

A Brief History of Lake Clifton

Lake Clifton was named after Marshall Waller Clifton who arrived in Western Australia to manage the settlement scheme at Australind, and was later a member of the Legislative Council.

Explorers Dr Alexander Collie and Lieutenant William Preston RN first came across what are now Lakes Preston and Clifton in 1829. After the introduction of convicts to the Swan River Colony in the 1850s, the "Old Coast Road" south of Mandurah was formalised. For most of its length, the road went through well-timbered, sandy limestone country of little value to agriculture. The area's first European settler was John Fouracre, who built a house in this area in 1852 and established a wayside inn and changing station at Wellington Location 205 in 1854.

Initially gazetted as Leschenault in 1921, it was renamed Garbanup and in 1923 was changed again to Lake Clifton.



There are many beautiful native flowers in the area

A Brief History of Herron

James and Isabella Herron emigrated from Ireland in 1853. James joined the police at Guildford and was later transferred to Pinjarra. In 1864, the family moved to a 70-acre block at Lake Clifton. This was near the track from Mandurah to Australind at the time.

The family moved from Lake Clifton to Coolup around 1893. Coolup had better soils and was less isolated. The family moved their stock from the coast to Coolup across the sandbar that used to form at Island Point on the Harvey Estuary.

Despite a prosperous start in Australia, the family's fortune turned as two sisters drowned during a boating accident on Lake Clifton in December 1886. Siblings Sarah and Robert survived the ordeal after clinging to the upturned boat for two days.



Island Point

Lake Clifton Herron Residents Association (LCHRA)

The Lake Clifton Herron Residents Association provides services and support for residents of Lake Clifton (Shire of Waroona) and Herron (City of Mandurah). We built and operate a modern community centre and other facilities that support sporting and recreational activities. Our association is dedicated to creating a cohesive community with a developed sense of identity and purpose. We welcome new members and community attendance at our bi-monthly meetings. Look for details on our Facebook page or website.



For more information...

There are plenty of things to do and sights to see. Too many for this little brochure. This QR code will take you to the Lake Clifton website where you will find more information and some links to guide you. Please enjoy our beautiful locality. All we ask is that you leave nothing but footprints and take nothing but photos.



LCHRA

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Lake Clifton and Herron Home to the Thrombolites and a great place to live



Lake Clifton-Herron Community

Although our community has two names and crosses two local government boundaries, Lake Clifton and Herron form a natural community. Properties are rural or rural residential, meaning residents share the same issues of managing acreage in an environmentally sensitive area.

Our community lives in a beautiful part of the Peel region about one hour south of Perth and 40 minutes north of Bunbury. The local Yalgorup Lakes and Peel-Harvey Estuary are internationally recognised as Wetlands of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention 1971. Lake Clifton is also home to Critically Endangered Thrombolites - living rocks!

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Historic Lake Clifton Lime Kiln Site and Walk Trail

The Historic Lake Clifton Lime Kiln Day Use Area is a wheelchair-friendly area incorporating a picnic area and informational signs. An easy Grade 1 Walk Trail through the area, 1km return, includes a Talking Circle with Aboriginal artwork of the six Noongar seasons that celebrates the connection of the traditional owners to this area.



The WA Portland Cement Company dredged marl from the bed of Lake Clifton from 1919 to 1923. The marl was pumped into drying beds and transported to Burswood by rail via Waroona. A kiln was built late in the operation in an attempt to produce lime on site but it was not successful.

Quality issues finally caused the operation to close and the company abandoned the works and the shantytown of Lake Clifton. The kiln headworks are well-preserved and there are other interesting relics. Remnants of the railway line to Waroona can be seen in the local bush.



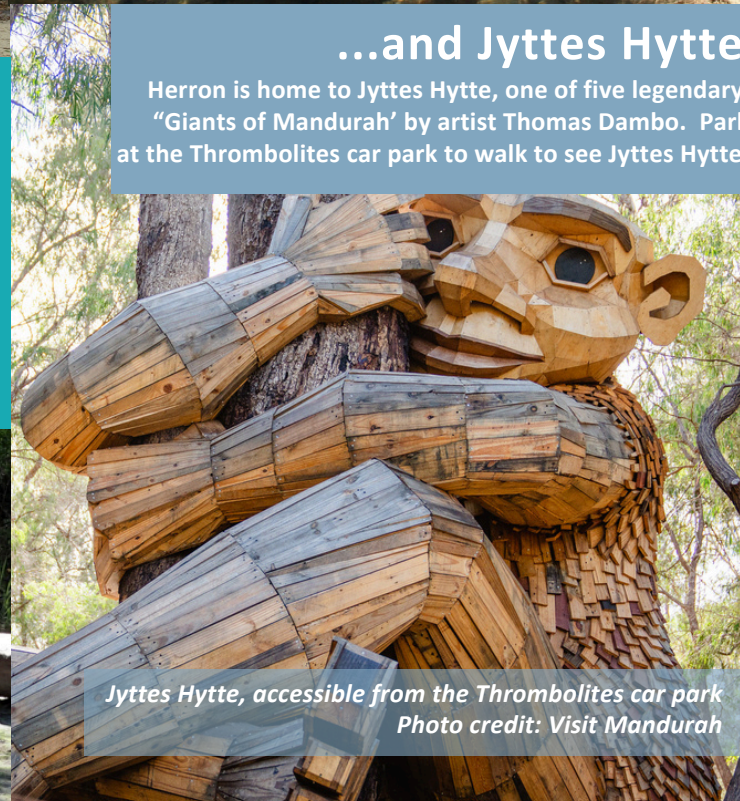
The Talking Circle at the Lime Kiln Walk Trail

Our Ancient Thrombolites...

Thrombolites are rock-like and are built by microorganisms. They were the only known form of life on Earth 350 million years ago. Microbes found in Thrombolite formations are believed to be responsible for the first oxygen production which allowed life to exist on earth.

The Lake Clifton Thrombolites are Critically Endangered and are approximately 2000 years old. They can be viewed from the boardwalk at the end of Mount John Road in Herron. There is more information at this location and you can learn more at the DBCA web page. This QR code will take you to their page.

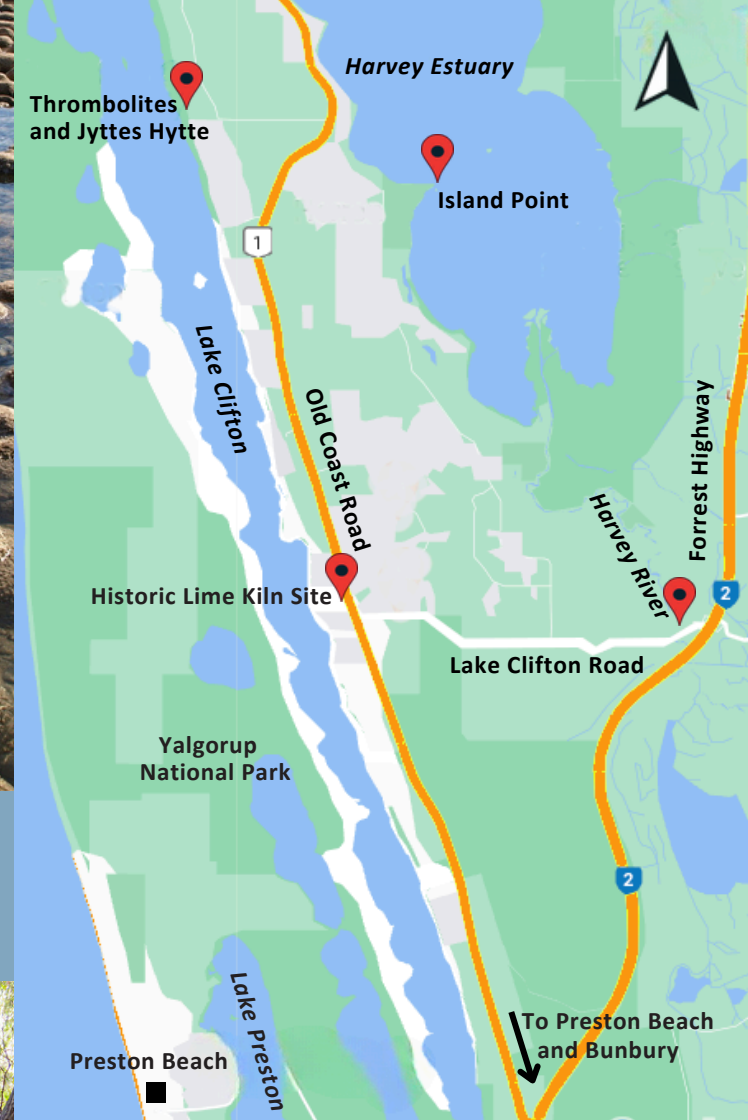
The boardwalk also provides a great view of the lake and there is a walking trail through the local bush.



...and Jyttes Hytte

Herron is home to Jyttes Hytte, one of five legendary "Giants of Mandurah" by artist Thomas Dambo. Park at the Thrombolites car park to walk to see Jyttes Hytte.

Jyttes Hytte, accessible from the Thrombolites car park
Photo credit: Visit Mandurah



Other Points of Interest

The Harvey Estuary is easily accessible from Island Point.

Yalgorup Lakes - 10 lakes all within the Yalgorup National Park. Stretching for 50km, they are protected under the Ramsar Convention as Wetlands of International Importance.

Yalgorup National Park - More than just a bunch of pretty lakes, this park is the largest National Park on the Swan Coastal Plain and the home of ancient living rock legends, the Critically Endangered Thrombolites.

Harvey River - restoration works have made this an ideal location for walking and canoeing. Access is from Lake Clifton Road, about 1km west of the John Tognela Rest Area at the corner of Forrest Highway.