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City Survey Findings

It's a fact! People choose to live in Cockburn because land and housing is affordable, it's close to Fremantle, the beach, work and Perth!

These facts were discovered as part of the recently completed City of Cockburn Community Needs Study which will determine the future planning and strategies of the City.

The other main reasons for living in Cockburn were a familiarity with the area, with 18% of people surveyed living close to family and friends and 16% who were born or grew up in the area.

People also enjoy the lifestyle opportunities available in this City, with 14% enjoying a semi-rural life and 16% living here for the peace and quiet.

"On behalf of the City and the Council, I wish to thank all the residents and businesses who participated in the survey," the City's Chief Executive Officer Rod Brown said.

Mr Brown said that the City of Cockburn wanted to develop a strategic plan which reflected the needs and aspirations of people who live and work in the area. The Marketing Centre was commissioned to assist Council to identify and understand these needs.

"The aim of the study was to gain an understanding of people's needs," Mr Brown said. "To do this we needed to listen to people who live and work in the area". This was achieved by holding a workshop with Councillors and an open meeting with the public, focus groups were facilitated with residents in each ward, and in-depth interviews were conducted with businesses and special interest groups.

Based on these findings, a questionnaire was designed by the Marketing Centre in association with the Council's steering committee. The questionnaire was completed by 800 residents (160 from each ward), 200 businesses, and 34 voluntary participants.

The key research findings have shown that residents and businesses are generally satisfied with the City of Cockburn, however the high priority areas to address are security and police presence, youth services, public transport, roads and paths, environmental management, planning and communication and control over business mix.

The survey showed that the community considered



Chief Executive Officer, Rod Brown, with the results of the Community Needs Study

the City's major challenges for the future were industrial developments with 56% supporting the extensions of the Henderson Ship building area and 52% opposed to industrial development in North Coogee.

55% of people surveyed supported the Port Catherine Marina and 20% opposed it. It was felt that other major challenges were to protect the environment and reduce pollution, and to attract more people to the area to support businesses. The survey also highlighted that general infrastructure would be a challenge including building shops, schools, sporting complexes and providing scheme water and underground power.

There was an overwhelming support for Thomsons Lake as a town and entertainment centre (69% support) and 66% supporting the plans for the Fremantle to Rockingham Highway.

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MLA for Southern River Monica Holmes supported the Council's grant application and presented the cheque to City of Cockburn Chief Executive Officer Rod Brown recently, making it the biggest recreation grant the City has received in the current financial year.

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The building will include two change rooms, a kitchen/ kiosk area, storage space, an office area, and a main function area.

It is now at design stage with well known recreation architectural specialists Peter Hunt Architect, who also designed Challenge Stadium, home of the 1998 World swimming Championships, Subiaco Oval and South Lake Leisure Centre.

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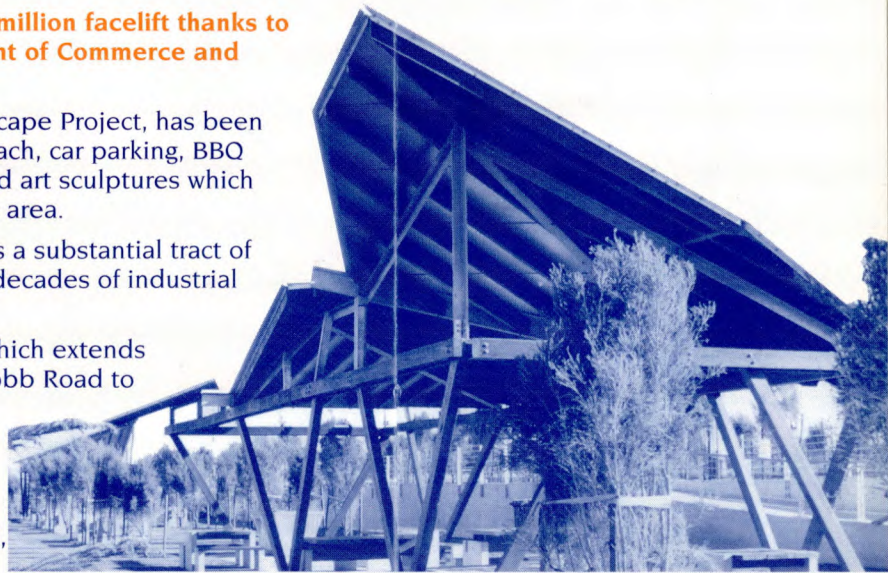
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- Hygiene checks by Local Government Environmental Health Officers

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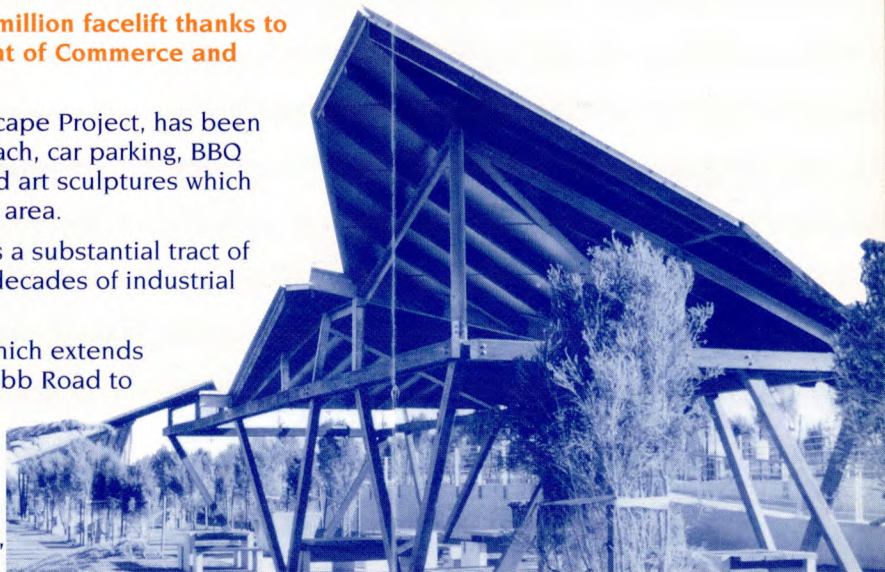
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The Cockburn Pipe Band playing at the Spring Fair

Culture Comes to Cockburn

It's all happening in Cockburn! The City has been busy launching new cultural activities and encouraging local residents to get involved.

The first round of Co-Express grants have been received and projects have been in full swing. A commissioned painting by professional Atwell artist, Zhang Xiao Lei is ready for its new home in the foyer of the Atwell Community Centre. The unveiling is set to happen during family week in May.

Youth Theatre workshops led by actor/performer Alex Marshall (of Ghost Walk fame) were held at the Yangebup Community Centre Hall. Due to the workshops' huge success and popularity they will start again in early May - contact Yvonne Coyne for info on 9417 9995. Our long term vision is to see a youth theatre company in Cockburn!

The City of Cockburn has adopted the former Celtic Pipes and Drums as the new Cockburn Pipe Band. The Pipe Band holds weekly classes and is always interested in new members. Contact June on 9337 1585.

Viva Portugal Festival is an event not to be missed. It takes place from the 5th - 7th of June at the Cockburn Civic Centre. The festival will celebrate 500 years of Portuguese exploration and will showcase the local Portuguese community's culture and heritage. Food, dancing, music and exhibitions will be on offer and everyone is invited to come along.

Festival Agostino offers a perfect opportunity to chase away the winter blues! The Cockburn Salvadorean community holds its first community festival during the weekend of August. This promises to be an opportunity to warm up with hot Latin tunes, dancing, crafts and great food.

The summer ended with the inaugural Sunset Concert Series held at the Manning Park Music Shell, one of the most picturesque yet little known outdoor concert venues in metropolitan Perth. Three Sunday concerts held in March/April featuring local groups; The Joys of the Women, The Hamilton Hill Swing Band and Moorditj Jinna along with professional acts Bluegrass Parkway, Malembe, Desert Child and Kerri-Ann Cox. The concerts were a huge success and a wonderful opportunity for children, parents and friends to enjoy live music, have a picnic and enjoy the beauty of Manning Park. Plans are brewing for another season next year.

For more info on arts/cultural activities ring Susan Clarke, Community Arts Officer on 9411 3444.



Latin American band Malembe attracted a crowd of 500 at the City Of Cockburn's Sunset Concert.

ON THE CREST OF A WINNING WAVE

City of Cockburn recently launched its new corporate identity, heralding a new image and era for the City.

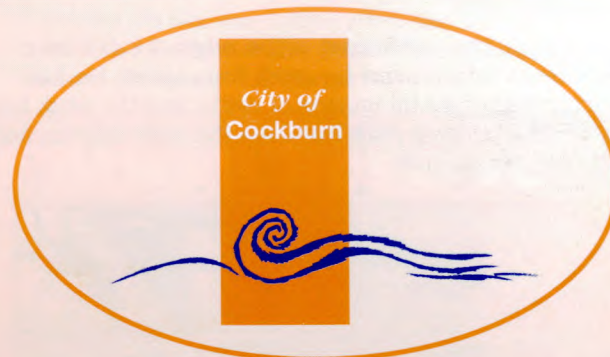
WA's premier entertainment park 'Adventure World' was the back drop for one hundred invited guests to share the vision for Cockburn, outlined by Mayor John Grljusich, and the designers of the new identity, TMP Worldwide.

"The changing face of Cockburn will boast the all new identity while retaining the traditional City Crest for civic and other important occasions," Mayor Grljusich said.

Community organisations are being encouraged to incorporate the new City brand into their signs, publications and other activities to promote a sense of belonging and ownership within the City.

"The aim of this new brand is to create a strong corporate identity for a City that reflects all aspects of Cockburn and can be used across a wide variety of applications," City of Cockburn's Promotions and Liaison Officer Michelle Finucane said.

However she pointed out that it was essential that the image was strong, simple and easily recognised and identified.



Residents can expect to see the new identity appearing on Council signs, vehicles, buildings, stationery and in other areas over the next few months.

As for what the strong orange, blue and white brand represents, most people will see the "waves" of Cockburn's coastal and water aspects and the letter "C" within the wave for Cockburn and City.

The launch was attended by various business people within the district and was complemented by the spectacular European Stunt Diving Show, Corporate Grand Prix Go-Kart Challenge, and Bounty's Revenge ride for those who dared.

Sales and Marketing Manager for Adventure World Larissa McCutcheon congratulated the City for its modern approach into community and business participation.

'97 Spring Fair Cockburn's Biggest So Far

A crowd of 4000 people enjoyed beautiful weather, a carnival atmosphere and loads of activities, performances and stalls at the 4th Annual Cockburn Rotary Spring Fair held at Manning Park in late October last year.

"We had our biggest turnout so far and everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time," Cockburn Rotary Spring Fair Committee Chairperson Barry Hoare said.

The highlight of the Fair was nearly \$5000 worth of fireworks that were let off at 8pm. "They were shelled off 70m away from the crowd which made it even more exciting, and the finale was spectacular," Mr Hoare said.

"The fair generally went down very well, the helicopter rides were very popular and the Sensitive New Age Cowpersons (SNACS) were excellent, attracting a big crowd in the music shell, which was an excellent venue for them," Cockburn Spring Fair secretary and treasurer Bevin Goodreid said.

Mr Goodreid said that the Fair Committee have already met to decide what will be included in the 1998 fair and how the fair could be improved.

"There were about 50 stalls this year and next year we intend to at least double the number of stalls that were at the fair," he said.

Mr Goodreid said that it has been suggested by people that the fireworks should be orchestrated to music. "Hopefully we can look forward to this at next year's fair."

If you have any suggestions or would like to assist in the 1998 fair, contact Council's Marketing and Customer Services Unit on telephone 9411 3458.

Benefits from Sister City Relationships

City of Cockburn has recently established two sister city relationships which aim to foster partnerships that will be beneficial to local businesses and community groups.

Cockburn has formalised a relationship with Split, Croatia and will soon formalise a relationship with Yueyang in China, located on the Yangtze River.

"The concept of Sister City Relationships dates back to the end of the Second World War when countries throughout the world sought to form friendly relations with their neighbours to restore peace and goodwill," Administrative Support Officer Rob Santich, who is also the secretary to both sister city committees.

"However there is enormous potential in sister city relationships by looking beyond their traditional roles to other opportunities and Cockburn City aims to create beneficial partnerships in friendship, culture, education, sport and trade with Yueyang and Split," he said.

"For small and medium sized businesses to prosper, it is important that they network overseas and within Australia and our sister city relationships can assist them to do this by providing an opening into another city for future contact."

Mr Santich said the trade component was essential, as well as fostering future educational, sporting and community relationships because there is a community desire to get value for money from a sister city relationship and it also reflects the growing importance of the relationships.

More than 500 people witnessed City of Cockburn's formal signing for a sister city relationship with Split, Croatia, after many years of negotiations.

The historical signing between the two cities to formalise the relationship was made by City of Cockburn Mayor Clr John Grljusich and Chief Executive Officer Rod Brown with City of Split



Clr Ivo Simunovic, Cockburn Mayor Clr John Grljusich, Split Mayor Ivica Skaric and City Of Cockburn CEO Mr Rod Brown.

Mayor Ivica Skaric and President of the Split City Council Ivo Simunovic on Monday, January 19, 1998.

"It was like the old meeting the new with Cockburn just over 100 years old, and Split more than 1600 years old," Cockburn Mayor John Grljusich said.

The two cities combined and declared a people-to-people based relationship with commitments towards promoting peace, friendship and goodwill amongst residents of the two cities.

The relationship also stated commitments towards providing a favourable environment for cultural, economic and educational interchange between the two cities and versatile cooperation and understanding.

"We also ensured that there was a commitment toward promoting awareness and appreciation of the traditions, customs and culture of the two cities," Mayor Grljusich said.

A highlight of the Split delegates visit was the traditional Aboriginal and Croatian dances performed.

Volunteer Fire Fighters Battle Raging Bushfires

This fire season the South Coogee and Jandakot Volunteer Bushfire Brigades have fought 150 fires ranging from small grass and car fires to structural and house fires.

They were called to assist in many large fires outside of our area, in one more than 50 fire units and 200 people were called upon to battle a raging bushfire in Kwinana which lasted nearly two days from Tuesday December 23 1997 through to late Christmas Eve. No lives were lost but a house and property was



destroyed and 12 volunteer fire fighters were hospitalised with injuries and smoke inhalation as a result of the fire.

The total damage bill was in excess of \$700,000, over 35 hectares were burnt and 88 properties were saved.

The City's Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Jim Johnson said the volunteers have

had to face a very high number of fires through one of the driest seasons on record. "The training, dedication and commitment to protecting the community by these volunteers is as always outstanding and we should all be very grateful for their time and efforts," he said.

Margaret Awarded Outstanding Citizen

Congratulations to Margaret Ravlich from Spearwood who was named 1998 Australia Day Citizen of the Year for the City of Cockburn.

Margaret has been a volunteer Girls Guides leader for more than 20 years, in which time she has managed 3 different guide groups. She is also a tireless volunteer community worker and has been heavily involved with the Spearwood Netball Club, the Cockburn Spring Fair and Cockburn Nursing Home.

"She has done all sorts of community work ranging from car washes to cake stalls and really is an amazing person," Mayor John Grljusich said.

Cockburn's Junior Citizen of the Year was Damien Norris from Jandakot, a gymnast coach for young and upcoming gymnasts.

Damien has also been awarded a foundation sports scholarship when he was a competing



Margaret Ravlich (centre) is congratulated by Deputy Mayor Terry Battalis and Federal Member for Fremantle Carmen Lawrence.

gymnast and coaches six gymnasts who were selected in WA's 12 member team.

The Australia Day celebrations were livened by the Minipops, a young entertaining group who sang Australian bush and theme songs, followed by a very entertaining '70s dance and glitter show.

Australia Day Celebrations saw a crowd of more than 300 watch fifty people become new Australian Citizens along with the Awards held at Cockburn Civic Centre.

In groups of four or five each person pledged an oath or affirmation of allegiance to Australia and its people and received their citizenship, along with voting forms and a Holy Bible from the City of Cockburn.

They were part of 7 000 people across the nation who became Australian citizens and once the ceremonies finished everybody celebrated with a free morning tea and refreshments compliments of the Council.

Clean Up Day

The City of Cockburn's Environmental Department fished out 20 rusted, wrecked cars from

the Shirley Balla Reserve off Gibbs Road in Banjup in March for Clean Up Australia Day.

"It resembled a scene from the Gulf War, particularly the road between Iraq

and Kuwait where there was a tangled mess full of bombed cars," City of Cockburn Environmental Health Officer Steve Goodridge said.

It took a 15 tonne front end loader, two 10-tonne trucks, twelve cubic metres of limestone to build an access way, two four wheel drives, six men and six hours to fish out the wrecks from the dried up lake.

To help finish the job, volunteer Clean Up Australia Day site supervisor for the Shirley Balla site, Roy Hiller, coordinated 20 people to pick up any remaining smaller items and scrap metal.

Our City's beaches were also cleaned up thanks to 40 volunteers from Hamilton Hill High School and the entire South Coogee Primary School.



City's Heritage Open Day Honours Market Gardeners

Come and join in the fun and celebrations at City of Cockburn's Heritage Festival Open Day to be held at Manning Park, Azelia Road Spearwood on Sunday April 19, 1998.

"Cockburn has some wonderful heritage and history to celebrate, so we have made this an annual event in conjunction with the WA Heritage Festival Week theme of 'Our Community's Heritage'," City of Cockburn Promotions and Liaison Officer and organiser Michelle Finucane said.

Attractions will include horse drawn carriage rides, tour guides in old-world style costumes giving free tours of the Azelia Ley Homestead Museum and the All Corners Jazz Band belting out a few favourites during the afternoon.

"This year the Council has invited many former market gardeners that we wish to honour on the day, as they have played such a vital role in the making of the Cockburn community," Miss Finucane said.

Azelia Ley Museum Curator Harry Willis said it was nice for the community to see the heritage of Cockburn and learn about the local history.

For more information about the day please contact Michelle on telephone 9411 3551.

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WHAT YOU SAID YOU WANT

Security and Police Presence (3 in 5 dissatisfied)

People want: additional police
greater emphasis on neighbourhood watch and
greater emphasis on children's safety houses

Youth Services (1 in 2 residents dissatisfied)

People want: more sport and entertainment
after school and weekend activities for young people in safe, accessible places

Public Transport (South & East Wards -1 in 2 dissatisfied)

People want improved public transport services especially buses to Perth, Fremantle and Garden City

Roads and Paths (Traffic Management and Verge Maintenance - 1 in 2 dissatisfied; Road and Pathway construction/ maintenance - 2 in 5 dissatisfied)

People want better street signs
improved traffic management
well-maintained paths & more trees

Environmental Management

People want recycling bins or crates
improved midge and mosquito control
more controls to reduce noise and dust pollution
the wetlands and bushlands to be preserved

Planning and Communication

People want clearly specified buffer zones and more attractive looking industry
to be informed and consulted about plans for the area before decisions are made
more effective use of the local newspaper, Cockburn Soundings and other direct mail

Control Business Mix

People want ratio of businesses to residents to be controlled
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'98 EVENTS CALENDAR OUT

DID YOU receive your City of Cockburn '98 Events Calendar delivered with the "Cockburn Gazette" Friday, March 13 1998?

If not, contact Council's Customer Service Officers on telephone 9411 3458 and we will send one out to your household. Or even better, you can come and collect one of these quality, colourful and informative magnetised fridge calendars in person at the Council Administration Building.

If you wish to comment on the calendar, whether it be good or bad, we welcome your feedback. Write to Council's Promotions and Liaison Officer at P.O Box 1215, Bibra Lake WA 6965 or telephone her on 9411 3551.

COCKBURN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 1998

Do you know someone you think is worthy of Citizen of the Year for City of Cockburn?

If you do, read on. To be eligible for the Award, a nominee must have made an outstanding contribution to the City of Cockburn in any field, whether it be in sport, business, community service or another area. Nominations for the Award will be accepted up to Friday, May 8th 1998 and should contain the following information:

Expendable copies of supporting documents should accompany the nomination if available.

Those recipients nominated in previous years who were not successful are encouraged to be re-nominated this year.

Any queries should be directed to Ms Heather Urquhart on telephone 9411 3444 or 9411 3409.



I would like to
nominate.....

☐ Citizen of the Year

☐ Young Citizen of the Year

☐ Community Event of the Year

My reason for this nomination.....

Nominator's name.....

Address..... Suburb..... State.....

Postcode..... Telephone.....

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