



COCKBURN SOUNDINGS

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THE DECISION IS YOURS – 2013 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS



The decision is yours. Make your vote count.

Local Government elections are just around the corner and will be held on 19 October.

If you're enrolled to vote, you will receive a postal voting package in the mail. Please take the opportunity to look at the candidates and vote for who you want to represent you and your community.

You can also view information about your candidates in the foyer of the City's administration building on 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood or by visiting www.cockburn.wa.gov.au

Enrolments for voting in the 2013 local government elections have now closed. If you're not enrolled to vote please still enrol or update your details for future elections.

Did you know you can check your enrolment online?

Visit: www.elections.wa.gov.au/enrol/check-your-enrolment

The City of Cockburn is a WaterWise Council. Find out more go to:
www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/water

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Need some tips to help with your computer skills? With over 6000 tutorials to choose from, the Computer School will take you through a learning process for most things computer.

There are tutorials ranging from computer basics to Google, email and Microsoft Office. Also available are Photoshop and web design tutorials. Learn online about social media such as Facebook, Skype and Twitter.

The Computer School can help you with tutorials on most Mac devices including the iPhone. Do you have a Samsung? Then there's a tutorials for androids as well.

Access to the Computer School is through our webpage at <http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au> in the eLibrary. All you require is a current library card from Spearwood, Coolbellup or Success Libraries.



What's On @ your library – Online Calendar

The best way to find out what's happening at the Cockburn Libraries is to check out our online event calendar. It shows all our special author talks, cooking demonstrations and information sessions as well a regular groups and clubs.

The calendar lists the times and dates of all our kid's activities including story-times, Pram Jams and Book Stars, and all our adult groups, including Book Clubs, the Movie Club and Knitting Circles.

You can also set up email alerts so you can be notified of upcoming events or get reminders about regular activities.

Book for Cockburn Libraries Events Online

It's easy to book for the great events at Cockburn Libraries. Go to the library website at <http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au> Click on *Events Calendar & Online Booking*. Click on either *Adults Event List* or *Kids Event List*. Locate the event, click on it, then register your personal details. Don't forget to finish off by clicking *Complete Registration*. See you at the library!

Come and listen at our blog!

If you can't make it to one of our author talks or workshops then check out our website for a podcast. Once a month we select one of our activities for you to listen to at your leisure. The topics are many and varied so check our events calendar to see what's happening. You'll find the link to our events calendar and to the podcasts on our website at <http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au>



Accessible parking bays are for ACROD card holders only

Being involved within our local community is something that we all value as citizens. It can include visiting friends, taking your child to their sporting commitments or doing the weekly shopping. For many people this can be a simple exercise of getting into a car, driving to a destination and parking in the available car space. For others, it may not be so simple.

At all times please be considerate of the accessible parking bays, even if it is for the quick "pop-in" to

buy some bread. The few minutes that is taken to occupy this bay restricts the legal ACROD user of their right to access the great facilities and shopping opportunities we have in our City.



Information available in alternative formats on request

Accessibility enquiries:
Contact 9411 3444 or
customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au
with specific request & contact details



The City was one of the first local governments in the Perth metropolitan area to form a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), and is about to adopt its second. RAP are an initiative of 'Reconciliation Australia' and provide a framework for organisations to create goals and actions as a way of working towards achieving equality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

One of the main aims is to close the 17-year gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and other Australians.

Since implementing its first Reconciliation Action Plan for 2011- 2013, the City has achieved much in working towards creating an inclusive community with strong relationships across cultures based on mutual respect and understanding. The City runs a number of events such as:

- Apology Day and Close the Gap events;
- Reconciliation Week including a Reconciliation Lunch, and annual Cultural Bus Tour for residents to attend;
- NAIDOC Week, including a Flag Raising ceremony and Seniors Event; and
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day in August.

The City's second RAP will continue with the work already started, with a focus on building relationships, showing respect, and improving opportunities for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Some of the strategies to be implemented in the second RAP include:

- The City fosters a respectful working relationship with the Aboriginal Reference Group and encourages the Group to provide recommendations and advice, as needed;
- Fly both the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags daily. Include a Flag Raising Ceremony at appropriate times and events;
- Improve the employment outcomes for Aboriginal people, and employ more Aboriginal staff, through both identified positions or traineeships, and other roles; and
- Ensure that Events such as NAIDOC Week, National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day, Reconciliation Week and others, have a goal of building and strengthening relationships.



RATES ROUND UP



Have you received your 2013-14 Rate Notice?

If not, you should contact the City of Cockburn's rates department immediately as the due date for payment was 3 September 2013. If your choice was an instalment option, remember your next instalment payment is due on 5 November 2013.

The City is obliged to offer ratepayers the option of paying rates by four instalments. If this is not suitable and your account is still outstanding, ratepayers need to call the City to discuss a special payment arrangement as penalty interest will be accruing on overdue accounts.

Please note that all payment arrangements made prior to the 30 June 2013 have now been cancelled as new rates and charges apply and your circumstances may have changed.

Please keep your notice in a safe place, especially if the property is held for investment purposes, as a fee of \$20 may apply for replacement copies.

Seniors and pensioners (including those with deferred rates) are reminded that all service charges cannot be deferred. As there is no concession on these charges they become payable by the due date on the rate notice.

It is recommended that pensioners who wish to manage paying off their rates account utilise the free Centrepay option by completing a form available at Centrelink, the Centrelink website or the City of Cockburn. Pensioners can arrange for a minimum of \$20 per fortnight to be deducted from their pension payment which can be paid directly to the City.

If no attempt is made to clear the outstanding service charges, the City may have to take action to recover the debt.

For information on any of the above please contact the City of Cockburn on 9411 3444 or email: rates@cockburn.wa.gov.au



Cockburn-Kwinana Partnership: Creating a stronger, better Council

Since the State Government announced the local government reform plan in June, the cities of Cockburn and Kwinana have been preparing their plans for their recommended merger in July 2015. The new City will be one of the strongest and most dynamic local councils in the metropolitan area. Some of the biggest industrial areas in our State will span a combined Cockburn-Kwinana, which will have a population of over 200,000 residents by 2026.

The City will keep the community informed as we move towards this deadline. Cockburn rate payers and residents will be assured that service delivery standards will be maintained.



Cockburn-Kwinana: A great place to live, work, play and invest in.

DATE	DETAILS
4 October 2013	Deadline for submissions to the Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB) to initiate the amalgamation process.
19 October 2013	Local Government elections will be held. This year's elections will be conducted as normal. The position of the Mayor and five Councillors are up for re-election this year.
December 2013	LGAB commences its review of the amalgamation proposals, which will include a period of public consultation.
July 2014	Minister considers LGAB recommendations.
August 2014	Governor's Orders issued for the creation of the new Council.
1 July 2015	New Council established, at which time Kwinana and Cockburn officially merge. The Mayor and Councillors of both councils end their tenure and interim non-elected leaders (Commissioners) are appointed to run the new City. Commissioners may include representatives from the cities of Cockburn and Kwinana but will include an independent chair (someone not associated with current Councillors).
October 2015	Council elections are held to elect a Mayor and Councillors for the new City. Commissioners cease their tenure.



Why does the State Government want to make bigger councils? What are the benefits?

A partnership between the cities of Cockburn and Kwinana will be mutually beneficial to our communities. Some of the benefits include:

- A larger, financially stronger City will allow more service options and bigger and better facilities for the community.
- The capacity to support job growth and skill development, as we open up new industry and business parks such as the Latitude 32 development.

Both Cockburn and Kwinana are growth Councils, with expanding populations that will create even more opportunities for development of new housing options, retail and community facilities and amenities.

What will the new City be called?

A new name for the City is required, but for the interim we are using *Greater City of Cockburn - Kwinana* for the LGAB submission. It is proposed to seek feedback on a new City name from both communities early in 2014 so a final option can be put to the State Government before the City is created.

Will my rates increase as a result of the merger with Kwinana?

The City does not expect your rates to increase as a result of the amalgamation. The Minister announced that \$200,000 (in total) will be available to local governments that are to merge. The State Government also indicated that additional financial assistance will be provided to help offset the costs of any mergers.

How will the public be kept informed?

The City will keep the community well-informed throughout this process of transition with regular updates in this newsletter, on the City's website, Facebook page and through advertising. The LGAB will hold public hearings in the City as part of its review process. It is expected that these will be around March 2014.

Will there be any changes to the Cockburn - Kwinana boundaries after the merger?

Minor boundary changes are being recommended involving mostly road alignments. Neither City proposes any major changes to suburb boundaries or residential areas.

Where can I find out more information?

City of Cockburn website:
www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/localgovernmentreform

City of Cockburn Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/cityofcockburn

Department of Local Government and Communities website: <http://metroreform.dig.wa.gov.au>





Active transport is the best way to get out and about.

People living in the City of Cockburn are being encouraged to lead more active lifestyles as part of the new *Your Move* service.

Offered exclusively to Cockburn residents, *Your Move* works to encourage walking, riding or catching the bus and train to help reduce congestion on our local roads. Households will also be supported to take part in active recreation and sport opportunities and make stronger connections within their community.

Residents will gain access to free exercise classes, gym passes, local maps and activity planners. 10,000 households will be offered one-on-one support, including regular conversations over the phone covering tips for setting and achieving goals.

Using a whole-of-community approach, 15 primary schools have signed up to the TravelSmart to Schools program with the aim to encourage students to walk, cycle and scoot safely to school. Various workplaces will participate in the TravelSmart Workplaces program and minor infrastructure upgrades will take place across the City, including new bike parking, signage and path upgrades.

Your Move is funded by the Departments of Sport and Recreation and Transport and the City of Cockburn. It is supported by HBF, RAC and the Public Transport Authority.

To sign up or to find more information visit: www.yourmove.org.au or call 6490 4004 during business hours.

FIRST LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT A BUSHFIRE PRONE AREA



The City is on track to become the first Local Government in the Perth Metropolitan Area to implement a Bushfire Prone Area. This means that new houses, sheds, extensions and other out-buildings in these 'special control areas' will need to meet new building standards. These guidelines have been developed following the Keelty Report, which came out as a result of the Perth Hills Bushfires in 2011.

Existing houses or buildings already in the fire-prone areas will not be required to meet the new standards.

People building houses in bushfire prone areas can contact the City's Building Services Department on 9411 3444 to find out what they may need to include in the construction of their house or building.

Which areas are bush fire prone areas?

All areas zoned 'resource, rural living and rural'. This includes most of Jandakot, Banjup and parts of Beeliam and Wattleup. Further information about which areas are affected can be found at: www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/bushfireproneareas



Cockburn households save 800,000 litres of water a year thanks to the City's free home and energy audits.

These savings have contributed to the City this year being named a Waterwise Council. The City also received separate awards for water conservation.

Some examples of works carried out by the City to reduce water consumption include:

- Installing water efficient appliances in council buildings;

- Hydrozoning (replacing turf with native vegetation);
- Improvements to use of groundwater allocation for parks and gardens; and
- Upgrading irrigation systems, renewing pumps, and installing hydrometers.

The City offers free home water and energy audits to residents. To book your free audit contact environmentalmanagement@cockburn.wa.gov.au or call 9411 3444.



The team that made it happen: Robert Southall, Tom Cooke, Mladen Thomas, David Gough, Michael D'Angelo - Waterwise Awards 2013

EARLY YEARS – WHO ARE WE?



Cockburn Early Years is a free service for Cockburn families with young children (0 – 8 years) and new or expecting parents. We offer a home visiting program for families with a focus on assisting parents develop a close, connected relationship with their children.

Cockburn Early Years can provide information and ideas to assist parents understand their children's emotional needs how to set limits, and suggest ideas to encourage play and early learning. We provide information on child development, and community resources and services. The service runs groups for parents to support parenting as well as groups for parents and children together.

To speak to a staff member about our groups or home visiting program please call Cockburn Early Years on 9411 3855.



Jayne McEniry, Amanda Halpin, Tresa Mundraby - Early Years Team 2013



Phoenix Central Revitalisation Strategy – 5 years on

The Phoenix Central Revitalisation Strategy was adopted by Council in 2009 and sets out a 10 year vision to realise the transformation of the Spearwood and Hamilton Hill areas through a combination of private redevelopment and public realm improvements.

A number of the key actions outlined in the Revitalisation Strategy have been implemented, including the following:

- Rezoning of approximately 3,000 residential properties with 80 subdivision approvals being issued for new lots/dwellings;
- Rezoning of Bethanie Illawong retirement village to allow for additional aged accommodation;
- Adoption of Design Guidelines to encourage good quality residential development;
- Rezoning and adoption of a structure plan for the former Watsonia buffer area; and
- Commencement of the commercial rezoning and design guidelines for Rockingham Road.

The Strategy also included recommendations for improvements to the public realm, and the City has been progressively working through these actions.

The following provides a summary of what has happened so far:

- Beale Park – New playground and lighting;
- Greenslade Park – Creation of open play areas and various upgrades;
- Edwardes Park – New cricket pitch;
- Bavich Park – New seating and improvements to play area;
- Greenslade Reserve – Additional play equipment and landscaping;
- Dubove Park – Landscaping and various upgrades;
- MacFaul Park – Biodiversity improvements to irrigation system;
- Pedestrian access ways improvements (between Kent Street and Bushby Road; Gerald Street and Shallow Street);
- Street tree planting on Kent Street, Sussex Street and Spearwood Avenue; and
- Upgrade of Spearwood Avenue/Friendship Way.

Over the coming years as development of the area continues the City will continue to implement the list of actions outlined in the Strategy.

For a more detailed update on the Revitalisation Strategy please visit the City's website at:
www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/PhoenixCentral



Cockburn City Soccer Club enjoy Beale Park in Spearwood as revitalisation of Phoenix comes underway.

Kick start your Summer fitness



No joining fee and a free month on all 12 month Memberships from 14 Oct to 1 Nov

**available to new members only*

Options include:

- Group Fitness Classes – Les Mills and High Intensity Interval Training Classes,
- Aqua Aerobics Classes – including 6pm on Monday and Wednesday nights
- Pool/Spa/Sauna/Steam Room and
- Gym



Call Now!

T: 9411 3355

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www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/sllc

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SENIORS CENTRE

Spring Tea Dance

Put on your dancing shoes and dance to our live band "Sounds Good" and enjoy an exquisite afternoon tea.

When: Wednesday 16 October

Time: 1.30pm - 4pm

Cost: \$10 for members and non-members

October Information Morning Tea

The new Fiona Stanley Hospital

Come and learn about the new state of the art hospital on our doorstep

When: Monday 21 October

Time: 9.30am - 10.30am

Cost: Free

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Wear your best hat and outfit for fashions of the field.

Three course meal and the race on the big screen!

When: Tuesday 5 November

Time: 11am - 2pm

Cost: \$20 for members

November Information Morning Tea

Presented by Dr June Caunt - The experiences of British migrants to Western Australia in the 1960's

When: Monday 18 November

Time: 9.30am - 10.30am

Cost: Free

Christmas Lunches

Exquisite three course meal and entertainment.

Tuesday 10 December & Wednesday 18 December

Time: 12pm - 2:30 pm

Cost: \$20 for members

Bookings essential. Phone: 9411 3877

Email: csc@cockburn.wa.gov.au

Web: www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/

SeniorsCentre

Cockburn Seniors Centre

9 Coleville Crescent

Spearwood





MONTH			
October	Teddy Bears Picnic Wednesday 23 October 10am – 1pm	Spring Fair Sunday 27 October 11am – 8pm	
November	Get Connect Expo Tuesday 12 November, 6pm – 8.30pm	Seniors Soiree 16 November 5.30pm – late (ticketed event)	
December	Celebrate Ability Day 6 December, Manning Park 10am – 1pm	Fairy Nights, Xmas Lights 14 December, Council Admin 5pm – 8pm	
January		Big Aussie Day BBQ Breaky 26 January, Coogee Beach Reserve 7am – 11am	

Get Connected Expo

Connecting local business and community groups



The Get Connected Expo is back! Come along for your opportunity to network with local Cockburn Business and Community groups.

Experience firsthand the great ways community and business can work hand in hand to make our community a better place. Mini expo, door prizes, networking, fantastic food and much much more!

Book your complimentary passes now! RSVP before 4 November.
Email: communitydevelopment@cockburn.wa.gov.au
Complimentary finger food and drinks provided

When: Tuesday 12 November 2013, 6pm - 8.30pm
Who: Business Owners and Community Groups
Where: City of Cockburn Administration Building, 9 Coleville Crescent Spearwood



- Celebrate with the winners of the:
- Innovation Partnership Award
 - Corporate Volunteering Award
 - Fundraising Award

FREE Community Event

Cockburn Rotary

SPRING FAIR

Sunday, 27 October
Manning Park, Azelia Rd, Hamilton Hill
11am - 8pm

Enjoy the 20th Anniversary Carnivale celebrations with lots of activities, stalls, entertainment, fireworks and more!

T: 9411 3444

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/carnivalofevents

Facebook: www.facebook.com/cityofcockburn

Committed to accessible and inclusive events



A new position of Aboriginal Youth Outreach Worker has been created and filled thanks to funding from the Department for Child Protection and Family Support.

The Aboriginal Youth Outreach Worker will be based out of the City of Cockburn's Youth Centre on Wentworth Parade in Success.

The position will provide:

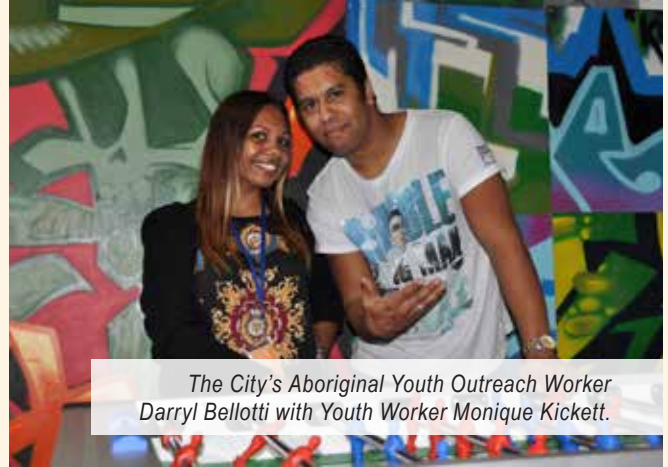
- One-on-one case work;
- Culturally appropriate group programs for young people aged 12-18 years; and
- Programs for extended family upon request.

Darryl Bellotti has been appointed to the new position.

The role will offer support to young people and enable them to speak about issues such as family problems, difficulties at school, accommodation, relationships, drugs and alcohol, sexual health

issues, education, employment and training and many other things.

Young people are encouraged to drop into the Youth Centre or call 9411 3888 for more information.



*The City's Aboriginal Youth Outreach Worker
Darryl Bellotti with Youth Worker Monique Kickett.*

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR BUSH FIRE SEASON?



As summer approaches all residents within the City are reminded of the devastating effects that bush fires can have on their community. Property owners are responsible for making themselves aware of the detail of, and adhering to the Fire Control Order, a copy of which was sent out with rates. Below is a brief, but not comprehensive overview of the requirements.

The bush fire season is from 1 November to 31 May every year.

Properties with land sizes greater than 2032m² are required to have firebreaks that must be cleared of all flammable materials i.e. cleared back to earth.

Properties less than 2032m² are required to slash or mow dry vegetation to a height of no more than 50 millimetres. This height must be maintained.

The City, in conjunction with Cockburn's Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades, offer onsite fire safety advice and demonstrations to assist residents in rural areas.

Bookings are essential and are subject to demands placed on volunteer brigades at the time.

The Fire Control Order can be found at www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/fire or by calling **9411 3444** or email: customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au

For further information contact Michael Emery – Acting Emergency Services Coordinator at the City on 9411 3444 or email memery@cockburn.wa.gov.au





Looking for some retro bargains? Want to de-clutter? Or get to know your neighbours? Garage Sale Trail is for you. Four years after starting in Bondi Beach, Garage Sale Trail is now a national event. Communities around Australia will hold Garage Sales on Saturday, 26 October.

Cockburn is into sustainability, by redistributing great stuff and saving it from landfill.

Cockburn is into community, by making a great occasion for you to connect with people in your neighbourhood.

Cockburn is into you making some money from stuff you would otherwise have thrown away, for you or your favourite charity.

So far Garage Sale has redistributed one million items from potential landfill, helped raise \$3 million in local fundraising, and helped 800,000 people to meet their neighbours in Australia.

How to get involved?

Start by registering your **Garage Sale** at www.garagesaletrail.com.au

Bargain hunters can also create a **Treasure Trail!** What's that you say? It's an awesome way to save the

garage sales you want to visit and on the day you can print out a map to take with you, or access your trail using your mobile device on the day.

Jump on the 'Treasure Trail Tour Bus'. Register your interest for the guided tour on 9411 3444 or customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au

Visit the Cockburn website on www.cockburn.wa.gov.au or give us a call on 9411 3444 if you need a hand to register or have any queries.

Register your sale TODAY!



CAT AND DOG REGISTRATIONS



What do the new cat laws mean for you and your feline friend?

As of 1 November 2013, all domestic cats in Western Australia over six months of age will need to be sterilised, microchipped and registered with their local government. Your cat will be required to wear a collar and registration tag to ensure they can be easily identified and returned to you if they become lost.

For more information, including tips for being a responsible cat owner, visit the department of Local Government and Communities' Responsible Cat Ownership web page at: www.cockburn.wa.gov.au or <http://dlg.wa.gov.au/Content/Legislation/ResponsibleCatOwnership.aspx>

Is your dog registered or due for renewal?

The Department of Local Government have informed the City that dog registration fees have been increased.

Any new or renewed dog registrations effective from 1 November 2013 will be charged at the new rate.

	Dogs	Cats
1 year unsterilised	\$50	-
3 year unsterilised	\$120	-
1 year sterilised	\$20	\$20
3 year sterilised	\$42.50	\$42.50
Lifetime	-	\$100

50% discount applies to pensioners for registration of both cats and dogs.

This does not affect any currently registered dogs which expire 31 October 2014 or 2015.





City of Cockburn Human Operations Manager Jill Zumach has been recognised in Western Australia Local Government Association's (WALGA) annual *Honours Award Program*.

The WALGA Honours Awards recognise people who are some of the most valuable and committed members of our community.

Jill won the category for *Local Government Officer of the Year Award* for her 32 years of service at the City.

Jill began her career with the City in 1981 as an Outside School Hours Care Play Leader. She is now responsible for more than 120 staff in the areas of youth, seniors, children, people at risk and people with disabilities, to but name a few.

She was responsible for projects such as the Universal Playground at Manning Park, integral in the development of the nationally recognised Disability Supported Work Crews Program and the organiser of many community events over the years.

Cockburn CEO Stephen Cain is passionate about providing excellent services to children and the community.

"We thank her for the amazing contribution she continues to make to the City. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated employee that genuinely cares about others and improving people's quality of life," he said.



WALGA Employee of the Year Jill Zumach

ACTIVE TRANSPORT BECOMING A BIG HIT FOR COCKBURN STUDENTS!



15 local primary schools are experiencing behaviour changes in health, sustainability and transport thanks to the City's TravelSmart program and the co-funded Your Move program.

Teams of students around the City are creating leadership teams engaging in active transport to and from school. Your Move aims to engage 10,000 households to become more active, healthy and connected.

Success Primary School's Deputy Principal Nathan Crawford says the culture shift in parents and children is seeing up to 45% of families coming to school using active transport.

Bibra Lake Primary School's Deputy Principal Sandy Pascoe says her school is also experiencing big changes enhanced by students wanting to participate.

Newton Primary School is even putting together a new bike workshop called 'Bike kitchen' to give students a space to fix their bikes and re-build older ones. The Bike Kitchen will also be open on weekends for use by everyone.

Visit the following websites for more information:
Your Move - www.yourmove.org.au

TravelSmart:
www.beactivecockburn.com.au/travelsmart/



More and more kids are getting to and from school using active transport



The City would like you to nominate an outstanding individual or group for one of this year's *Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards*. These awards celebrate the contribution that active people make to our community.

These contributions can come in many forms – they are for ordinary people who make an extraordinary difference to our community.

How it works:

There are three categories of Award you can nominate:

- **Outstanding contribution by a local citizen aged 25 or over**
- **Outstanding contribution by a local citizen under 25 years of age**
- **Outstanding contribution by a local group or community event**

Complete the nomination form that can be found at:

www.australiaday.org.au/wa/awards/premiers-australia-day-awards.aspx

and post it to:

City of Cockburn
Australia Day Awards
PO BOX 1215
BIBRA LAKE DC WA 6965

By 3 December 2013

For more information contact: **9411 3444**

The winning nominee in each award category receives a framed certificate and a gift voucher to the value of \$200. The person who nominates the winner in each category also receives a prize to the value of \$50.

The Awards will be presented at a special Australia Day Ceremony on 26 January 2014.



MOSQUITOES: PROTECT YOURSELF



As we're approaching the warmer weather, residents should be mindful about mosquitoes and protecting themselves and their families. The City of Cockburn's Health Services has commenced extensive investigations and treatment into potential mosquito breeding sites within the City.

Some species of mosquitoes are known carriers of Ross River Virus (RRV) and Barmah River Virus (BFV). RRV and BFV can impact significantly on an infected person's lifestyle. Symptoms can include: painful and/or swollen joints, sore muscles, aching tendons, skin rashes, fever, tiredness, headaches and swollen lymph nodes.

Last year the City treated 411 sites focussing in the suburbs around Thompsons Lake including Success, Atwell, Aubin Grove, Hammond Park and Beeliar.

Despite improvements and modifications to stormwater infrastructure and routine environmentally sensitive chemical treatment, you can offer yourself the best protection by:

- Reducing outdoor activities during high mosquito activity periods (dawn and dusk);

- Covering up by wearing light coloured long sleeve shirts and long pants that are loose fitting;
- Applying personal insect repellent containing DEET or Picaridin if possible; and
- Ensuring fly screens to doors and windows are fitted and maintained.

For more information about RRV, BFV and how to protect yourself visit:

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/mosquitomanagement





36,676

the number of first time visits to the City of Cockburn's website in July 2013

1min 54sec

the average time visitors spend on the City's website

23%

increase in visits to planning resources on the City's website in three months

10%

of people access the City's page from their tablet

18%

access the website from their mobile phone

72%

access the website from their desktops

BUILDING BEYOND THE SQUARE



Cockburn Central Town Centre is continually evolving. Over the past seven years we've seen an upward and outward expansion with new apartment buildings, cafés, restaurants, offices and shops.

The next chapter of the Cockburn Central Town Centre evolution will be about complementing the recently renovated town square. LandCorp is calling for developers to submit designs for a bold new building on the vacant lot next to Cockburn Central train station.

Luke Willcock, LandCorp General Manager Metropolitan said developers have an opportunity to make their mark on Cockburn Central Town Centre, with an innovative mixed use building providing a framework for big ideas.

"Our vision is a lively mix of commercial, retail and residential, perhaps a bistro with an alfresco area on the ground floor, boutiques either side and short stay apartments above; all of these would be perfectly suited to this space," Mr Willcock said.

"We're expecting a variety of original design proposals that will add to the already lively town square, providing people with yet another reason to visit and live in Cockburn Central," he said.

Australand is one developer who has already embraced the opportunities at Cockburn Central

Town Centre. With three apartment complexes already in the heart of the development, it has now purchased an additional two lots to offer even more contemporary lifestyle options.

Keep up with the Cockburn Central story by visiting www.cockburncentral.com.au or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cockburncentraltowncentre



Cockburn Central Town Square comes alive



Retiring Councillor Val Oliver

It is with a sense of accomplishment I announce my retirement from Council after 13 years of service with the knowledge our families can look forward to a safe and growing economy for the future.

2000 was a great year for Cockburn with a complete new Council who were well aware that Cockburn needed to change. A new CEO with a head for business Stephen Cain and mostly new Executive Staff with new ideas came a little later.

This Council worked together and change it did from being known as the Noxious Industry Area to this wonderful City of today that has become one of the fastest growing most liveable metropolis in the State.

Today we have a large staff who are very community minded I thank each and every one for this as it is what our community deserves.

I wish you all a great future.

All the best,
Val Oliver



COCKBURN WINS GOOGLE'S ETOWN AWARD FOR WA



Google has crowned Cockburn WA's top eTown, thanks to businesses' use of the web in promoting their business. The award celebrates towns and cities whose small businesses make the best use of web to connect to their customers and grow.

The City is quickly becoming a world-class place to do business with planned and underway projects including:

- Latitude 32, the largest master planned industrial development in Australia;
- Jandakot City, housing local offices of some of the world's largest companies including GE Oil & Gas and Halliburton; and
- Cockburn Central, the City's vibrant town centre surrounded by local and international businesses.



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