

FEBRUARY  
2013

# Cockburn Soundings

## A SYMPHONY OF SOUND AT MANNING PARK



The City has drawn some big names to Cockburn and this year won't be any different with the Western Australian Symphony Orchestra (WASO) performing at the Regional Concert on Saturday 9 March at Manning Park.

The 70-piece orchestra with 20 choir singers will expel an explosion of sound into the park, turning it onto an outdoor spectacular not to be missed.

Musical themes will vary from Beethoven and Strauss to more familiar movie themes.

Cockburn Idol **finals** will also take place at the Regional Concert and the winner announced. This is a **FREE** family event for all so bring along your chairs and picnic blankets and prepare your ears for a feast of sound and music.

Saturday, 9 March

Manning Park, Azelia Rd, Hamilton Hill  
6pm - 10pm

[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/summeroffun](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/summeroffun)

Food and drink will be available for purchase onsite.

**WASO**  
West Australian  
Symphony Orchestra

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### Home Library Service

Cockburn Libraries will come to you if you are ill or have a disability and can't get to one of our libraries.

The Home Library Service is organised and run out of Spearwood Library.

This is a free service and may be used by people living in their own homes, nursing homes or other accommodation within the City of Cockburn. To use the Home Library Service people must be genuinely unable to visit the library. Home library visits are made every four weeks.

For more information on the Home Library Service please call Mary or Jen at Spearwood Library on 9411 3808.



Library staff member, Mary Kean with David enjoying the various activities available at the City's Libraries.

### Back to School

Yes it's that time again and we are getting ready for school. Whether your child is starting year one or high school, we have the tools to help! We have books on helping your youngster to adapt to the school way of life or even great recipe books to help with lunches. We have reading books and online databases to help with homework. Visit one of our three libraries to help make your school year easier!

### IELTS International English Language Testing System

IELTS is the International English Language Testing System which tests English proficiency. Whether you want to prepare for study, work or migration or just improve your literacy skills, Cockburn libraries can help you through *Road to IELTS*. You can find this practical online resource by going to our website <http://library.cockburn.wa.go.au>. Navigate through eBooks and eResources and then Languages. You'll find two modules: *Road to IELTS Academic* and *General Training*. Both modules are made up of four parts – Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking but vary in levels of difficulty.

To help with your preparation for tests *Road to IELTS* provides **test samples** and **official IELTS practice materials**. The tests cover the full range of ability from non-user to expert user and the results are graded on the unique IELTS 9-band scale. Also, you are not limited in how many times you can sit the test.

So why don't you try *Road to IELTS*? It's user-friendly and a great tool for testing and improving your literacy skills.

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



2012 proved to be a year of high achievement for the City at a local, state and national level and 2013 appears to be destined for a very similar outcome. The construction of the Coogee Beach Surf Life Saving and Community facility,

the integrated health and community facility and the new Success Library are all well underway, as is the planning for the proposed integrated aquatic and recreation community facility at Cockburn Central West. A record dollar spend on major capital works programs covering roads and pathways is also being rolled out this year.

The City's 'Summer of Fun' program is gathering momentum with an exciting array of opportunities for people of all ages and abilities across our community. By now you will have your new Cockburn calendar displayed somewhere prominently in your home or office. The City has received an overwhelmingly positive response to the historically-themed calendar. It contains information to inform readers about the extensive range of

events and services offered during the year.

Local government reform will be a major theme in 2013. The Robson Report handed down in October 2012 recommends Cockburn as one of 12 local governments in the Perth metropolitan area (down from 30). Comments on the Robson Report are open until 5 April 2013 and I encourage you to forward your thoughts on-line at: [www.dlg.wa.gov.au](http://www.dlg.wa.gov.au) or by mail to: Department of Local Government, Metropolitan Local Government Review, GPO Box R1250, PERTH. WA 6844.

On behalf of the elected members and staff I trust that 2013 brings to everyone the opportunity to enhance your personal and family well-being. I look forward to the input of our valued volunteers and the community as we seek to continue Cockburn's growth across our industrial, commercial, retail and residential sectors.

**Logan K Howlett, JP**  
**Mayor**

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## PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE 2013

City of Cockburn conducts its Ordinary Council Meetings on the **2nd Thursday** of each month commencing at 7:00pm (doors open at 6:45pm). Council meetings are open to the public and are held in Council Chambers, on the corner of Rockingham Road and Coleville Crescent, Spearwood. The AGM of Electors will be held on Tuesday, 5 February and is open to the public.

Audit and Strategic Finance Committee Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of March, July and November, are open to the public and are also held in Council Chambers, commencing at 6.00pm (doors open at 5.50pm).

Month	Date	Meeting Type	Time
February	Tuesday, 5 February	AGM of Electors	7pm
	Thursday, 14 February	Ordinary Meeting of Council	7pm
March	Thursday, 14 March	Ordinary Meeting of Council	7pm
	Thursday, 21 March	Audit & Strategic Finance Committee	6pm
April	Thursday, 11 April	Ordinary Meeting of Council	7pm
May	Thursday, 9 May	Ordinary Meeting of Council	7pm
June	Thursday, 13 June	Ordinary Meeting of Council	7pm
July	Thursday, 11 July	Ordinary Meeting of Council	7pm
	Thursday, 18 July	Audit & Strategic Finance Committee	6pm
August	Thursday, 8 August	Ordinary Meeting of Council	7pm
September	Thursday, 12 September	Ordinary Meeting of Council	7pm
October	Thursday, 10 October	Ordinary Meeting of Council	7pm
November	Thursday, 14 November	Ordinary Meeting of Council	7pm
	Thursday, 21 November	Audit & Strategic Finance Committee	6pm
December	Thursday, 12 December	Ordinary Meeting of Council	7pm

The City's Annual Report for 2011/12 is now available for viewing on the website:  
[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/AnnualReport](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/AnnualReport)

## AUSTRALIA'S MOST SUSTAINABLE CITY IS COCKBURN



(L-R) Adam Harris, Josh McMahan, Lyall Davison, Steve Harwood, Jennifer Harrison, Anton Lees, Vicky Hartill, Doug Vickery (Front) Ruth Gatland, Linda Metz and Elvira Blake.

The City of Cockburn has been named the national winner of the 2012 Keep Australia Beautiful Australian Sustainable Cities Award. The award recognises the City's commitment to improving the community's connection to the natural environment through community programs which encourage sustainability.

Mayor Logan Howlett said Cockburn's investment in renewable energy, community partnerships and management of natural areas for conservation has unmatched by any other City in the country.

"People living in Cockburn should be proud of the list of achievements which this award represents," he said.

"The path to sustainability is long but we are well on our way. For example, Cockburn already produces its own energy from the sun with the installation of nearly 600 solar photovoltaic panels on ten community buildings," said Mayor Howlett.

The City's achievements toward a sustainable future include:

- The introduction of weekly recycling. The City

was one of the first Councils in WA to introduce weekly recycling in separate bins.

- Annual Revegetation Program: 145,000 plants revegetated in 2011-12.
- Diverse range of community programs including Get Wild About Wetlands, Deadly Tucker Program, and Indigenous Wildflower Walks.
- Partnerships with the Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre, Native Arc, 1st Bibra Lake Scouts, Cockburn Gateway Shopping City, plus research institutions.
- Renewable Energy Program and Greenhouse Action Fund.
- Free 'living smart' courses, Garden wise workshops, compost and native plant subsidies, sustainable home workshops and free home, energy and water audits to teach residents how to live more sustainably.
- Sustainability and Landowner Biodiversity Conservation Grants programs.

To find out more about our events and programs visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/environment](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/environment)

## ABORIGINAL WOMEN TAKE CO-HEALTH STEPS

Aboriginal women in and around Cockburn are taking more than a few steps to improve their wellbeing. Hundreds of Aboriginal people took part in Health Screens, Co-Health events and programs in 2012. This year a range of new and existing programs are being driven by members of the community including a new Heart Foundation Walking Group with volunteer walk organiser Terri McCann. Other programs include water aerobics, water Zumba, exercise classes in Coolbellup, Ngulluk Koolbaang cook-ups at South Lake Ottey Family and Neighbourhood Centre, the HEAL program, an Aboriginal PhD study in exercise and the Journey of Living With Diabetes camps. These Co-Health programs are part of the Healthy Communities Initiative funded by the Australian Government. Co-Health programs are for anyone not in the full time workforce, single parents, those at risk of weight-related chronic disease and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. For more information see the Healthy Lifestyles page at [www.beactivecockburn.com.au](http://www.beactivecockburn.com.au) or call 9411 3444.



Bonnie Moses with healthy food option plate

## PARTNERSHIP WITH FREMANTLE DOCKERS TO BOOST NEW AQUATIC RECREATION FACILITY

A landmark deal with the City and the Fremantle Dockers Football Club (FDFC) will enhance the uniqueness of the proposed Regional Aquatic and Recreation Community Facility at Cockburn Central West.

The win-win partnership will enable the City to capitalise on the FDFC's investment to create an international standard facility for residents.

The facility will have a close involvement with Curtin University to conduct education, clinical placement and sports research on the same site.

The proposed facility would include:

- Outdoor 52m heated lap and competition pool, capable of accommodating water polo
- Indoor 25m lap pool
- Learn to Swim space
- Leisure Pool
- Water Slide and Splash Pad
- Water Playground
- Hydrotherapy

- Spa, Steam and Sauna
- Café
- Creche
- Kids Party and Indoor Playground
- Group Fitness and Spin Studios
- Health Club-style Gym and Cardio space
- Up to six indoor multipurpose high ball courts
- Community Office space
- Change rooms and toilet facilities
- Universal Access
- Primary AFL Oval
- High performance gym training areas for local elite athletes
- Sport performance monitoring facilities including sport science labs
- Aquatic recovery area
- Communications centre

To access a Fact Sheet about the proposed facility visit: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/currentprojects](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/currentprojects)

### Fact Box

#### How much has the City committed to the cost of the facility?

The City has committed to the revised 'base build' of \$82M for the proposed facility. The City will not cross subsidise any capital or future operating components for other parties involved. The City's cost of \$82M towards the project will remain unchanged by the integration of the FDFC. The FDFC will pay their own costs of \$25M if the facility is integrated. The total

cost of an integrated facility would be \$107M (\$82M from the City plus \$25M from FDFC).

#### How will the City pay for the \$82 million facility?

The majority of the cost of the facility will come from municipal funding (from council) and developer contributions (debt funded). Grant funding is also being sought from the State and Federal Governments.



Fremantle Dockers Matthew Pavlich and Aaron Sandilands with Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett and CEO Stephen Cain

## COCKBURN RANGER VEHICLES GET CCTV



(L-R) City Ranger Gary, Mayor Logan Howlett, Parking Officer Anoop and City Ranger Donna.

Five CCTV cameras have been installed on two of the City Ranger vehicles to assist rangers in capturing illegal incidences of dumping, parking, camping, and off-road vehicles.

Vehicles also have audio ability which assists in providing valuable information required for evidential purposes.

The valuable service provided by our rangers will be enhanced and made safer with by the installation of CCTV in these vehicles.

Information collected by these CCTV vehicles can be shared with WA Police to assist in criminal investigations.

The CCTV enhancement was funded by the WA Police Community Safety Fund.

## CITY WINS TWO CHILD AND ENVIRONMENT HEALTH AWARDS SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

The City was last year awarded a Certificate of Excellence and a Certificate of Distinction, as part of the 'Child and Environment Health Report Card Project' for the second year in a row.

The Child and Environment Health Report Card Project is run by Healthway, Public Health and WALGA and recognises outstanding Local Governments that create environments which protect and support the health of children.

The City was acknowledged for leading the way for creating the right environments to protect and support children. For example in the following areas:

- **Adventurous play spaces/public open space:** A large regional park is planned and another playground has been fenced at the request of parents of children with a disability.
- **Stimulating learning environments**
- **Nature discovery:** World Environment Day Schools Festival run by the City's Environmental Education Officers, with 6 primary schools and 180 students.
- **Healthy eating:** Environmental Education Officers run Great Gardens workshops and worm farming and composting workshops
- **Shade in public spaces:** Shade structures constructed in the City's three largest parks.



(L-R) Troy Pickard, President WA Local Government Association, the City's Barbara Freeman, Cockburn Mayor, Logan Howlett and Healthways CEO, David Malone.

## BE SURPRISED AT THE COCKBURN SENIORS CENTRE

Did you make a new year's resolution to get active, meet new people and learn to dance?

Come and try dancing at the Seniors Centre

**Social Dancing** - Wednesdays from 2pm – 4.30pm. Latin, new vogue, old-time and ballroom dancing. Partners not required and lessons are available.

**Line Dancing** - Tuesdays Beginners 12.30pm -1.30pm. General class 1.30pm- 3pm. Contemporary music with a great group.

**Belly Dancing** - Thursdays 10.15am -11.15 am (Hip sashes provided)

We also have a diverse range of new and returning short courses planned for this year including drawing, photography, Italian, beginners bridge, and computer classes.

**Our monthly Monday Morning Teas continue on:**

**Monday 18 February 9.30am -11am  
Presented by Office of the Public Trustee**

- Want to know who can challenge your will?
- What about choosing an executor and some of the problems an executor might face?
- Or appointing an attorney, guardian or a trustee?
- And what really happens if you die without a will?



**Monday 18 March 9.30am-10.30am Presented by WA Seniors Card**

- Benefits, Concessions and Cost of Living Rebate.
- Home Security, Electrical and Fire Safety Rebate.
- Cost of Living Allowance

Free morning tea is provided. If you would like to attend the morning teas please RSVP on **9411 3877** or [csc@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:csc@cockburn.wa.gov.au).

For more information or to download our monthly program, go to [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/SeniorsCentre](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/SeniorsCentre)

**9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood**

## FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE TO YOU

Could you, or someone you know benefit from some extra support and assistance in your life?

The Cockburn Family Support Services are available free-of-charge to families and individuals who are residents of Cockburn.

The services, support families and individuals through short-term counselling on many different issues including, but not limited to, anxiety and low mood, stress, change, loss and grief, relationship, parenting, past abuse, self acceptance, feeling overwhelmed, making important decisions and feelings of isolation.

The services also run groups and workshops at times on a range of topics including: connecting to the community, parenting, pre and post natal stress, having a partner or parent working away (fly in/ fly out situations), settling in to a new country and communication skills.

Cockburn Family Support Services can advocate on your behalf or assist with referral to those services that provide assistance with other issues such as housing,



*Various support services are available to Cockburn residents*

financial concerns, disability, parenting, health, legal issues, and other more specialised counselling services.

These services have made a big difference to residents' lives in times of need, and staff warmly welcome your call.

If you would like to contact the services they operate out of two offices, and appointments are essential: Coolbellup Hub 9411 3851 and Atwell Community Centre **9414 6011**.

Further information is also available on the City of Cockburn website:

[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/familysupport](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/familysupport)

# Traffic Update

The City is spending \$10.4M on roads infrastructure this financial year to address the traffic issues in Cockburn. For more information visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au)

## North Lake Road / Farrington Road

The City successfully obtained Black Spot Program funding to improve safety at this intersection by:

- Installing overhead signal mast arms on North Lake Road;
- Upgrading all the traffic signal lanterns to LEDs for improved visibility;
- Upgrading the pedestrian signals to have audio tactile push buttons

This work will be undertaken during the current financial year.

## Beelias

This Black Spot Program funding will be used to install traffic signals at those intersections. Preliminary work is being undertaken.

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- Installing an overhead signal mast arm on North Lake Road;
- Upgrading all the traffic signal lanterns to LEDs for improved visibility;
- Upgrading the pedestrian signals to have audio tactile push buttons

This work will be done during the current financial year.

## Bibra Drive/North Lake Road

The City acknowledges that the number of crashes that have occurred at the intersection qualify it as a Black Spot.

For this reason, the City sought necessary approval from Main Roads WA to install traffic signals at this intersection.

Main Roads WA rejected the City's application to improve this intersection in 2010.

A practical alternative to traffic signals proposed by the City will be determined upon the completion of traffic modelling from Main Roads WA.

This traffic modelling will identify what impact the development of the nearby Murdoch Activity Centre on will have on roads such as Farrington Road, North Lake Road and Bibra Drive.

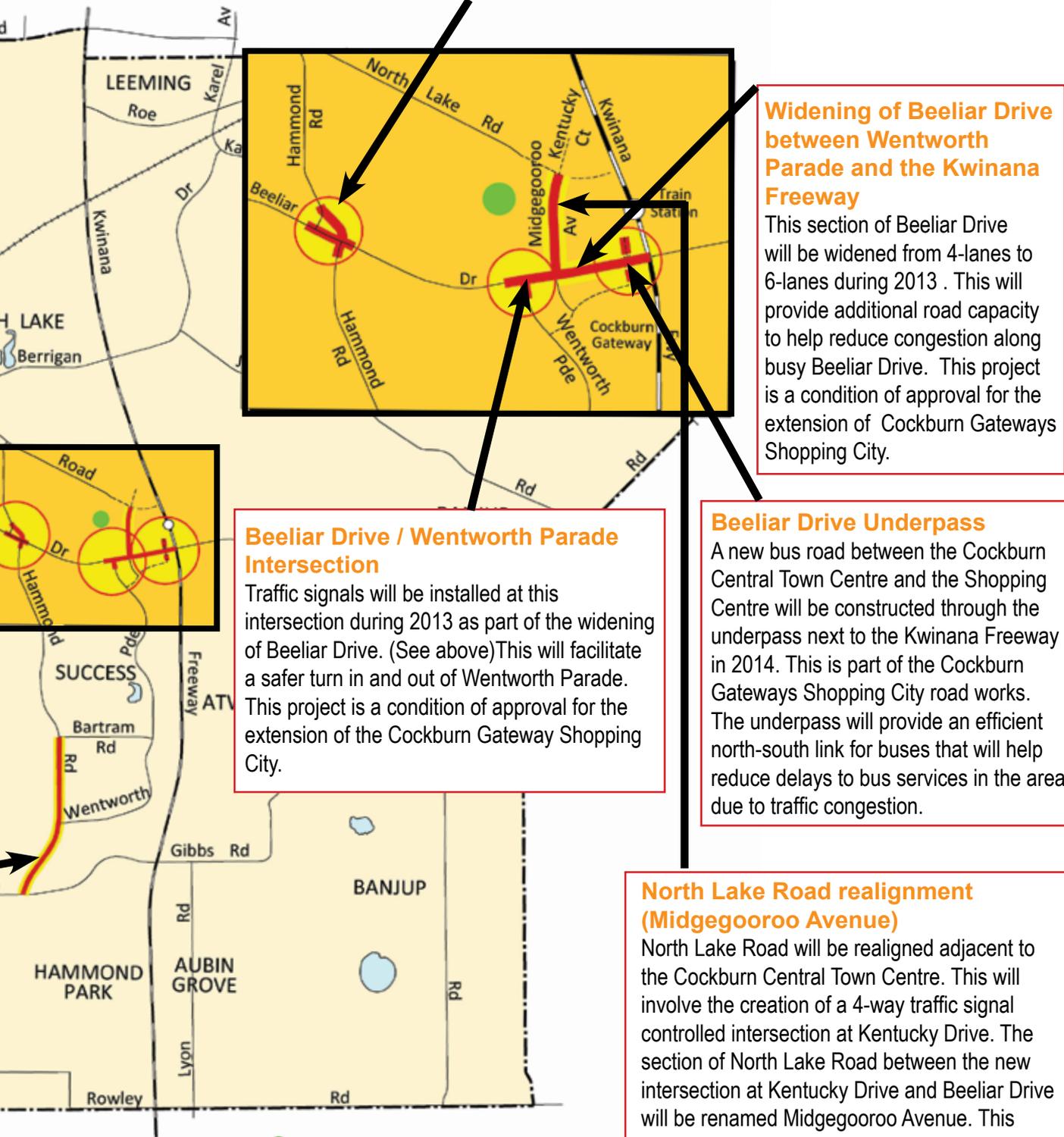
## Hammond Road, from Bartram Road to Russell Road

Hammond Road from Bartram Road to Russell Road will be widened as a dual carriageway in the 2012/2013 financial year. This will provide additional road capacity to accommodate traffic growth.

al year. These are just a few of the initiatives to address some of  
[cockburn.wa.gov.au/roads](http://cockburn.wa.gov.au/roads)

**Beeliar Drive / Hammond Road Intersection**

Back Spot Program project will result in the realignment of the northern leg of Hammond Road at Beeliar Drive, and installation of traffic signals to form a 4-way signalised intersection. The intersection will become safer for motorists, particularly those travelling along Hammond Road who find it difficult to turn onto Beeliar Drive due to the continuous flow of traffic. Preliminary work has begun and the major road works will be undertaken in the 2013/14 financial year.



**Widening of Beeliar Drive between Wentworth Parade and the Kwinana Freeway**

This section of Beeliar Drive will be widened from 4-lanes to 6-lanes during 2013. This will provide additional road capacity to help reduce congestion along busy Beeliar Drive. This project is a condition of approval for the extension of Cockburn Gateways Shopping City.

**Beeliar Drive / Wentworth Parade Intersection**

Traffic signals will be installed at this intersection during 2013 as part of the widening of Beeliar Drive. (See above) This will facilitate a safer turn in and out of Wentworth Parade. This project is a condition of approval for the extension of the Cockburn Gateway Shopping City.

**Beeliar Drive Underpass**

A new bus road between the Cockburn Central Town Centre and the Shopping Centre will be constructed through the underpass next to the Kwinana Freeway in 2014. This is part of the Cockburn Gateways Shopping City road works. The underpass will provide an efficient north-south link for buses that will help reduce delays to bus services in the area due to traffic congestion.

**North Lake Road realignment (Midgegooroo Avenue)**

North Lake Road will be realigned adjacent to the Cockburn Central Town Centre. This will involve the creation of a 4-way traffic signal controlled intersection at Kentucky Drive. The section of North Lake Road between the new intersection at Kentucky Drive and Beeliar Drive will be renamed Midgegooroo Avenue. This work is being done by Landcorp and is currently scheduled to occur in the first half of 2013.

● Proposed Integrated Regional Aquatic and Recreation Facility

Artists impression of Healy Road, Hamilton Hill.



### Overwhelming majority support Hamilton Hill Revitalisation

The results of the City of Cockburn's public consultation on the Hamilton Hill Revitalisation Strategy indicates more than 70% of respondents support the proposed improvements of the suburb.

In November 2012, the Council resolved to adopt the strategy which will guide how future urban infill can be delivered within the suburb to facilitate improvements in the urban environment.

[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/hamiltonhill](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/hamiltonhill)

Some key elements of the Strategy are:

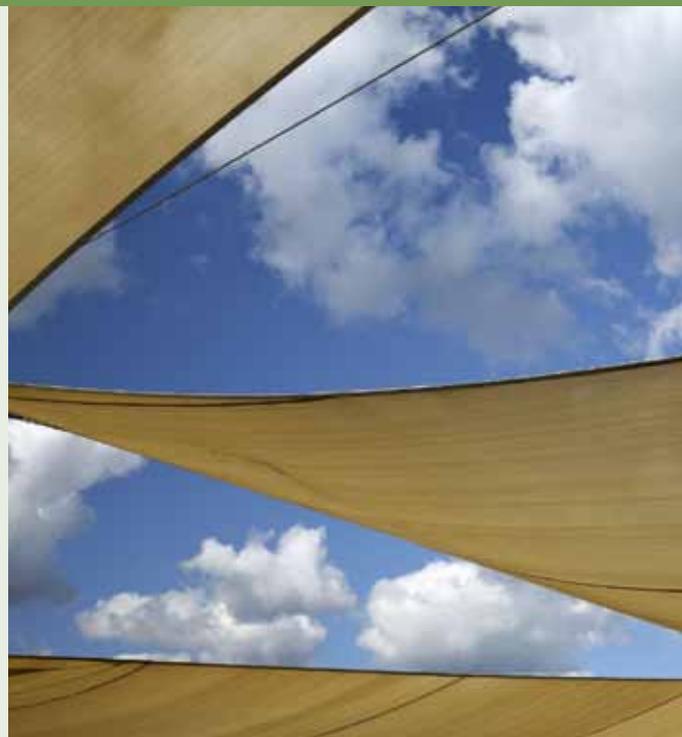
- Proposed increases in the residential densities within the suburb from R20 to a mix of R30, R40 and R60,
- A Public Open Space Improvement Plan, and
- Recommendations for delivering improvements to the suburb's Neighbourhood Centres.

The proposed residential density changes will be implemented through Amendments No. 100 to the City's Town Planning Scheme No. 3. The City is commencing the Amendment process in early 2013.

## COUNCIL DECISIONS

Council recently adopted:

- A recommendation to consider funding in 2013 - 14 for a feasibility study into a suitable location for an Ocean Pool to be located between Coogee Beach and the Island Street Groyne, South Beach. The feasibility study would also look to incorporate the inclusion of the cooling ponds at the front of the Old South Fremantle Power Station as a potential further option.
- The Playground Shade Sail Strategy 2013 - 2023 which identifies a set of key criterion to guide the provision of shade sails and ensuring the continued integration of natural shade to all playground equipment. Councillors sought a review of the current strategy before committing to increasing expenditure for shade sail structures annually.



# A new you for 2013!



No joining fees, plus a FREE extra month!

Take out any 12 Month membership during February and we'll give you a FREE month, 2 PT sessions and waive the joining fee. Options include: Gym, Pool/Spa/Sauna/Steam Room, Fitness Classes and Aquarobics. Offer expires 28 February 2013. Valid for new members only.

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[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/sllc](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/sllc)

**Call Now!**

**T: 9411 3355**

## COCKBURN YOUTH SERVICES

Cockburn Youth Centre | 25 Wentworth Parade, Success | T: 9411 3888  
[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/youthservices](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/youthservices)

### Cockburn Drug Aware SKATE CLINICS TERM 1

The City of Cockburn Youth Services are presenting the Cockburn Drug Aware Skate Clinics at Coolbellup and Atwell skate parks right through first term 2013. The clinics are run by professional skateboarders from Skateboarding Australia and are a great way to meet new people, enhance skills or learn some new ones.

If you have never skated before then you can give it a go with professional advice, and the clinics will provide boards and helmets too.

From 4pm - 6pm at Coolbellup Skatepark Cordelia Ave, Coolbellup on Tuesdays and 4pm -6pm on Thursday at Atwell skatepark Tapper Rd, Atwell.

All are welcome and female sessions are run on 5 and 21 Feb at Coolbellup skate park. For more info, call the youth centre on the number above.



# SUMMER OF FUN EVENTS CALENDAR

## FEB

**Friday 15 February**

**Bibra Lake FREE Movie Night @ Meller Park inc Cockburn Idol**

6pm – 10pm showing Red Dog

**26 February 2013 (6-9pm)**

**Free Training Workshop for Community Groups**

**Moving Beyond Boring Meetings @ Cockburn Admin Building**

**9 March**

**REGIONAL CONCERT - FREE Featuring WASO Inc Cockburn Idol finals**

6pm – 10pm Manning Park



**Friday 22 March**

**Yangebup FREE Movie Night @ Nicholson Reserve**

6pm – 10pm showing We bought a zoo

**24 March**

**Cooby Fest Hargreaves Park coobynew@gmail.com**

**FREE community event**



**27 March**

**Hello Baby (FREE)**

10am – 12.30pm Manning Park

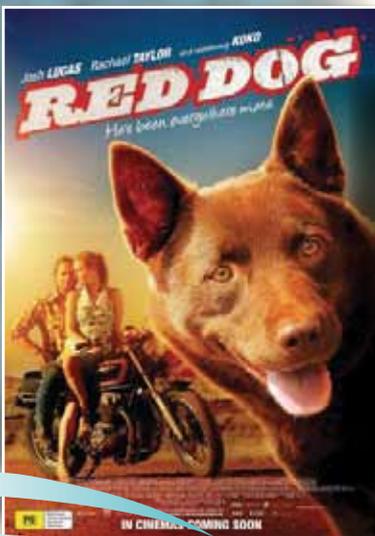
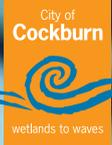
**19 March 2013 (6-9pm)**

**Free Training Workshop for Community Groups**

**Fundraising Ideas 101 @ Cockburn Admin Building**

# MOVIE FREE NIGHTS

**It's your Summer of Fun**

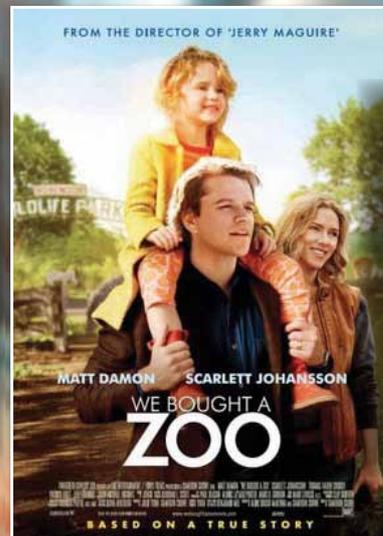


**Bibra Lake Movie Night - Meller Park**

Friday 15 February 6 - 10pm

Inc Cockburn Idol

FREE tea, coffee, popcorn and TimTams!



**Yangebup Movie Night - Nicholson Reserve**

Friday 22 March 6 - 10pm

FREE tea, coffee, popcorn and TimTams!

## WHO ARE BUILDING OUR ROADS? MEET THE TEAM!

The City's Roads, Construction and Drainage Team is the crew responsible for all the new roads in Cockburn. The team consists of plant operators and hands-on labourers dedicated to building the safe roads we drive on.

The City's roads team consists of more than 25 staff servicing the entire area within the City's boundaries.

There's a lot that needs to happen before the road you see is ready for use!

First, the area of the road is surveyed and the outline of the new road is marked then the area cleared. Stakes to guide the width and level of the road gives the roads team an indication of where exactly the finished road will be once the process is complete.

Sand is then boxed out and the road is compacted to get the level right. Limestone is laid over the surface of the road and also pressed to ensure the surface is smooth and safe. The road is almost finished when the road base goes in to assist in sealing the road.

Once this is satisfactory, the road is sealed and then asphalt is laid, curbs, footpaths and islands are created to produce what you see when you're driving on one of the City's roads.



*Barry Collis, Andrew Nicholls and John Holubecki (Johnny grader).*



*Stuart Auld, Pete Castle, Gary Wigg, Clarence Tong, Nick Mirosevich, Bruce Ross and Alan Alderson*

## HISTORY WITH LEAH - HAMILTON HILL



*City of Cockburn Adult Services Librarian Leah*

Our popular suburban history series of articles were previously written by one of the City's valued librarians, Luba. Luba retired at the end of 2012. The City's newest librarian, Leah will now research and write these articles.

Hamilton Hill was settled very early in Western Australia's colonial history. In 1830, on his way to Mauritius, Captain George Robb arrived in Fremantle Harbour to establish a farm. He chose a 2000-acre site to the south of Fremantle as a likely spot for his farm. His farm manager was the first to use the name 'Hamilton Hill', in a letter home that August. Later in the 1840s, newspapers in the area referred to it as "that delightful locality well known as 'The Hamilton Hills'". The colony's first newspaper was printed on a neighbouring property by the man who went on to print the West Australian.

The gold rushes of the 1880s and 90s caused a boom in the colony's population, putting Hamilton Hill in a unique position to provide both food and building materials to a rapidly expanding populace.

Abattoirs and market gardens were a common feature of the area, supplying food to all the new settlers. Lime, used to make mortar,

was quarried throughout Cockburn, and the kilns built in Hamilton Hill ensured that there was enough mortar to build all the new warehouses and homes that the busy port of Fremantle and its surroundings required.

Supplying Fremantle with food, materials and labour became a theme for Hamilton Hill, with most of the industrial workers in the port city making their homes here. By the 1920s, the area had begun to modernise, and had domestic electricity connected in 1926. The introduction of cars and buses meant that Fremantle was in easy reach, and the district essentially became a suburb. Post WWII, the area was slowly turned into housing estates, creating the Hamilton Hill we know today.



## GRANTS, DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIP FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Applications are now open for the following funding opportunities to support local groups, organisations and individuals for a wide variety of activities and services:

**Community Grants** assist local community groups and organisations to provide projects or activities that benefit residents of Cockburn. Applications are to a maximum of \$15,000 with smaller amounts encouraged.

**Sustainable Events Grants** assist local community groups and organisations in the provision of ongoing programs and activities for the benefit of the residents of Cockburn. The maximum grant provided to any one group will be \$7,000 over a four-year period.

**Donations** are available to provide financial assistance towards the day-to-day running costs of not-for-profit groups, not for a specific project or activity. Donations are limited and highly competitive.

**Sponsorship** is a mutually beneficial partnership arrangement where the City of Cockburn makes a financial contribution to a group, organisation or individual for a specific purpose, project, activity

or event and, in return, the City receives public recognition for its contribution. The maximum is \$20,000 for organisations and \$2,000 for individuals.

**For further information on the above programs contact the Grants Officer on 9411 3444 or email [communitygrants@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:communitygrants@cockburn.wa.gov.au).**

**Cultural Grants** support local arts and cultural activities. Applications to a maximum of \$4,000, with smaller amounts encouraged.

**Youth Art Scholarships** (under 18) are available for those who live in Cockburn and are either doing further study or travelling in relation to their art. These scholarships are to a maximum of \$500 to assist with fees, materials or travel costs.

**For further information on Cultural Grants or Youth Art Scholarships contact the Cultural officer on 9411 3444 or email [culturalgrants@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:culturalgrants@cockburn.wa.gov.au)**

**Please visit the website [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Grants\\_and\\_Donations](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Grants_and_Donations) for more information and a copy of the relevant guidelines and application forms.**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE at 4pm on Thursday, 28 March 2013.**



## COCKBURN BY NUMBERS: HIGHLIGHTS OF 2012

# 18,416

number of **front counter enquires** at the City's administration building.

# 6,848

number of **customer requests** officially raised for residents.

# 145,000

**plants** revegetated in 2011/12.

# 5,636km

**saved in trips by private vehicles** after an initial trial period of 6 weeks of providing a staff shuttle bus.

# 455

number of **solar photovoltaic panels** currently installed on the City's buildings.

## COCKBURN CENTRAL UPDATE

Cockburn Central town square, named 'The Siding' was officially opened last month.

At the heart of Cockburn Central business and retail precinct, The Siding will provide shoppers, workers and visitors with a place to relax and mingle.

Take a stroll and enjoy the colourful street art, children's water play areas and groovy outdoor furniture. Grab a latte from the pop-up container cafe and catch up with friends and family in shaded public spaces.



Why not try your hand at a game of table tennis? Or just kick-back on a bean bag with your iPad and surf the net using the free WiFi connectivity.

[www.cockburncentral.com.au](http://www.cockburncentral.com.au)

## CITY PREPARES ITS SECOND RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN (RAP)

The City adopted its first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) in May 2011 which covered a period of two years. The Plan's vision for reconciliation is to create an inclusive community with strong relationships across cultures based on mutual respect and understanding.

The City is three quarters of the way through this RAP and has completed 93% of the actions within the plan.

These include:

- A cultural bus tour for the community during Reconciliation week
- A 'Welcome to Country' at Council's Citizenship ceremonies
- Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training for Council staff
- A 'Good News' newsletter highlighting successes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Bringing Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal seniors together through 'doll making'

- A feasibility study for an Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Cockburn
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people increasingly involved in physical activity and healthy eating programs
- A specific school graduation award for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student graduating from primary school and also awards for high schools.

The City are in the process of preparing our next RAP and has been doing this in conjunction with the local community. Community meetings have been held, along with other means of engaging Cockburn residents.

A survey is available on the City's website; [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Aboriginal](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Aboriginal). If you would like to provide your thoughts and ideas in other ways, please phone the Aboriginal Community Development Officer on 9411 3444. Get involved in this process and contribute to the development of your City's Reconciliation Action Plan.



Reconciliation Day event at the City of Cockburn

## COUNCILLORS' CORNER



### CR Val Oliver

As we welcome 2013, my 13th and final year on Council I would like to thank you for your continual support.

There've been many changes in Cockburn for the better in regard to management and future

development and I would like to give credit to the community groups who have worked so hard to make sure that projects give you, the people who live here, what you want. For those that feel they have not been heard - keep going.

As Cockburn grows there will be more young people, cars, children and elderly to care for, so more services and volunteers needed. As the City gets busier, you will adapt - I know in my 13 years on Council, I've been there a few times - think positive and enjoy the ride. You are in safe hands.



### CR Stephen Pratt

After having spent a year on Council, I am increasingly excited about the direction our City is heading in.

One of the highlights of 2012 was providing input on important projects such as the

proposed Regional Aquatic and Recreation Facility in Cockburn Central West.

I recently had the great opportunity to present to community groups and residents at the City of Cockburn's Grants & Donations Ceremony. This is a community service provided by the City to support local groups. Among the worthy recipients were the Phoenix Theatre and Cooby Now, a community group in Coolbellup.

I look forward to what 2013 will bring for the residents of Cockburn. I wish each of you a happy and prosperous year ahead.

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