3B

Timeframe

I fully realise the Shire has a lot to attend to and that these applications can take many months to finalise. I also realise that Landgate will have their own long processes.

But my goal is to have the naming of Hart Cove secured before the first anniversary of Jim's death (Feb 2023).

Final point

It's important to note that a submission was made by other Denmark residents several years ago for the naming of a road in the Hart name. I am told "nothing ever became of it". Letters regarding this should be on your file.

If you require further letters of support or other documentation please contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you within a reasonable timeframe.

Yours sincerely,

Serena Kirby

Serena Kirby
Denmark 6333

Attached are:

Photos of Jim at the cove/ photos of his family at the cove.

Newspaper clippings about Jim

Fisheries Dept Certificate

The Koorabup newsletter

Letter of support from Hart family.

Letter of support from owner of adjoining property

5th March, 2022

To whom it may concern

Re: Geographical Naming of Hart Cove

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is to confirm that the Hart Family fully support and approve the submission for the geographical naming of Hart Cove in honour and recognition of James (Jim) Millener Hart.

This little cove sits at the base of our Wilson Inlet waterfront boundary at 109 Minsterly Road, Denmark, where Jim lived for more than 30 years and was where he launched his boat from almost every day come rain or shine, to fish. He was not only a recreational fisherman of note but was also the local Volunteer Fisheries Officer for the Dept of Fisheries for more than a decade.

All Jim's children and many of his grandchildren learnt to fish here and it has been a place of family gatherings for many years. The family gathered at the cove after Jim's recent funeral as it is considered the place that most reflects how and who he was in life.

I encourage you to consider the supporting information provided for this geographical naming submission as Jim made a genuine and significant contribution to the Denmark community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Hart', written in a cursive style.

Ethel Hart (Jim's widow)

On behalf of Jim's three children, ten grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

26th Feb 2022

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Geographical Naming Submission

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my full support for the submission to have the small section of inlet in front of my property (at 107 Minsterly Road) officially named Hart Cove in honour of our neighbour Jim Hart.

While my husband and I are relatively new neighbours of the Hart family (at 109 Minsterly Rd) we are well aware of Jim's contribution to Denmark and feel his affinity with, and contribution to, Wilson Inlet is one that should be formally acknowledged.

Jim and his 'tinny' were a constant sight out on the Inlet and he will be sorely missed by all those that knew him

To have the waterfront in front of my property officially named as Hart Cove would be a wonderful legacy and memorial to a much loved man.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Jacklyn
Vincent Epps
[REDACTED]
Denmark WA 6333

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenny Jacklyn', with a large, stylized initial 'J' and a long horizontal flourish at the end.

10 YEARS OF SERVICE



Peter Rogers Executive Director,
Department of Fisheries honours

James Hart

*for 10 years of dedicated service to the
Volunteer Fisheries Liaison Officer program*

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read 'P. Rogers', is written over a horizontal line.

Peter Rogers
Executive Director
Department of Fisheries

February 2006



AWARD FOR DEDICATED SERVICE

Oral History

This interview with Mr. Jim Hart took place on the 28th October 1993. The interviewer is Mrs Enid Conochie.

J.H My grandparents, on my mother's side, came to Denmark in 1909 from South Hampton in England. My grandfather, before coming to Australia, had a earning business in the South Hampton wharves and he used to can all the produce and stuff from the sailing boats and what have you, to the various places and shops and warehouses in South Hampton. He decided to come out to Australia with the eldest son. James, on the I don't really know what boat they came out on. but they arrived in Denmark in about 1909 and look up a farm in Denmark on the Mt. Shadforth area. My grandfather's name was James Todd and when they arrived here in Denmark they selected this block of land which had already been fenced by Sir James Mitchell, as he was later, with the object of fencing this block of land they would run goats on it to get rid of the Karri Wattle that was very thick around the trees that were left from Millars' days here and consequently the goals never survived very long because the dingo problem here was pretty bad in those days so that project sort of fell by the wayside and this is how the block became available to the public to buy. So my grandfather and the eldest son started to clear a small area in that block to put up a small dwelling so that he could bring out the rest of his family, which was his wife, three girls and another son. My grandfather went back to England and brought the rest of the family out here in 1911. My mother was the youngest, her name was Marion Todd. The next youngest was Henry, the other son, and then another sister, whose name was Gertrude and the eldest sister's name was Alice and. of course, the eldest son had stayed behind on the farm still clearing the land and that while my grandfather was in England getting die family, EC. Can you tell us where that block was?

J.H Yes, the block was on the corner of Redman Rd and McNabb Rd and the block Number was 380. Also this property now is where Mt Shadforth Lodge would now look onto the property itself, from the Lodge. The farm itself was named "Big Karri" because of the large karri stumps that were left there after Millars had milled the property for all the millable timber and Redman Rd, as it is known now was one of the tram lines for the transport of timber on the rails through back into the Denmark mill which was situated where the present Fire Station is. I- G, And how much land was in the block?

J.H There was 100 acres in the block then and when they eventually got a small amount of land cleared there they grew vegetables and I think they had them put on the train, possibly, and sent through to the West Perth Markets. Then they gradually built the farm up; they ran cattle and sheep for the rest of the farming time there.

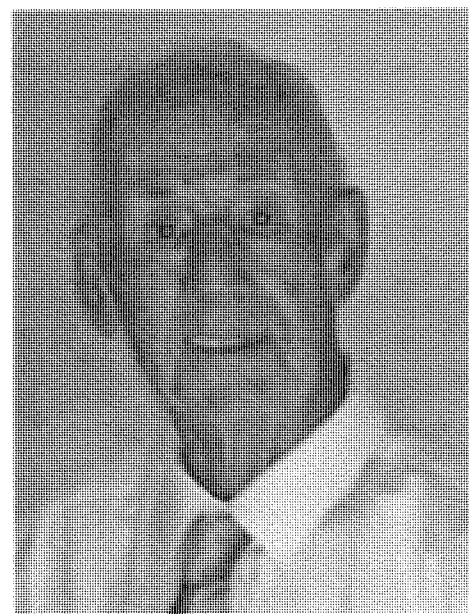
E.C. So that was just before the First World War that they settled here?

J.H. Yes. my uncle that was the eldest son in the family joined the Army in 1914 and went off with the troops to Gallipoli where he was a stretcher bearer and he was killed in 1916 or thereabouts. So that just left my grandfather and the three girls and the youngest son there on the farm.

E.C. Did they stay there long?

J.H My two aunties, they went off and took various positions, in those days, working for people, you know, on farms in the wheatbelt area. The younger son, Henry, he stayed and worked on the farm and my mother. Marion, she went off also at a later time, after she'd left school. She attended school here in Denmark where the present Health Clinic is (cnr Strickland and Mitchell – (Ed. building since demolished);

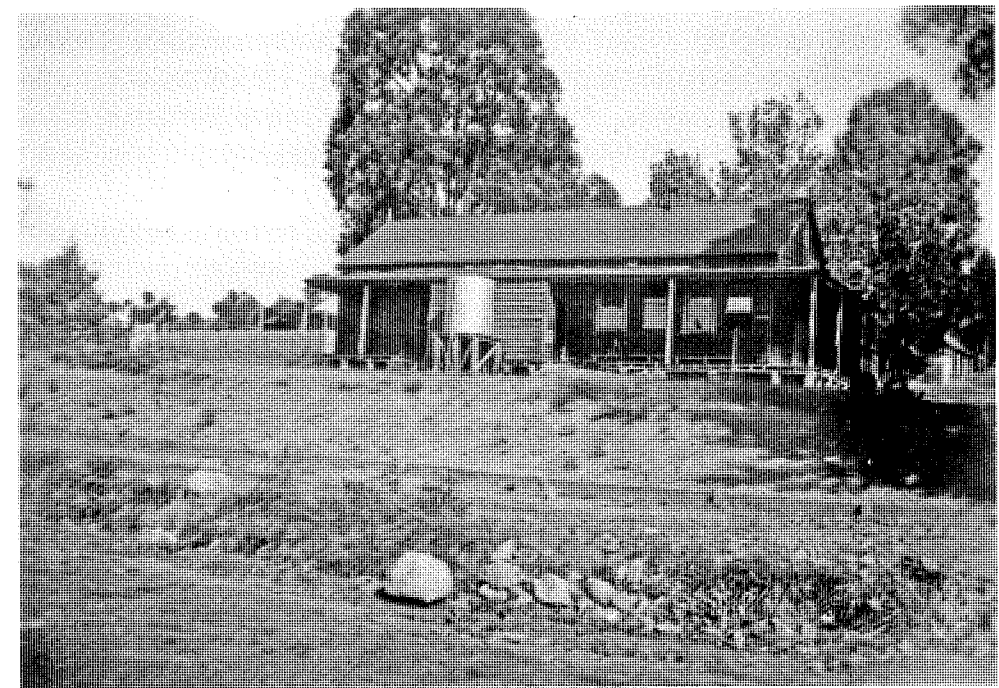
that's where they went to school, both the younger son and my mother, and I think Mrs. Toms was one of their teachers. I'm not



Jim Hart
image courtesy Ethel Hart



James Todd



The Mill School

certain about that, but I'm pretty sure she was. Then later, of course, my mother had to go and look for employment elsewhere and she went to Narrogin and worked there for quite a few years and then she went up to Merredin and worked again there and this is where my father came into it because he was in the British Army, he joined up in 1914. He was in France and wounded a couple of times there and then came back to England and went back again, he was still in the Army, and went to what do they call it Mesopotamia. He stayed in the Army until the Russian Revolution - they had all those refugees coming through into that area. He was a Medical Officer with the Army and, of course, they looked after all these refugees that came in. In 1920, he was demobbed from the Army and went back to England around Christmas time when it was pretty cold and, of course, after being out there in all the heat and everything he couldn't stand it any more and so he packed his bags and hopped on the boat and came to Australia. One of the first jobs he got was working on a farm in Merredin and this is where he met my mother, and consequently, he followed mum back here to Denmark and they were married in 1926 there in the old Church of England as it is now. Of course, I subsequently arrived about three years later, I was born in 1929, in the Denmark Hospital, you know, the one that is there now.

E.C. Where were your parents living?

J.H. They lived in Denmark itself at that stage where Karri Hi workshop (Ed. site of Supa IGA) is there next to the winery - there were three houses there originally, and they lived in one and my father, he'd taken employment with the Main Roads Department at that stage, like a lot of the other settlers here. I think Tom Wakka. and oh there were a number of other people ..Powley's and those. They all sort of worked on the Main Roads doing various things. My father helped build the bridge across the Research Station, the old wooden bridge, you know, that's up above where thewhere would it be sort of

E,C where that Research Station land is?

J.H. Yes, just below the Agricultural College there, so (the Research Station as it was then, had access to both sides of the river Then he worked in various positions around the area

E.C. With the Main Roads?

J.H. With the Main Roads, yes. and then he left that and got a position with the Agricultural Bank, as it was then, as a sort of a Manager-Caretaker of a lot of the farms that were being vacated by the Group Settlers. The first school I went to was in Carmarthen, I was only about not quite five years of age because I had to make up the number (laughs) otherwise the school had to close. At that stage, we lived on one of these vacated farms



Ethel Toms
image courtesy Don Redman

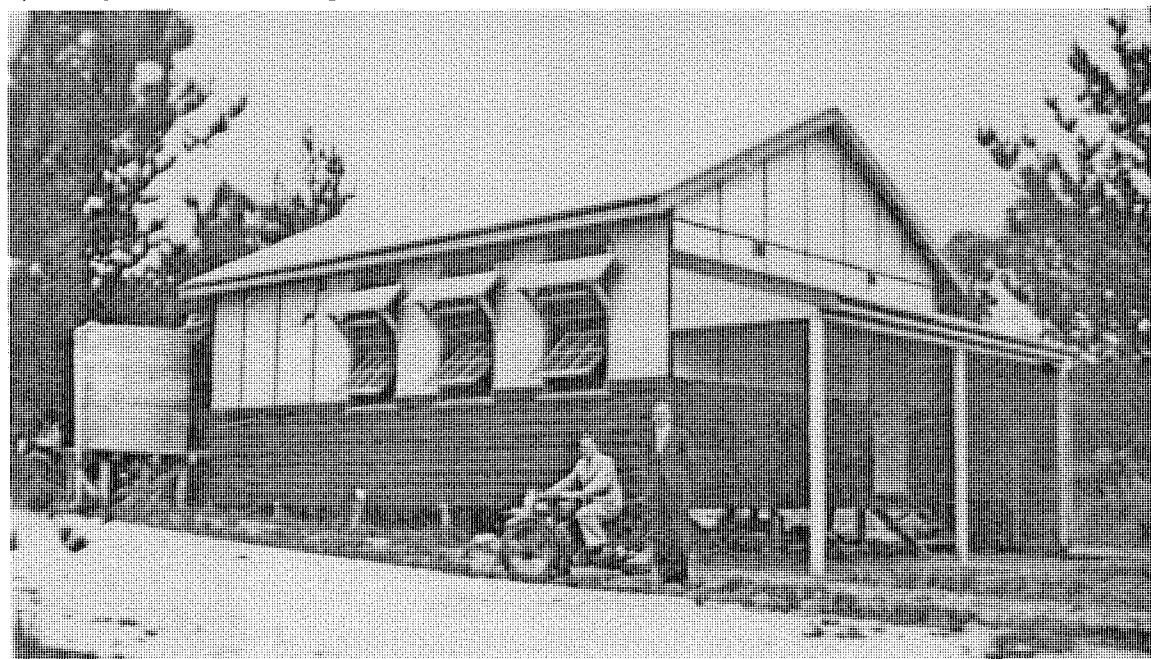
which was opposite Fred Osborne's present farm. I used to walk to school from there. There were a number of children there, the Henwoods, the Hargreaves, and of course, the Scotts. I think there was about sixteen of us who had to go to school to make up the number. I think Fred Osborne's youngest sister, she went to school while I was there and then, of course, she left; she was fourteen. I s'pose and left.

E.C. Can you remember your teachers' names?

J.H. Yes. Peter Docherty was a teacher there at the time I was there and he use to be able to wield the cane pretty well! [laughter]

EC. Not when you were quite small, surely?

J.H. (laughs) Aw, yeah, we used to get a bit of it because we used to do things ... I s'pose we. you know, sort



Carmarthen School

of needed it [laughter] spare the rod and spoil the child'

E.C. So you were only at Carmarthen a couple of years?

J.H. Yes, my father, after managing that farm vacated opposite Fred Osborne's, then went to work on the research work that was being done for wasting disease on a block there that used to belong to Mr. Alec Watson. They turned it into a "hospital block" as they called it, and this is where they did the experiments to find out why these cattle were all losing weight and that. A Dr. Filmer was the veterinarian that conducted the work on the farm and dad sort of was involved with them there with finding out and making up this Denmark Number One Lick that they found that fixed the cattle up. One I remember my father saying was that if you ever had a fire burning in the paddock, the cattle that were in trouble with the wasting disease would always stand in the smoke so you had a pretty good idea before they started to lose weight to be able to treat them early and. of course, they used to bring cattle in from various areas that were affected it seemed to be only in certain areas of Denmark that it affected them and they did these experiments there for...oh I think about five years and then they finally found out about this Denmark Lick.

EC. Where was this farm?

J.H. That was on the corner of Glenrowan Rd and I don't know what the name of the other road there used to be another one goes into it, but it came from Roberts Rd up past Carmarthen and finished up where oh ... Baldock's had a farm there up until a few years ago, and this is where they had it and the block there, the number was 461. There were two houses we lived in the house that Alec Watson had lived in and there was another house on the property there where they used as the base for Dr. Filmer to conduct all his experiments with

E.C. Were they old Group Settlers' houses?

J.H. No. they weren't Probably some of the cattle came from the Group Settlement, but it had been a Group Settlement farm and a lot of people had gone by that stage, you know, they couldn't make ends meet, and they made this other farmhouse into a laboratory. I don't really know what the outcome was ... I think after they'd

done the experiments they just abandoned everything and Dr. Filmer went back to Perth or was shifted off somewhere else. That's where they did the experiment with the cattle and they also had sheep there as well. They had the problem, apparently, with both animals.

E.C. Ah, well that was good they got onto that eventually, wasn't it?

J.H. Yeah. yeah....

E.C. And where did you go to school when you were there?

J.H. Still went to Carmarthen, because that was only at the other end. you know, sort of came down the hill and reversed and went back the other way [laughs]. I was there a couple of years and then, of course, as I said, dad was moving around a bit and I think at that time, it was during the Depression, and work then become pretty hard to get and we then shifted from there and went to live down at Cherryup there, and we were there for about aw.... two years to two and a half years and

E.C. On the Smith's place or thereabouts?

J.H. Yeah, where Alf Smith is now and dad did odd jobs around there we used to go down to the Sadies Swamps and dig potatoes for Ernie Smith and all the Smith family and they worked around there for aw, just up prior to a lot of the marginal areas settlers coining down from up, you know, way up on the eastern wheatbelt there they'd taken up properties there and it wasn't viable - they didn't have the trace elements and things on the go then as what they have today so a lot of them moved down here to Denmark and he again, got work with the Government there as a sort of a Head Stockman because they were bringing all these cattle down to Denmark and we moved then from Cherryup back into Denmark and we lived there just next to Dr. James' Surgery in the main street. There was a house there, sort of in between where the Denmark Post (Ed. Denmark Post newspaper) is....! think there were four houses down there and they were originally old Millars' timber houses. I know when we used to get a hot, sultry day there was that many white ants in the karri boards and that (laughter) they used to come out and they'd flood the whole house, you know, they were that bad. I remember mum, she was making a steak and kidney pudding one day and she lifted the lid off about the time all these white ants sort of decided to fly out of the chimney and I think we had more white ants in there than what there was meat, (laughter)

EC. What was the flavour like? [laughs]

J.H. (laughs) Pretty sort of... a bit of a wingy flavour, it was. Dad, he worked around there doing that sort of thing. I went to school in Denmark then. I'd been on correspondence while we were living out at Cherryup and it was quite a change to come from, you know, sort of having lived down near the water there where you roamed pretty free and what have you there and then to have to come in where there was a hundred and fifty children or more, you seemed as though you were a (laughs)

E.C. Got crowded out!

J.H. [laughs].... bit of a crowd...yeah. It was while we were there that my sister was born, because there's nine years eight months difference between my sister and myself, Shirley, and. of course, we had another addition to the family then, there was another mouth to feed and dad, he worked there with these people, you know, shifting cattle, they used to be out weeks on end there and they'd bring them into the Denmark Station where the holding yards were and then they'd take these cattle out oh, out various areas where they were needed. They'd George Brenton and George's brother used to work with dad there and they used to shift the cattle out a lot of them went out round Walpole, I think, you know, they'd pack their bags and they'd be away [laughs] there was horses, no mechanical means of shifting them in those days, they just drove them all.

EC Did you say there were holding yards at the Station in Denmark?

J.H. Mmm, Yes, there was

E.C. Where was the station at that time?

J.H. It's where the present Kindergarten is, where the old Post Office building's been put. there were big cattle yards there they'd probably hold one hundred and fifty, two hundred head of cattle. Later on



Scotsdale School

those yards were used by Watsonia's for sales when they used to the farmers brought their pigs in and that ... there used to be a pig sale there once a month and the, you know, this was more [inaudible] industry for



Sheds and yards at the No. 3 Railway Station site.

Denmark with that. Anyway, dad. he worked shifting these cattle in and war broke out and he joined the Army again. He stayed mostly in Albany because he'd been a Medical Officer or Medical Orderly with the British Army and, although he was too old, really, to join up he did get in because of this knowledge of the First-Aid and that that was required. He stayed in the Forts there until the end of the war, or until just prior to the end of the war. We, of course, had shifted into Albany and I went to school both at the old State School which is in the main street in Albany there, it's not used today, opposite the CWA rooms.

E.C. Oh. right mmm

J.H. In that school there yeah. I met a couple of the teachers that I'd had. One stage there, sort of between my father and mother coming from Cherryup. we did move onto the farm where my grandfather was and we lived there for a short time and went to Carmarthen School. We were there about.. ahh. six or eight months I s'pose, its a bit far back to remember, and the school teacher's name was [pause] Callahan, George Callahan. Of course, there was the Kingdon boys and the Roses, the Barry's, Berridges. then there was the O'Neill's and the Woodward's and the Beanies they were all going to the school there when I went to school.

E.C. Carmarthen?

J.H. No. to Scotsdale.

E.C. Scotsdale. mmm

J.H. Scotsdale School. Actually, about eight of us used walk to school we'd all meet because where the Woodward's lived is opposite to where my grandfather's farm was there, where Nick Golowyn's property is now. There is still the pine trees and that there where the old house used to be, just as you start to come down McNabb Rd there. These people called Beanies, they were the family of two boys and one girl

E.C. Did you say, 'Beanie'?

J.H. Yes, they came from Kalgoorlie, their father was a miner up there but he got that miner's lung disease and came to farm there where the present Mt Shadforth Lodge is. One part of the building is still there. I think, just below where the house is, where the grapevines are, but that's about all that's left of the old property, you know, the house and that that was there. Yes. so thats how we, you know, sort of all used to tootle off down to school down there After going to [inaudible] and George Callaghan was the teacher there at that time and he

was transferred into Albany and I met again there. He was a good teacher, you know. I used to get on quite well with him or most of the children did. He was a son of a very understanding man and it was nice to go to a you know, I'd found it a bit of a shock to come from Cherryup into Denmark where there was a hundred odd children, then to go into Albany where there was three hundred and fifty... it's a bit of a shock also, so to see an old face there [laughs] it was real good. I went to school there until I got to sixth grade and then went to Albany High School and I stayed there until I turned fourteen and my mother said it was time to go out to work by then, so I looked around for a position and there wasn't a lot going in those days for anybody, you know, apprenticeships much. I did get a job with A.K. Collins who was an electrician in Albany in the lower Terrace there, he had a building there. He used to operate from there; he used to do a lot of outside electrical work and he used to repair wireesses and, you know, general electrical work that they did in those days, I was "odd-job" boy; if we had work to do outside, I was the bloke that used to go out and dig all the holes. We never had a back-hoe or anything in those days, you used to

E.C. Just hard yakka!

J.H. Yeah you used to dig all the trenches for the wiring In one particular job we did was where Grahams Store is in Albany ...Peter Graham's store - up behind there, there used to be a big area that they had with fuel tanks in there and he got the contract to put all the wiring in underground up there and this is where I got my experience in digging so well [laughter]...putting all these wires in. They had big electric pumps there in case of fire and they had it set up there; I think there were four lots of pumps there for these big containers - they were all cement fuel tanks.

E.C. I supposed you often struck granite, too? [laughs]

J.H. Oh. yes, you used to Strike a bit of everything. I stayed there about twelve months and then, in the meantime, it was getting towards the tail end of the war and my mum and dad had made an arrangement with my grandfather to pay off a portion on the old farm and we went back there to live. I worked there with mum and dad 'til I was seventeen and then I went off myself They were, you know, difficult farm life there; milk the cows and so on.

E.C. They had a dairy?

J.H. Dairy, yeah, dairy and fat stock. We used to run a few sheep and that and just general farming.

E.C. Was your grandfather still there?

J.H. My grandfather, he stayed on after we bought the farm for about six months and then he went and retired in Albany where he died - in 1951 he passed away. I'd also say that during the war, my uncle, that was Henry that was the younger brother, he always had heart problems, he died in 1942 during the war. So my grandfather, he earned on the farm at that stage with the help of a young chap called Tom Atkinson and they kept the farm going until mum and dad bought it, you know, through the war. My grandfather, he stayed in Albany there with my eldest aunty, Alice Rushton (nee Todd). She married John Rushton - they were another family that were in Denmark here - they were one of the first settlers' here also, and he lived with them. They'd retired there from Brookton, the uncle had had a Newsagency and general store in Brookton - through health problems and that, they came to Albany There was the three girls in the family and my mother's other sister, which was the middle one, Gertie they called her, she'd married a chap called Flugge in Katanning, a farmer there and they had a farm out towards Nyabing The Flugge family was pretty old; the original ones came from South Australia and they could only speak German.

After working for Whittaker's Timber Mill for nine years. I was offered a job at the Denmark Shire. I worked in various positions there doing mechanical work and driving trucks and what ever. I learnt the driving of graders, front end loaders which all came in quite handy in later years. I worked for the Denmark Shire for six years and Peter Whittaker, who is a friend of mine, offered me a job to work for him in the garage that he and Harold Myer owned which is now Kettle's Deli. While working there, it came to the point where the Shire were making new laws and things and Peter and Harold had to shift from that position on Holling Road there, to where Talisman Motors is today. They built that garage there and we moved from the Kettle's Deli area to the present site at Talisman Motors, (Ed's note: Now where Supa IGA is today)

E.C. When would that have been. Jim?

J.H. Ah 1970 it would have been 'bout 72. I worked there with Peter and in that time I decided it was time it was about time to get a bit more knowledge of mechanics and I went to Albany Tech School at night for four years and learned the technical side of the aspects of mechanics, which was very helpful to have a



Talisman Motors

Technical School in Albany for this type of thing because, you know, we had no fixtures out here or anything so

E.C. How often did you go to classes?

J.H. We used to go once a week. Donald Atkinson went with me and actually Bill Murphy was the one that got me instigated in it in the first place because they were doing this course for the I. A.M.E. and they wanted somebody else to fill in, so I went in the latter part of when they first started and, of course, that sort of got my appetite for it and I went on from there and got my Certificate for the I.A.M.E

E.C Did you go after work?

J.H Yeah I used to leave here about half past six. Classes used to start at seven o'clock and we'd finish at about nine and then come back again home we used to take it in turns Bill and myself, when we first started, used each vehicle every couple of weeks. And then, later on. Bill had gone as far as he could go, so I continued on and this is when Donald Atkinson decided that he'd like to further his studies too, more or less to get this I.A.M.E. Certificate, which is world-wide. It's recognised right throughout the world, so it was very handy if you ever wanted to travel; all you had to do is show this Certificate and the Companies would recognise that you had that knowledge; it was quite handy. I kept working there for Peter right up until it was eleven years, eleven and a half years I worked for him and then because his partner, Harold Myer. was getting fairly well up in years at that time and work was getting a bit hard for him - Harold used to do all the accounts and sort of all the book work and that - and it was just getting passed him. so rather than Peter take on another partner, he decided that they'd sell the business to Gilpin's who have still got it now. I worked for them for about twelve months and then I decided that it was time that I found something else so I just worked around for myself for a little while there -I did R.T.A. Vehicle Examining and then I got a job in the Main Roads. Having a bit of mechanical experience that I'd had, that come in handy when I worked there and I put in seven years there and did all the various things and this is where, you know, you learn to drive tractors and graders and all that sort of thing and I was quite interested in that aspect of work. I went right through there until, as I say, seven years and then, because I was getting towards the age of sixty and the Main Roads Department were trying to reduce their numbers in the Albany one - well, it was much the same right throughout the state - so all those around the sixty that had crook arms and hip replacements and things like that, they sort of pensioned them off I thought, "Well, that's getting to my stage there. I was lucky, I was just having a talk to

Alec Burrows one day and he offered me a job back here in the Shell Service Station. It took me about three months to tidy up with the Main Roads - fix up all the bits and pieces that we had because, at that stage, I was sort of on a supervisory staff there and we had certain work that we had to finish so when I'd done that

E.C. You were travelling quite a bit?

J.H. Oh. yeah we lived away from home. I used to leave anywhere between three and four o'clock on a Monday morning and we'd travel from Denmark to Ravensthorpe quite often or further actually Munglinup in the east, was our furthestest part that we had in our area and north to Katanning through that area and Kojonup across and then back down to the south area here which was Nornalup was our boundary so it was a pretty big area. So you could be going anywhere - most of the work I did was what they called specific maintenance". In the winter time here we'd head east - we'd go out to Ravensthorpe and that because it's a little bit drier there and you could work around there and up round Pingrup and that, so we'd spend the winter months there and in the summer months we'd sort of work around Kojonup - out toward Boyup Brook - and then south here - Mt. Barker and all around Denmark.

E. C. You were always on the move!

J.H Yeah oh, probably two months, maybe, at one stage would be all you would be able to spend in one place - and we lived in a caravan. Ethel, she always used to cook me up pre-heated meals. I was in a caravan on my own and it was pretty well set up, we had a little refrigerator and, if you were lucky, you'd have your TV at night, and other than that, it was read a book or go to bed - there wasn't any entertainment much in it I did that for the seven years until

E. C. You were quite pleased to come back to a settled life.

J.H. Aw....yeah, after spending what, about twenty eight years without going away from home and then all of a sudden you find yourself [laughs]you're off out into the bush.... aah. it comes a bit hard. Anyway, we got on all right and like I said, it was a good experience to work with the Main Roads Department because they were pretty good to work for. I went to about three schools and that specific maintenance that we did, they taught us a lot about what we had to do and it was all

E.C. different sorts of machinery?

J.H. Yeah....machinery' and different types of materials on roads and that, you know and we worked in conjunction with the laboratories. You had to test all your gravels and soils and that to know what was underneath the old type of road that was there. A lot times when we dug out these great patches of deteriorated ground, you'd find logs and anything in there you know because when they first built the road, especially from Jerramungup to Ravensthorpe there, they virtually just ploughed everything into the middle and made a road of it - it wasn't really constructed like it is today. You'd pick out these spots - they'd start to depreciate and you'd get in there and start pulling all this stuff out so you never knew what you were going to find there! We had to know what we were going to put back in. you know, there's a base course - this is where you had all the stuff done from the laboratory; they'd tested it all - we used to go ahead prior to doing the jobs and test-drill all the road area to find out what really was in the base of it and then sometimes it didn't really tell you what it was because you could put the test holes down and be away from whatever was causing the problem - it all worked in eventually, you got it done.

E.C. Quite a lot in it?

J.H. I. Yeah quite a lot in it and as I said. Alec offered me a job back here in Denmark and I came back after that and of course. I was sixty by then and I stayed working with the Shell until I retired, when I was sixty three. I'd had a pretty good grounding in a lot of things, you know, right through that time.

E.C. Very varied working life!

J.H. Yeah.... you know, you can specialise in some things but a lot of times you can't get a job so I think if you're a bit of a "jack-of-all-trades" you can always find something to do. or know how to do it. It's good to know these things because you never know when you need to put them into practice. A lot of times you've got to substitute for something and if you know how to go about it in a different way or get you out of trouble yeah... so that's what we did. When I was working for Whittaker's Timber Mill there, Whittaker's had, aah. I think it was about twenty eight houses in all, there in that area on Ocean Beach Road and for the first three years

EC. Had they built them?

J.H. No, they were built by State Housing and we found out at a later date that Whittaker's had the ownership, really, of who or whoever went in and out of the houses there - their workers only could go in - nobody from outside of the Mill could rent the houses or anything and this was sort of unknown to a lot of people until the time when I came to leave Whittaker's and go and work for the Shire. I was living in the house. 81 Ocean Beach Road there, which was the Foreman's house and of course, we were asked to leave I'd found out in the meantime that Whittaker's had no more control over the houses, so we paid a deposit and that's where we lived there for over twenty years we lived in that. We re-did all the inside of it and we altered the bathroom and everything to what normally was in there and made quite a nice home of it. then we had the offer of the block here where we are now and we built the house as it is now and moved down here. We lived in a caravan here for about eight months while the house was being built. We had all the showering facilities and the toilet and everything in Harry's house next door, so it was pretty good that.

E.C. You'd met the owner of the block?

J.H. Yeah I'd met Harry twenty years before, he used to come up when I worked with Whittaker's and I got



Whittaker's Mill and houses

to know him a little bit then and I always used to keep my boat down here, pretty well where it is now, just at the front of the house, and whenever I used to go fishing, I'd see him or his wife and this is how we became friendly.

E.C. You kept your boat here?

J.H. Yeah yeah I used to just keep it down the front here, because in those days there was a track just down to the water here because there was very few houses here at that stage. The one next door here where Mrs Gordon is, that was the original house, the first house that was built on Harrington Estate - it was built by Archdeacon Strugnall. He and his wife used to be at Kobeelya; she was the house-mother, I think, and he was in the education side of it. When they retired they came and built this house here While they were waiting for the house to be built, they lived on the other side of the Estuary here. There's none of it left there now. but there used to be horse stables and a little dwelling over there that Brigadier Potts from Kojonup. he used to bring his polo ponies down in the summer time there and he used to house them in the stables and he and a few of his friends used to live in the little house over there: of course, they used to have a holiday and that. They used to swim the horses across the Channel at one time - the Channel, most times here, is open from the end of June July until probably January or February. They'd take all their stores and everything over and the chaff and stuff for the horses in the boat, and then they'd swim the horses across. Of course. Archdeacon Strugnall knew Brigadier Potts and that's how he came to live in the little house over there until this one was

built. They used to just commute backwards and forwards in their boat.

E.C. About when would that have been?

J.H. Ahh [pause] about forty years that house would have been up next door there

E.C. In the fifties?

J.H. Yeah yeah....about middle fifties it would have been I s'pose fifty-four, something like that Yeah, it'd be fifty years ago.

E.C. You say there's no [unclear] stables or house now?

J.H. No, it was all pulled down about fifteen years ago I s'pose. Colin Schumann that had the Gum Grove Chalets and also the Caravan Park down at Wilson Inlet Caravan Park, he bought this stuff. I think, off Archdeacon Strugnall and Brigadier Potts -I think they did a deal there somewhere and he took all the timber that was available over there from the stables and the house and some of those cottages that are built down at the Caravan Park there, are from the old stables over there. There's a bit of history because they used to run cattle and everything over there in the early days Bayley's that were the butchers' here, they ran their cattle over there and fattened them up. Back to old J D Smith, which is one of the original Smith's here, they used to have horses over there - wild horses over there up until about twenty five years ago and they were destroyed and some of them were caught, I think, but there were a number of them over there There's nothing there now. a few kangaroos and sheep but I think the reason why Brigadier Potts and Archdeacon Strugnall had to shift all that stuff over there because it belonged to the Smiths. Cedric Smith. I think, owned all that land over there and then I in I latter years - about twenty years ago. might be a bit more - he sold it to these Palos Verdes mob and that was then they had to shift all the materials from there That's how that came about Harry Geard, our next-door neighbour, he owned this acre of land here and he and his wife used to come down from Perth and they built the house that's there now BJC. What is his name?

J.H. Geard. .Harry Geard - it's not a very common name.

E.C. No... is that G-E-A-R-D

J.H. Yeah and, you know, having known him all that time, he always said to me, because I'd done a few services for him - one thing and another - you know, we'd become very good friends and then a few years ago he and his wife moved from Perth - they had a beautiful house in South Perth in Rich Street and it just got to the stage up there where there were too many breaking and enterings and things like that They were in their seventies then and they decided to leave Perth and come down here to live. His wife. Amy. was only here a matter of weeks and she had a heart-attack and she passed away which was a big blow to the old chap because they had no family, they had no children at all and Harry himself has no relatives at all He had a couple of cousins: Fred Hughes was one and Jimmy Tuft was the other one • they're the only two that I knew of I His wife, Mrs. Heard. she had a niece and two nephews and that was the whole extent of the family In the course of everything, after his wife died, he used to call in and see Ethel and I on his way backwards and forwards because he used to go off to Perth and around a little bit at that stage He'd come into our home there in Ocean Beach Road and have a cup of coffee and what have you and he just said to us one day, "If I split the Block of mine there in half." he said, "would you be prepared to take the other half?" So that's how we come to eel the land here.

E.C. It would have been lonely, just one person on a whole acre.

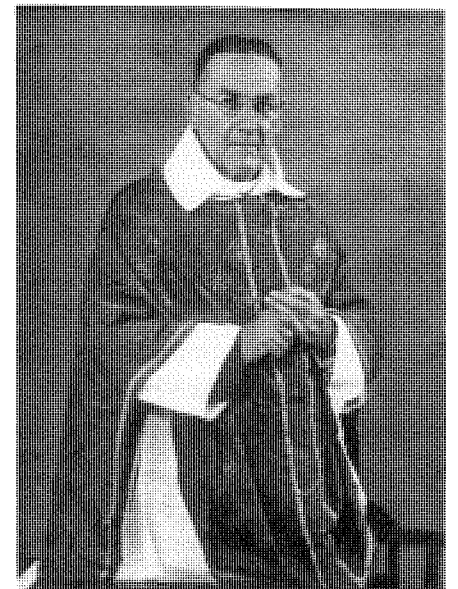
J.H. Yeah because he's got no. you know, he doesn't mix a lot - he's always been a quite sort of a chap - and as I said, he had the farm at Kulin and then moved from Kulin to Perth to retire because his wife had heart problems, even back in those days I to really looked after her and I think the emotional shift down here was too much for the poor old lady because she was well in her late seventies then He's ninety two now

E.C. Is he?

J.H. You know, she's been dead quite a few years

E.C. He must be pleased to have you living here.

J.H. Oh. yeah because it's real handy - he gets a cup of coffee and talk to him and since I've had my hip done,



Archdeacon Strugnall

he's been filling my wood box [laughs] and looking after Ethel no. he's good - not bad to be able to split the wood at ninety-two!

E.C. J.D. Smith seems to have been quite a character in Denmark in his day

J.H. J.D., as you've mentioned, he was quite a character. He had a small farm opposite the hospital - Jeff Hickey's house and the one John Edwards lives in - all that land there, belonged to J.D. in those days. He used to run a few cattle and things there and also he used to run the horses and the cattle over on the coast hills on the South Shore. He just worked around doing those sort of things. In the early days there. I think their cattle just ran wild through the town because I've heard there where Dr. James Surgery is. that used to be a store in the early days there, and it would be nothing for the cattle to sleep under there of a night The store used to belong to Mr. Craig and he'd have to get out next morning with a bucket of water and broom and sweep all the cow manure off the footpath and everything before he could get anybody to come into his grocery store [laughter] so it was pretty rugged. The old chap, he employed a few boys there after they left school He used to take them out, I think it was more or less just bread and butter and a bit of pocket money, and help him round up these horses and cattle on the South Shore and also on the western side, they used to go right through lo Lights Beach as well.

E.C. What. the cattle and horses?

J.H. Cattle and horses...mmmmm

E.C. And did he break the horses in?

J.H. Yeah, he used to break them in and sell them That was the only means of transport in the early days and I think he had an Arab thoroughbred stallion from somewhere and, of course, he bred from that. A lot of the horses here were from that animal, so he used to get a fairly good price for them. Ethel, she nursed him before he died and she was saying that his memory went on him and he'd be sitting in bed there - she'd give him a couple of pieces of bandage or something on the end of the bed - and he'd be driving the horses still! [laughs] He used to get out of bed and go down in the creek there, you know, between the Fire-Station and they'd have to go down and drag him out (laughs) and get him back into hospital again. He was quite a character in Denmark. I think there were four brothers here in Denmark of the Smiths - J.D. was the eldest, I think, and then the others were brothers and cousins: there was Charlie Smith and Ernie and one other

E.C. Louis?

J.H. Yeah



Ethel and Jim Hart



Ethel and Jim Hart. Picture: SERENA KIRBY

Top: Jim and Ethel Hart 68 years ago.

Right: An 18-month-old Jim on the steps of his childhood home.



Denmark's oldest timer recalls life by The Lake

By SERENA KIRBY

IT'S hard to imagine a four-year-old walking three miles to school on their own.

But that's what Jim Hart did.

And travelling by horse and cart to shop at the Co-op; Jim did that too.

"We also used to go by horse and cart out to Springdale Beach for a Boxing Day cricket match," he said.

"There'd be loads of us and it was a great Christmas tradition."

Back when Jim was a boy he lived on his parents' farm, Big Karri, and attended the tiny Scotsdale school that had just 12 students.

"It was a long walk on my own but that's just what you did."

"No kid would do that nowadays and I'm sure no parent would let them."

"The Denmark winter was a lot colder and wetter so it was pretty hard going."

These are just some of the snapshots of Denmark life in the early 1940s.

And Jim is Denmark's longest surviving local resident.

Born in 1929 at the Denmark Hospital he's spent nearly two years longer than the previous suspect for the title, 90-year-old, Jeff Bayley.

Jim will be 92 this year.

Jim's involvement in the Denmark community is extensive and diverse.

He lived in a tent for several years while helping settle migrants at Rocky Gully, he worked as a foreman in the town's once busy timber mill and also worked for the Main Roads Department and the Denmark Shire.

Jim spent several years as a volunteer ambulance driver and was a founding member of the Denmark Fire Brigade.

He helped build the Hockley Street fire station that's still in use today and is a past brigade captain.

"I was also a mechanic for many years at Rick-ey's Garage; the building is now Ravens Cafe," Jim said.

"I remember the day a car rolled down the street right into the garage and over the pits."

"It was a sight to see and it was lucky no one was hurt."

But of all Jim's lucky days, the day he attended a dance at the Scotsdale Hall is probably his luckiest; he met Ethel Clipston.

"I thought he was pretty nice looking so I asked him to dance," Ethel grins.

The couple married in 1955 and this month celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary.

With three children, 10 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, Jim and Ethel have created a large and loving clan.

Jim's other great love is fishing.

"I've always fished and when I was a kid I just used a bit of fishing line wrapped around a stick," he said.

"Rods were too expensive for us."

"Fish was much needed food for our family and I reckon I know every inch of Wilson Inlet." After moving to an inlet frontage home three decades ago, Jim took advantage of his proximity to what he calls, The Lake.

Most days he could be seen out in his tinny, in rain and in sunshine, catching King George whiting and flathead to feed his extended family.

Lotteries grant for seasons study

THE Denmark Environment Centre has received a \$84,403 Lotterywest grant for a series of six environmental workshops based around the Noon-gar seasons.

The Noon-gar people observed the region's plants and animals to divide the year into six seasons: Birak, Bunuru, Djeran, Makuru, Djilba and Kam-barang.

Traditionally Noon-gar people hunted and gathered food using the signs in nature combined with this inherited knowledge to guide them to identify and obtain resources.

The Denmark Environment Centre will host the series of interactive workshops at different locations in Denmark and the Great Southern.

The participants will gain knowledge on the na-

tive flora and fauna species and significant cultural sites in the town.

The plan is to build the communities understanding of the natural assets that surround the town.

The Lotterywest grant also enables the DEC to engage new and re-engage old members following the COVID-19 pandemic.

The DEC was established in 1987, being the first country environment centre. Today it is a thriving not-for-profit group that promotes environmental and conservation interests in the South Coast region.

The DEC advocates, raises awareness and supports other groups on local environmental issues. For more information contact the project coordinator, Holly Pepper, on 0407 477 911.

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What's on

Thursday, February 24
8-hole and 9-hole mixed competitions held on Thursday, for the 18-hole competition, arrive 11.45am for noon hit off, 9-hole competition, arrive 1.30pm for a 1.45pm hit off, Denmark Country Club.

Saturday, February 26
Denmark Men's Shed, Saturday from 9am, Men's Shed, Inlet Drive, contact Bruce 0413 849 237.

Reunion for former players and supporters of Denmark Cricket Club, 2pm, McLean Oval, contact Steve Nairn, 0458 052 073 or Barry Pittam, 0400 865 582, bring memorabilia.

Monday, February 28
Denmark Lions, 6.30pm, Lions Lair, Inlet Drive, Heritage Railway reserve. Contact Brian Redfern 9848 2463. All new members welcome. (second and

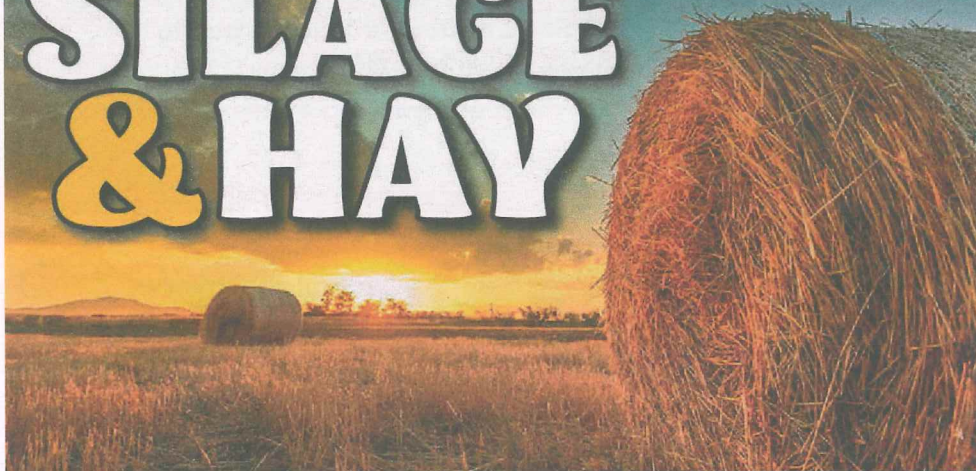
fourth Monday of the month.)

Tuesday, March 1
Soupy, a nourishing meal for all, 5-7pm, RSL Hall, bring your own bowl and spoon (Every Tuesday).

Seniors get-together, 10am-2pm, Garden Room Morgan Richards Community Centre, Contact Clarence Estate on 9841 5999 or just turn up.

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Obituary

Hart-felt thanks as Jim goes forever fishing

Jim Hart
Sept 20, 1929-Feb 6, 2022.
By SERENA KIRBY

JAMES (Jim) Millener Hart died peacefully on Sunday, February 6 at Blue Wren Lodge in Denmark, aged 92.

Jim will be remembered as a gentle man and a gentleman.

Born in 1929 at the Denmark Hospital, Jim was Denmark's oldest locally-born resident.

The son of Marion and Charles Hart, Jim was one of two children and is survived by his younger sister Shirley.

Jim has always been a much treasured member of the Denmark community and has worked in many and varied roles.

He lived in a tent for several years while helping settle post-war migrants at Rocky Gully and was a foreman at the local timber mill.

After leaving the mill Jim worked for the Denmark Shire and the Main Roads Department before working as a mechanic for nearly 20 years.

But Jim was much more than a working man, he loved his community and especially his family.

In his younger years he spent time as a volunteer ambulance driver and was a founding member of the Denmark Fire Brigade.

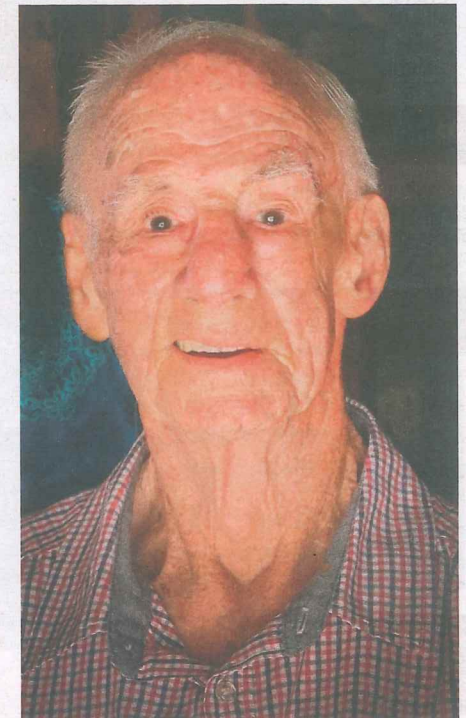
He was also a fire brigade captain and helped build the Hockley Street fire station that's still in use today.

After Jim retired he was never idle.

He was either growing veggies, brewing beer, helping others or fishing on the Inlet.

His knowledge of local fishing led him to become Denmark's volunteer fishing officer for the Department of Fisheries, a role he took to like a fish to water.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 67 years,



Jim Hart.

Ethel, and their three children, Jennifer Berliner, Susan Franz and Darryl Hart as well as 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

The Hart family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the wonderful Dr Brett Lamb and all those at Blue Wren Lodge who gave so much care and respect to Jim in his final months.

The family also wish to thank the Denmark Riverside Club for hosting the recent funeral and give their 'Hart-felt' thanks to all the relatives and friends for their sympathy and support.

Loved by many, Jim has now forever gone fishing.





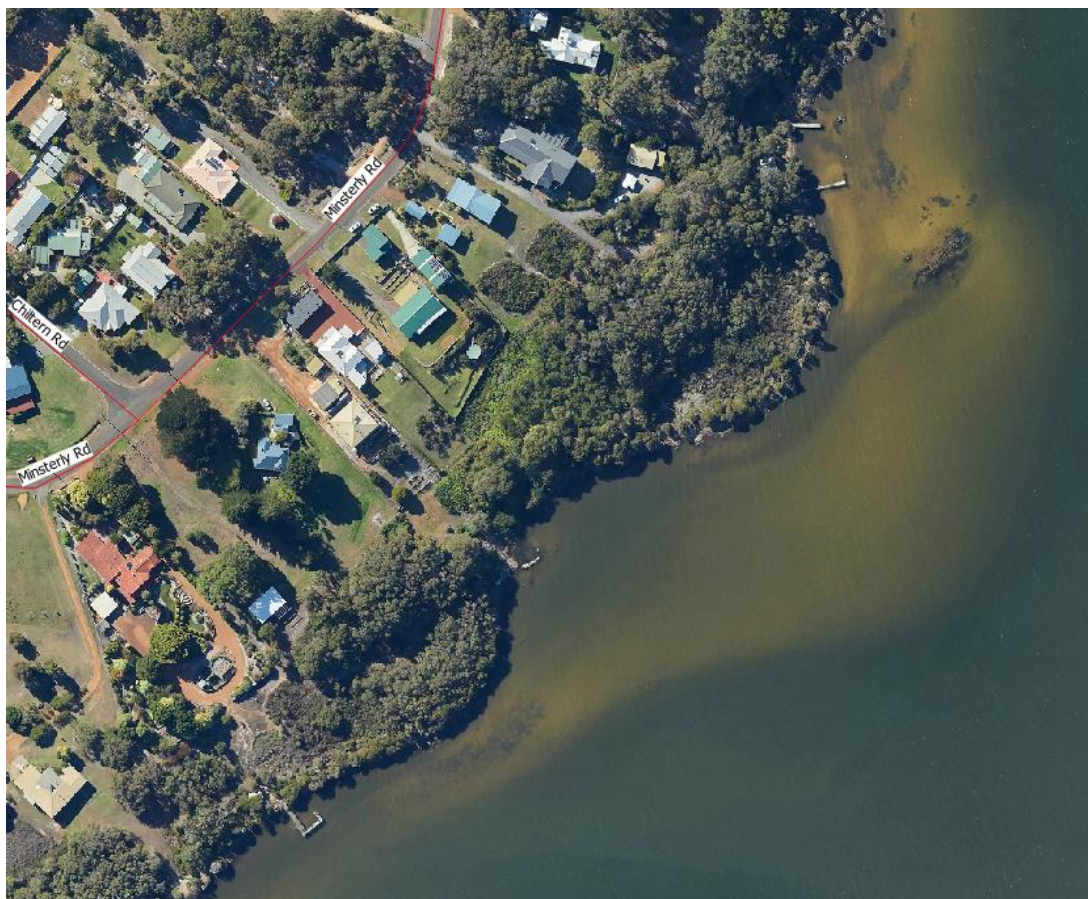
Proposed Naming of Hart Cove







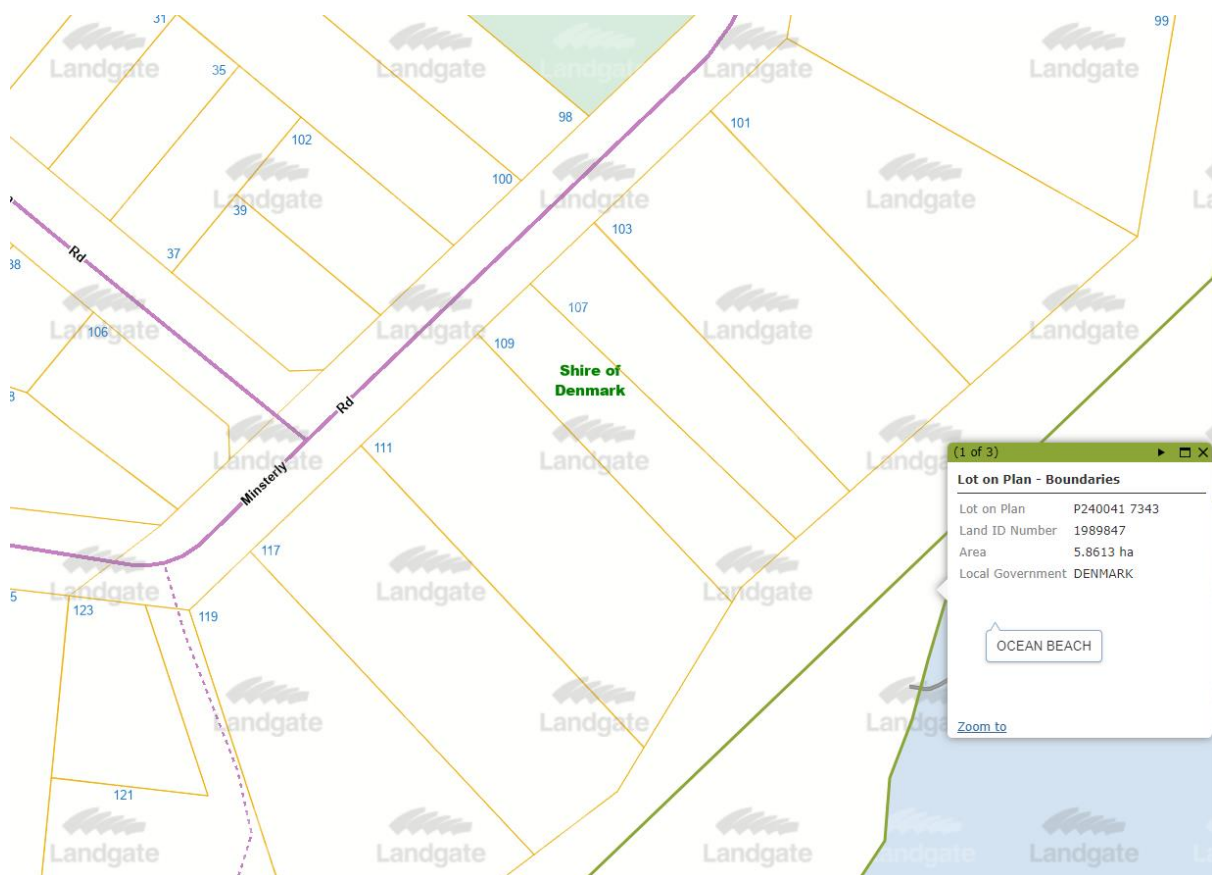
Cove on the Wilson Inlet proposed to be named 'Hart Cove' in remembrance of James (Jim) Hart located behind 107 & 109 Minsterly Road



QGIS image of cove.



Google Map showing Wilson Inlet, Poddyshot Bay to south of subject Cove.



Lot on Plan P240041 7343 Land ID 1989847 5.8613 ha.

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Re: Activity Notice - Naming

Thank you for your correspondence, our apology for the delay in responding. The Wagyl Kaip Southern Noongar Cultural Advice Committee (CAC) conducted their meeting on the 14 December 2022.

Items discussed NAM.131022 – BIRD SANCTUARY – SHIRE OF DENMARK

Action: “DJERRT MIA” meaning bird home was supported.

NAM. 141222 – WILSON INLET – HART COVE – SHIRE OF DENMARK

Action: Information provided and discuss with NO OBJECTION to the naming to Hart Cove.

Thank you for your patience, as we establish internal processes to work through implementation of our organisation.



Olivia Roberts
Chairperson
Wagyl Kaip Cultural Advice Committee
444 Albany Highway
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20 December 2022

18 July 2023 - Attachment 9.4.2c