

# COCKBURN SOUNDINGS

JUNE 2014



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## COCKBURN GETS \$10M THUMB'S UP FROM STATE GOVERNMENT

*(Front) Cockburn netball team - Success Strikers and South Lake Dolphins Swim Club with (back row L - R) Treasurer Mike Nahan MLA, Premier Colin Barnett and Cockburn Mayor Logan K Howlett.*



The WA Government announced \$10 million (M) funding for the City of Cockburn Regional Aquatic Sports Facility at Cockburn Central West in May. This brings external funding to a total of \$22.4M, 21% of the total \$106M.

This landmark community sporting facility project is the largest of its kind ever undertaken in WA by a local government authority. It will be a fantastic facility for Cockburn residents and our great sporting clubs. The facility will include three swimming pools and water slides.

Previously announced funding includes \$10M in Regional Development funding from the Federal Government and the \$2.4M Community Sport and Recreation Facility Grant from the State Government.

This community complex will also become the new home for the Fremantle Dockers, providing training and administration facilities. This will also include a retail shop, community meeting spaces and an AFL-standard oval. Curtin University students will also use the facilities for learning on-site. Fremantle Football Club and Curtin University are responsible for the costs of their own facilities, but working in partnership has enabled such a state-of-the-art facility to be developed.

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## NAIDOC Week at the Library - July School Holidays

Monday 7 - 17 July

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

Experience traditional, local Nyungar culture, dance to the didgeridoo, and listen to a well-known Indigenous author and illustrator Norma MacDonald. See the website [library.cockburn.wa.gov.au](http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au) for more information.

## Cockburn libraries – On Air

Listen to Radio Fremantle 107.9FM the last Friday of every month to find out all the latest from Cockburn Libraries. Jessica and Leah from the library join Bob Edwards to chat about the latest events, services and all things Cockburn Libraries.

## COCKBURN LIBRARIES - YOUR MEETING PLACE

### Bookclubs

All three of our libraries offer bookclubs where lively discussions about books take place each month. Join and you might find yourself reading books you'd probably never choose yourself and form valuable friendships at the same time.



### Writers Groups

The Tapestry Writers Group at Spearwood Library and Creative Corners at Coolbellup Library welcomes beginner and more experienced writers.



Even if you just need encouragement to write, come along and be inspired by others in the group.

### Crime Club

The Crime Club meet at the Seniors Centre to discuss methods of solving crimes. If you fancy yourself as a forensic investigator, come along and put your crime solving abilities to the test while having fun at the same time.

### Family History Group

This group will help you make the most of the resources held at Cockburn libraries, including Ancestry.com, to discover the scoundrels and saints in your family's history.

### Poetry Lovers

Come along, armed with your favourite poems to make new friends, have great discussions and share a free cup of tea or coffee.

### English Conversation Group

If you like to practice your English conversation in a safe and supportive place, then join our group that meets weekly at Spearwood Library.

### Knitting Circle

The Knitting Circle meet at Spearwood and Coolbellup Libraries every Wednesday at 9.30am. Enjoy meeting with other knitters / crocheters to stitch and chat or if you want to learn these crafts, then come along and join our friendly groups.

### Community Cafe

Drop in for a chat at the Coolbellup Community Café/ Disabilities Support Group. Talk over problems that are getting you down, share information about community resources or join in craft activities. Meets Thursday mornings 10.30am to 12.30pm.

### Movie Club

Join us for a morning movie and discussion in a friendly environment. The Movie Club meets at 9.00 am on the first Sunday of every month at the Spearwood Library.



If you're interested in joining these groups contact the libraries (Spearwood - 9411 3800, Coolbellup - 9411 3830, Success - 9411 3840) for more information.





Announcements on local government reform in the Perth metropolitan area are due to be made by the Minister for Local Government & Communities in July. This follows the Local Government Advisory Board's (LGAB) review of the proposals

and submissions received and their report and accompanying recommendations to the Minister on the new local government boundaries.

The options open to the Minister are to either accept or reject the LGAB's recommendations; they cannot be modified. If the Minister accepts the LGAB's recommendations then in due course the Governor's Orders will be sought to create the new local governments effective from 1 July 2015.

At this point in time, the Minister has identified the City of Cockburn along with 13 other local governments to be abolished. In our case, the City of Kwinana would govern the City for the period 1 July to 17 October 2015 at which time local government elections for the 'new' council would be conducted. This outcome has been brought about by the Barnett Government's decision to propose Boundary Changes instead of Amalgamations thereby removing affected communities from having a say in their future. This

amounts to 'forced change' directly contrary to the Barnett's position going to the 2013 State election.

**I urge residents of Cockburn to continue to engage with Members of Parliament on the State Government's proposal to 'carve up' the City of Cockburn. Your views need to be heard. We are at a critical juncture in our City's future and it is people power that can make the difference.**

The 'carving up' of sustainable local governments such as Cockburn is unheard of in local government reform in Australia. The City has been an advocate for local government reform and there has been no reason provided by the Government to the Council or its community on the reason(s) for their action. The 2012 Robson Report commissioned by the Government recommended that Cockburn be one of 12 (down from 30) local governments to make up the Perth metropolitan area going forward. In July 2013 the Government announced the amalgamation of Cockburn and Kwinana. In 2014 the Government announced the proposed abolition of Cockburn – no rhyme, no reason, no justification.

**Logan K Howlett, JP  
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## EUROPEAN WASP INVASION



European wasps are invading us. Perth has always been free of European wasps and today there are more nests in Munster than ever in WA's history and if we don't control them they are here to stay AND unlike the UK they won't stop breeding in winter in Perth! European wasps are considered the world's worst wasp pest. They threaten Western Australia's outdoor lifestyle, tourism, human health and the wellbeing of our pets and livestock. We need people to adopt a trap. To report suspected European wasps or for more information about the 'adopt-a-trap' program, contact the department's Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS) on 1800 084 881 or go to the department website [agric.wa.gov.au](http://agric.wa.gov.au)



*European Wasp and trap*



Work with qualified professionals as they guide you through designing and retrofitting your home for sustainability.

You'll be able to design your own sustainable home in this interactive workshop, which will teach you about climate and the sun, developing a design brief, addressing key planning approval requirements and selecting appropriate building materials.

The workshop will be followed by a tour of a sustainable, retrofitted home and hands-on landscape design and gardening activities.

The master class will be run on Sunday 22 June from 9am to 3pm, at Memorial Hall in Hamilton Hill.

For more information visit; [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/sustainability](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/sustainability) or to book contact the City on 9411 3444.



HOUSING TOOLKIT



**Cockburn launches WA's first affordable housing online toolkit**

An 'Affordable Housing Toolkit' that brings together information for buyers, tenants and developers is now online!

The project was put together by members from housing associations, Department of Planning, Department of Housing, LandCorp and the City of Cockburn.

The initiative is a simple idea to put all information about affordable housing in one place to create a one-stop-shop.

The toolkit includes:

- Incentives available to potential developers of Cockburn Coast including what partnerships are available.
- Assistance available for purchasers and renters such as Keystart Home Loans and the National Rental Affordability Scheme.

- Examples of what affordable housing looks like to encourage the growth of the market and increase availability for the public.

This toolkit can be accessed via the City's website: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/affordablehousing](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/affordablehousing)



*L-R City of Cockburn Manager for Strategic Planning, Andrew Trosic, Cockburn Mayor Logan K Howlett, LandCorp Chief Operating Officer Nicholas Wolff and Hannah McDonald looking to move into Cockburn.*



Cockburn residents are invited to improve their health, lose weight and get more active. DVDs of a local presentation by dietician Glenn Cardwell and exercise physiologist David Beard plus healthy checklist fridge magnets are available for Cockburn residents at all City libraries.

The three year Co-Health program funded by the Australian Government has allowed over 1200 residents to improve their nutrition and get more physically active. Due to the tremendous feedback and demand from people who took part in HEAL, BEAT IT, Heartmoves, Nordic Walking, FoodCent\$ and other activities, these programs will continue to be offered for a small fee, ranging from \$3 to \$6 per session. Heart Foundation walking groups will continue to be free. For more information see [www.beactivecockburn.com.au](http://www.beactivecockburn.com.au)



(L-R) Gladys Brownley, Len Solomon, Truusje Laden, Hermie Cray, Mike Tucker, Jenny Tucker, James Woolfrey, Rosina Fazio.

WAYFINDING SIGNS INSTALLED ON A CORNER NEAR YOU!



Australia's biggest ever Wayfinding Project is now underway in Cockburn with 524 non-slip pavement adhesive 'wayfinders' that have been installed around the City. These signs will assist residents to become more connected with their local community and to increase physical activity.

The program is part of the Your Move program, a partnership project with the State Government.

The signs point out how to make the most of the City. There are 396 'Walk this Way' signs pointing out destinations including shops, libraries, parks and sporting ovals.

If you're on two wheels you'll benefit from 112 'Share the Path' safety signs to remind cyclists and walkers to look out for each other as well as cars.

There are signs pointing out new and existing bike racks across the City so you can secure your bike at key locations.

More than 9,500 households have already signed up to Your Move Cockburn. For more information visit: [www.yourmove.org.au](http://www.yourmove.org.au)



Cockburn Mayor Logan K Howlett with Minister Terry Waldron and Brett Hughes from Department of Transport.



**Monday 9, 16 and 23 June**

**Come and try your hand at watercolour painting with Vicky Royans**

1pm - 3pm  
Cost : \$15

**Monday 16 June at 9.30am**

With the opening of the new Fiona Stanley Hospital there will be significant changes to the services offered by Fremantle Hospital. A free information morning tea presented by DR David Blythe Executive Director Fremantle Hospital.

**Tuesday 15 July and Wednesday 16 July**

**Christmas only comes once a year except at the Cockburn Seniors Centre.** Come along and celebrate Christmas in July with a delicious three-course meal and entertainment.

11.30am - 2pm  
Cost: \$20

**Services offered at the seniors centre**

The centre has a hairdresser in residence on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and a beautician every second Thursday.

There is something for everyone at the Cockburn Seniors Centre.

Transport is available for residents who are unable to get to the centre independently.

Bookings are essential for all events.

Phone: 9411 3877

Email: [csc@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:csc@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

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

Cockburn Seniors Centre  
9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood



*Hairdressing available at the Cockburn Seniors Centre*

# Outrage



## COCKBURN YOUTH SERVICES

25 Wentworth Parade, Success | T: 9411 3888

[youth@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:youth@cockburn.wa.gov.au) | [cockburn.wa.gov.au/youthservices](http://cockburn.wa.gov.au/youthservices)

**July School Holidays 7 - 18 July.**

Find it hard during winter to entertain your teenager? The City of Cockburn's Outrage Holiday program is what you need! The holiday program for 12 to 16 year olds hosts a variety of activities to challenge and entertain your young person.

The program can have up to 30 young people attend to enjoy activities like surfing, trampolining, rockclimbing and the movies.

Fully supervised with lunches provided most days, this could be just the program if you're stuck during the holidays.

Prices for the day out is \$25 with discounts if you book for every day.

For more information contact the Centre's Youth Development Team on 9411 3884



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Recycle Right now has a free App dedicated to waste and recycling in WA.

You can have this handy app with you at all times, so if you're unsure what 'goes in what bin' you only have to refer to this nifty little app for the answer! Remember your green bin is composted. This is a form of recycling too.

App features include:

- **Which Bin** - provides an explanation of what goes in which bin and what happens to the contents of the bin at the recycling facility.
- **Materials A-Z** - a searchable A to Z which provides advice on which bin to put things in for this region, as well as great tips to re-use or recycle many different items.
- **Hints and Tips** - tips on how to reduce packaging, reducing food waste, how to create a worm farm or how to compost and how to use real nappies and reduce junk mail, wherever you are.
- **Find my Nearest** - using GPS technology, you can find your nearest battery recycling centre, car part disposal facility, construction and demolition disposal facility, charity shop,

hazardous household waste disposal site – anywhere in Perth.

- **Take Part** - Gives great ideas on how you can take part in your community, or in nationwide initiatives and how to book a tour of the recycling facility to see what happens to your waste.
- **Leftover Recipes** - Using leftovers is one of the best ways to save money and prevent waste. These recipes will help transform your leftovers.

The App is available at the App Store or Google Play.

Find out more: [www.recycleright.net.au](http://www.recycleright.net.au)



The City has had approval from the Western Australian Planning Commission to spend almost \$1.5 million on park and reserve upgrades around Cockburn this year to encourage more people to get active and enjoy the outdoors.

You may have noticed some of these upgrades taking place around your suburb already. Areas include: Aubin Grove, Atwell, Coogee, Beeliar, Hammond Park, Cockburn Central, Munster, South Lake, Spearwood, Yangebup, Jandakot and Hamilton Hill.

There will be various upgrades and improvements from exercise equipment and playgrounds to shade sails and drink fountains, to park furniture and lighting, to soccer goals and change room extensions.

To see the full works schedule visit:  
[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/parks](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/parks)



*New exercise equipment has recently been installed at various points around Enright Reserve, Hamilton Hill*



The draft Coolbellup Revitalisation Strategy was adopted for advertising by Council at its April 2014 meeting.

**The City wishes to hear feedback from Coolbellup residents and property owners on the draft Strategy during the public advertising period which runs for 60 days from 12 May to 11 July 2014.**

The Coolbellup Revitalisation Strategy is the latest of the City of Cockburn's revitalisation projects. Revitalisation Strategies guide how future urban infill can be delivered within established suburbs and works required to facilitate improvements in the urban environment.

**Information session**

The City will be conducting a presentation for residents and property owners to hear about the proposed draft Strategy.

**Friday 13 June 2014 6pm – 7:30pm**  
**Len Packham Hall/Club Rooms**  
**96 Cordelia Ave, Coolbellup**

If you would like to attend this session please RSVP on 9411 3444.

For more information visit the City's website at [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Coolbellup](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Coolbellup) or call 9411 3444

**Submissions**

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Email: [stratplanning@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:stratplanning@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

Online via the City's Public Consultation web page:  
[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/News/Community\\_Consultation](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/News/Community_Consultation)



*Cooby supporters at the I Love Cooby Event held earlier in the year.*

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATES BIBRA LAKE



This month marks the United Nation's World Environment Day that was celebrated internationally on 5 June. The day is a timely reminder to care for our City's most valuable environmental asset, Bibra Lake.

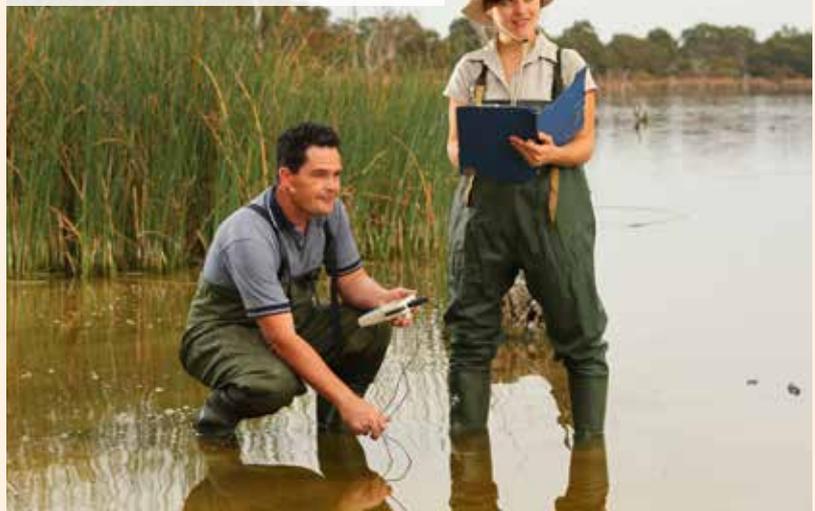
We are lucky to have some of Western Australia's best inland lakes which form two unique chains of wetlands running from north to south through the heart of our City.

Bibra Lake is part of the Beelihar Regional Park. The lake supports a range of threatened species such as the Carnaby's Black Cockatoos and Rainbow Bee eaters.

The Beelihar Regional Park contains the Banksia Woodlands that are a 'Priority Ecological Community'. The Wetlands are listed as a Bush Forever site meaning the protection of the wetlands is highly important.

If you are interested in looking after Bibra Lake call 9411 3444 to find out how you can get involved in things including community planting activities and the school holiday programs.

*Environmental Officers Adam Harris and Yasmin Hunter monitoring water quality within the Beelihar Regional Park.*





The City's CoSafe security service offers a 24/7 security surveillance to its residents 365 days a year.

CoSafe also works closely with the WA Police to address local issues and share intelligence to assist in the apprehension of persons of interest.

The City has a well-established Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the WA Police Service and both services work together to improve community safety and security for the City's 21 suburbs.

Members of the CoSafe's service also works closely with Neighbourhood Watch, the City's Cockburn Community Interagency Crime Prevention Group and attends juvenile justice meetings as required.

Latest figures show that for the period 1 July 2013 to 27 February 2014 the City's CoSafe has attended to over 45,000 jobs and has answered 4,461 calls just showing how integral CoSafe has now become to the City's community. A majority of call-outs relate to anti-social behaviour, noise complaints and suspicious activity.



*Cosafe is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and even offers a Holiday Watch Program. W: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/cosafe](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/cosafe)*



Should you require the services of CoSafe please call 1300 26 72 33.

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### SPECIAL NOTE TO RESIDENTS REGARDING 2014 CALENDAR



The 2014 Calendar does contain an error for the month of June. You can download an updated version of June from [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/june](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/june) alternatively if you would like an amended copy sent to you please email us at: [customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au)



## COCKBURN CENTRAL TRAFFIC CONGESTION

The Public Transport Authority (State Government) provides most of the all-day car parking off Knock Place, Jandakot. The car park on the east side of the Kwinana Freeway for the Cockburn Central Train Station can accommodate 880 vehicles.

In 2012 the State Government increased the number of parking bays from 410 to 880 with a view to improve parking but without the necessary improvements to the adjacent road network, which has led to an increase in traffic congestion.

The City requested better traffic management solutions to be in place before the car park opened. This advice was not followed by the Western Australian Planning Commission who approved the additional bays.

The only vehicle access to Knock Place is via Solomon Road at an intersection which is only 40 meters away from the busy Armadale Road/Solomon Road intersection.

A common complaint about the delays being experienced by commuters is that the 18-minute rail journey from Perth to Cockburn Central is quicker than the time it takes to exit the car park.

There are a range of solutions including installing traffic lights at the intersection of Armadale and Solomon road, but this was not supported by Main Roads WA.

The long term solution is to construct a bridge to extend North Lake Road across the Freeway, see No.1 on the map. To find out more about what you can do to lobby the State Government to build the bridge visit:

[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/roads](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/roads) and click on Read More.

## RECENTLY COMPLETED AND UPCOMING ROADWORKS

### 01. Cockburn Central traffic solution is the North Lake Road Bridge

Modelling clearly shows that a new bridge at North Lake Road will address traffic congestion at Cockburn Central.

The City continues to lobby the State Government to build the North Lake Road Bridge linking North Lake Road to Armadale Road. The City has committed \$10 million to facilitate the road connections to the bridge.

### 02. Bibra Drive / North Lake Road

The City acknowledges that the number of crashes at this intersection qualifies it as a Black Spot. Main Roads WA rejected the City's application to improve this intersection in 2010. The City has since applied for Black Spot Program funding to modify the intersection. If approved, construction will occur in 2014-15.

### 03. Hammond Road, from Bartram Road to Russell Road

**COMPLETED**

The widening of Hammond Road from Bartram Road to Russell Road. This widening provides additional road capacity to accommodate traffic growth.

### 04. Widening of Beelias Drive (Wentworth Parade to the Kwinana Freeway)

**COMPLETED**

This section of Beelias Drive has been widened from four-lanes to six-lanes. This provides additional road capacity to help reduce congestion along busy Beelias Drive. This project is a condition of approval for the extension of Cockburn Gateway Shopping City.

### 05. North Lake Road duplication between Hammond Road and Kentucky Court

This section of the road will be widened to a dual carriage way with anticipated completion at the end of 2015. The rapid development of Beelias, Cockburn Central, Hammond Park, Success and Aubin Grove have led to increased traffic.

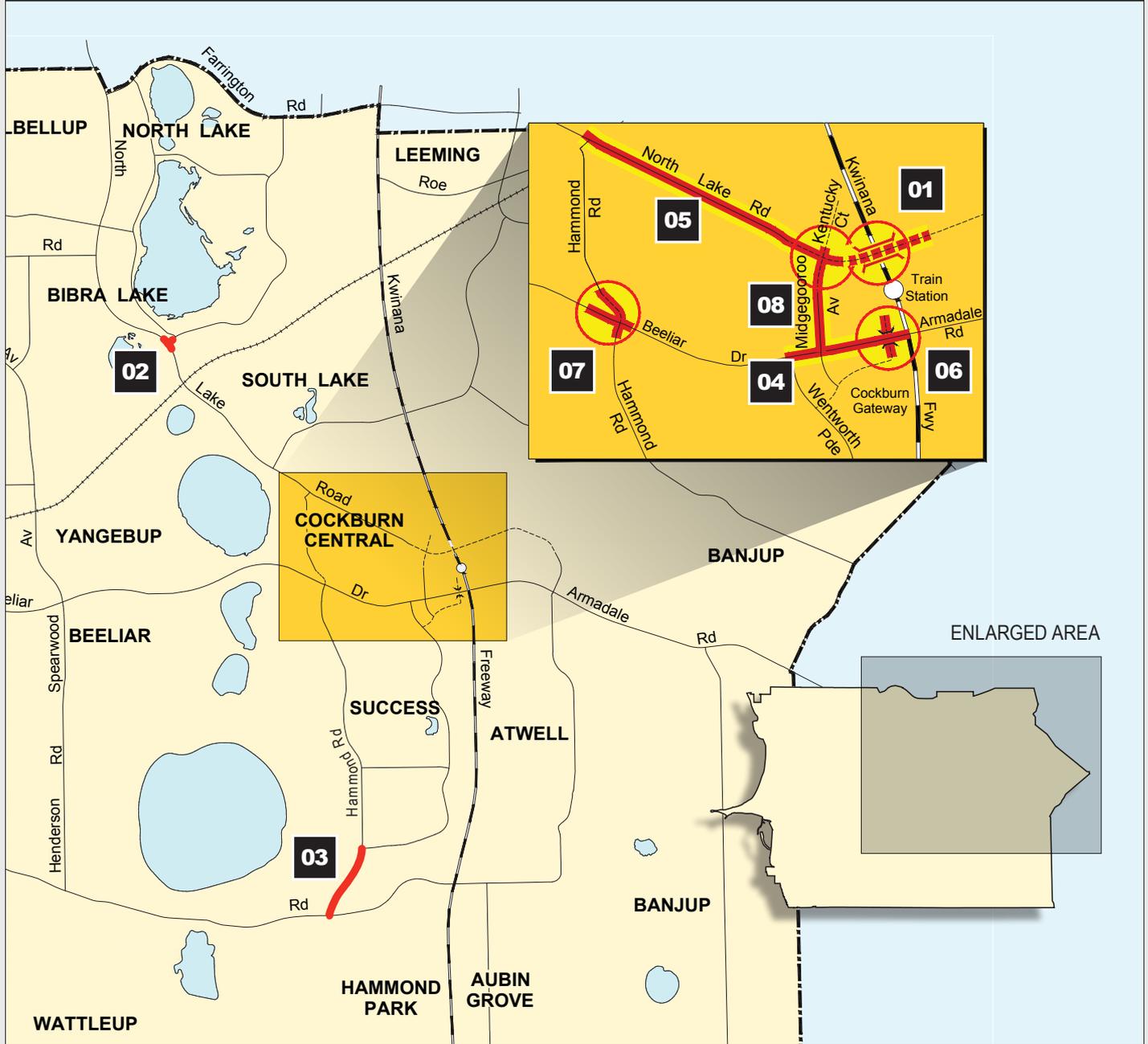
Construction on this project began in April.

### 06. Beelias Drive Underpass

A new bus-only road and pedestrian access between the Cockburn Central Town Centre and the shopping centre will be constructed through the underpass by Landcorp next to the Kwinana Freeway in 2014. 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. The underpass will also provide safer and quicker access for pedestrians.



## ROADWORK HOTSPOTS



### 07. Beeliar Drive / Hammond Road Intersection

This Black Spot funded project will realign the northern leg of Hammond Road at Beeliar Drive. The City will also install four-way traffic lights at this intersection. The intersection will be safer for motorists particularly travelling along Hammond Road who find it difficult to turn onto Beeliar Drive due to the continuous flow of traffic. The project is currently under way and expected to be completed this month.

### 08. North Lake Road realignment (Midgegooroo Avenue)

**COMPLETED**

North Lake Road was realigned adjacent to the Cockburn Central Town Centre by Landcorp. This involved the creation of a four-way traffic light controlled intersection at Kentucky Drive. The section of North Lake Road between the new intersection at Kentucky Drive and Beeliar Drive has been renamed 'Midgegooroo Avenue'.



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

\*Must register for Community Planting Days; T: 9411 3444, E:customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au\*

June 2014	<b>Revegetation for Habitat Creation</b> Community Planting Day Sunday 8 June (9am – 1pm) Market Garden Swap	<b>Revegetation for Habitat Creation</b> Community Planting Day Saturday 21 June (9am – 1pm) CY' Connor
	<b>Deadly Moves Youth Event - NAIDOC</b> 4 July 6pm – 9pm Cockburn Youth Centre	<b>NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony</b> 7 July 10am – 11am Council Administration Building
July 2014	<b>NAIDOC Aboriginal &amp; Torres Strait Islander Seniors Event</b> 7 July 11.30am – 2pm Cockburn Seniors Centre	<b>NAIDOC Events in the Library</b> 7 – 17 July (School holidays) For children 5 years + <a href="http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au">library.cockburn.wa.gov.au</a>
	<b>Revegetation for Habitat Creation</b> Community Planting Day Saturday 12 July (9am – 1pm) Manning Park	<b>National Tree Day – Tree Planting</b> Sunday 27 July (9am – 1pm) Bibra Lake

# City of Cockburn NAIDOC WEEK 2014

**Friday 4 July, 6pm - 9pm**

Deadly Moves Youth Event  
Cockburn Youth Centre, Success

**Monday 7 July, 10am - 11am**

Official Opening NAIDOC Week  
City of Cockburn Admin Building, Spearwood  
Flag raising, art display and morning tea

**11.30am - 2pm**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Seniors Event  
Cockburn Seniors Centre, Spearwood

**7 - 17 July (School Holidays)**

Experience traditional, local Nyungar culture, dance to the didgeridoo and listen to a well-known Aboriginal author and illustrator. See library website for more information.

For children 5 years +  
[library.cockburn.wa.gov.au](http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au)



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2014

SERVING COUNTRY - CENTENARY & BEYOND



## City's Mechanics

The City has more than 330 mechanical assets which need ongoing maintenance by the team at the depot workshop. The five-person team includes a recently graduated and a second-year Apprentice. They provide a challenging seven day a week on-call service necessary for critical equipment such as our waste trucks that operate on public holidays, heavy plant located at the Henderson Waste Recovery Park and general day-to-day upkeep of machinery throughout the organisation.

When conducting and servicing such heavy equipment including trucks, excavators, loaders and dozens of other

high-risk mechanical equipment, nothing can be left to chance. The workshop team have managed to achieve a remarkable result of no 'Lost Time Injuries' over an eight-year period by practicing a safe work environment and remaining alert at all times.



L-R City Mechanics - David Jones, John Farac, Steve Elliott, Paul Caltsounis, Brad Scott and Harry Hay.

## HISTORY WITH LEAH - SPEARWOOD RAILWAY STATION



Leah from Spearwood Library

The Spearwood Railway Station is a distant Cockburn memory. In 1905 Jandakot farmers won their battle to have the railway line extended out from Fremantle. Work was finished in 1906, with Spearwood station located where the train line intersected Rockingham Road.

By 1909 the station was in regular use by Cockburn residents, and some of the small wooden buildings at the Jandakot station were moved to be rebuilt on

the platform at Spearwood. Trains ran once a day in each direction.

The line was closed to passengers in the 1950s, but the nearby Watsonia factory could occasionally persuade the railway service to add an extra passenger carriage for special events. One Cockburn resident remembers catching the train from Spearwood to the Royal Show in the 1960s with all the factory workers and their families.

That line is now the Fremantle-Forrestfield freight line, and all that is left of the Spearwood Station are a few wooden posts stuck in the dirt.

Got a local history query? Email it to Leah at [spelib@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:spelib@cockburn.wa.gov.au) and every attempt will be made to help you find your answers.



The City's Council recently adopted the following:

**Dog Exercise Area**

To make the proposed section of Yarra Vista Park on Dean Road, Jandakot an off-leash dog exercise area. [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/dogexerciseareas](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/dogexerciseareas)

**Demolition of Joe Cooper Recreation Centre**

That Council place on its 2014-2015 budget for consideration the sum of \$200,000 for the demolition of the Joe Cooper Recreation Centre and for the cost of a memorial plaque to be located on the site.

In December 2013 the City received a Building Condition and Construction Code Compliance Report, which recommended that due to its very poor condition the City should not continue to utilise the building.

Given its poor condition, the City believes there would be no community benefit in spending ratepayer funds on expensive refurbishment works. An upgrade is planned at the Beale Park facilities in Spearwood to create a quality regional facility that is well located.

Local Government Reform Update

**COCKBURNKWINANA**  
Local Implementation Committee

## Progressing towards a new Cockburn-Kwinana Local Government



The State Government has called on Local Governments to form committees to undertake the preliminary planning for amalgamation of new local governments. These committees are called the 'Local Implementation Committees' (LIC).

The City of Cockburn recently formed the Cockburn-Kwinana LIC. It will meet monthly to discuss and progress issues pertaining to the establishment of a new City of Cockburn-Kwinana (encompassing the current districts of Cockburn and Kwinana).

The LIC's tasks include all that is necessary to ensure that the new local government can function as of 1 July 2015. For example, the LIC will discuss the new organisation structure; which services fall under which departments; the practical aspects of locating and accommodating the new local government and most importantly, how to continue to provide better services to residents.

The Committee comprises of representatives each from the City of Cockburn, the Cockburn-Kwinana Community Steering Group Committee and the Kwinana Community. The City of Kwinana has been invited to be a member of the LIC.

Final decisions on the Local Government Reform process are not expected to be known until July 2014. While there are many proposals that the Local Government Advisory Board (the Board) is weighing up as part of its analysis, the key task will be for local governments to be ready to implement their proposals. The City of Cockburn put forward a proposal to unite the whole of the communities of Cockburn and Kwinana, which is what the LIC are focussing on.

For more information and access to the LIC's meeting minutes and relevant documents visit: [cockburn.wa.gov.au/CockburnKwinanaLIC](http://cockburn.wa.gov.au/CockburnKwinanaLIC)

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The Cockburn Integrated Health and Community Facility, including the Cockburn GP Super Clinic and new Success Library will be open next month.

The library will house over 1.6km of book shelving, over 50,000 books and eBooks and is anticipated to welcome over 300,000 visitors per year.

The health facility will meet the needs of our growing community and will reduce the waiting time for families wanting to see a health professional.

Once the one-stop-shop is open, you will be able to see your GP, pop into the pharmacy and hop over to the library while you await your script.

Some of the confirmed services at the facility include:

- Centrelink/Medicare
- Midwifery service
- GP and dental services
- Breast screening
- Podiatry

- Child Health
- Physiotherapy
- Radiology
- Pharmacy
- Silver Chain
- Family and financial support
- Early years Program
- Dietician
- Immunisation Services
- Cardiology and respiratory services
- Ear, Nose and Throat services.



The Cockburn Integrated Health and Community Facility

In addition there will be a tertiary facility for medical training.

The facility is on a one hectare site on the corner of Beiliar Drive and Wentworth Parade in Success, adjacent to Cockburn Youth Centre. Free public parking will be available.

PENSIONERS AND SENIORS RATES



Registered concession holders who have not yet paid their council rates are encouraged to do so by 15 June 2014, so the rebate can be claimed on their behalf from the Office of State Revenue.

Courtesy letters were issued to all registered concession holders in May advising of the remaining balance payable in order for the rebate to be claimed.

For example, notification is required when;

- Your original application details have changed
- You or your spouse ceases occupation of the property
- As a WA Seniors card holder you become an eligible pensioner or the holder of a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.

If you have a change of circumstances you must notify the Water Corporation on 1300 659 951 or [www.watercorporation.com.au](http://www.watercorporation.com.au)

COCKBURN BY NUMBERS



The City's Grants and Donations fund has been going for 19 years and provides the highest level of funding of its kind by a WA Local Government. The funds all go back to the community and include:

**\$7 million**  
since 2002

**2%**  
allocation of rates income annually

**\$1.1 million**  
this year

**Across 8**  
City Service Units

**3**  
opportunities to apply per year

**97%**  
project success rate



**Sundowner for Volunteers**

Over 70 local volunteers from 24 community groups attended the inaugural *Sundowner for Volunteers* on Friday 28 March at Memorial Hall. The successful event was proudly hosted by the City's Community Development Team. The event acknowledged the contribution of volunteers and to give attendees the opportunity to network with other local volunteers, share experiences and have a well-deserved night off. The event continues the City's commitment to build capacity within the Cockburn community by working with community members, volunteers and not-for-profit groups.

Mayor Logan Howlett officially opened the event and was followed by guest speaker Dr. Dawn Butterworth, the Western Australian Volunteer of the Year 2013.

Many City of Cockburn staff were present to advise volunteers of the number of services and resources available to them and how the City can support volunteers and community groups. There was particular interest in the Cockburn Volunteer Resource Centre, a local hub for volunteers and volunteer agencies, providing a link between people and their community.

The City looks forward to the second Sundowner for Volunteers, due to be held in September 2014. Keep an eye on the City's website for up-to-date information.



*Sundowner – The Inaugural Volunteer Sundowner was enjoyed by all*

**POSITIVE PARTNERSHIPS: BUSINESSES VALUING VOLUNTEERS**



Have you heard of the Very Important Volunteer (VIV) Card? It is a FREE program in which Cockburn businesses offer discounts on goods and services to volunteers living in or volunteering in the Cockburn area. The program operates as a reward and recognition initiative for volunteers while profiling the key role that business plays in supporting community life.

The cards are renewed each financial year, so the new look cards (pictured) are coming soon. Contact the Cockburn Volunteer Resource Centre (CVRC) to receive your 2014-2015 VIV Registration Form and start saving!

Over 70 local businesses generously offer Cockburn volunteers a discount when they present their VIV Card in store. We were very pleased when the following five new businesses joined the program at the 2013 *Get Connected Expo*: Café Royal Beeliar, Café Royal Cockburn Central, Majestic India, Caffissimo @ Success, and Sumo Salad Cockburn Gateway.

Other generous businesses to have recently joined are: Atwell-Aubin Grove Vet Clinic, Belleza Beauty, Cockburn Podiatry, and Finance Corp.

Big thanks to all new and existing businesses for their continuing support. If you are a Cockburn business and would like to reward local volunteers through the VIV Card program, please contact the CVRC on 9411 3490 or email [volunteering@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:volunteering@cockburn.wa.gov.au)





Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Southern Lions Rugby Union Football Club over 16 teams from Perth, Malaysia and Darwin were able to compete in the recent City of Cockburn 7's Rugby Tournament.

The one day event, held on 15 February at the Success Regional Sporting Facility saw teams compete in the Men's and Women's Open Competition, vying for the tournament titles with more than \$10,000 in prize money up for grabs. There was lots of fun for spectators too, with a drop kick and 100m sprint competition as well as a bouncy castle, dunk tank, slippery dip and face painting for the kids. The club would like to express their thanks to the sponsors for their support and generous donations which greatly assisted with the running of the event.

These include major sponsors City of Cockburn and Rugby

WA as well as Money Partners, Armando Sports, Sea to Summit Transport, GCS, Atwell Cellars, Southside Realty and Perth Ice Works and a special mention to tournament partners, Act-Belong-Commit. The club are already planning next year's tournament and are looking forward to an even bigger event in 2015.

If you would like to find out more about the Southern Lions Rugby Club or the 2015 tournament contact Ronan O'Shea on 0410 471 572.



City of Cockburn 7s Rugby Tournament Southern Lions vs Mandurah

City of Cockburn 7s Rugby Tournament well under way

HARMONY RESTORED



During 2013 a small, yet devoted number of volunteers from the Harvest Lakes Residents Association (HLRA) sub-committee participated in a clean-up and planting project that saw Harmony Lake thrive during both the winter and summer months. The project was made possible by the hard work put in by the volunteers and the successful application for 'A Better Tomorrow Sustainability Grant' through the City of Cockburn.

In that time, a total of 523 volunteer work hours allowed 709 bags of weeds, dead vegetation and algae to be removed from the lake. 900 plants were then placed in the lake and surrounds to improve its health and provide habitat for fish, turtles and birds.

Harmony Lake is not just a source of reticulation water or a decorative pond; it is the heart and centre of the Harvest Lakes community. Those that have participated in this project now experience a deep affiliation with the community and feel pride and ownership over their beloved lake.

If you are passionate about the environment and the community, please consider volunteering in the next stage of planting. The maintenance and care of Harmony Lake will be an ongoing project, so if you can spare a couple hours, please contact Pearl Kellar on 9414 3262 to join the fun and rewarding team.



HLRA President Robert Kellar and Mayor Logan Howlett



Local children enjoyed helping plant at Harmony Lake



The 2014 Cockburn Community Bowls with a Twist event, held in April at the Cockburn Bowling Club was once again a hit, with over 80 representatives from community groups across Cockburn taking part. The fun networking event provided an opportunity for groups to build on their networks within the community and connect with like-minded individuals in a relaxed setting.

The event was filled with lots of fun including a bowls tournament followed by a buffet dinner and a quiz challenge. There were also a number of prizes on offer to assist with the operational costs of community groups.

Prizes were awarded to groups for their creativity along with their quiz and bowling expertise.

**Quiz Champions:**

Combined Team of Lakes Junior Football Club and Mums of Spearwood Girl Guides

**Quiz Runner Up:**

Combined team of the Rotary Club of Cockburn and Connecting South Lake

**Bowls Champions:**

Native Arc

**Bowls Runner Up:**

Lakes Junior Football Club

**Bowls Third Place:**

Mums of Spearwood Girl Guides

**Bowls Wooden Spoon:**

Bibra Lake Residents Association

**Best Team Name:**

'The Ottey's Otters' from South Lake Ottey Family and Neighbourhood Centre

**Best Dressed Team:**

Coolbellup Community School and Coolbellup Learning Centre P&C

The Community Development Team would like to thank everyone who attended and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2015!



A great group shot of everyone who took part



Coolbellup Community School and Coolbellup Learning Centre P&C showing their bowling prowess



The 'Ottey's Otters' from the South Lake Ottey Family and Neighbourhood Centre claiming their Best Team Name Prize



With more than 1500 people attending across the day, the Cooby Farmers' Market held at Tempest Park on Saturday 29 March was a fantastic success. Presented by the Coolbellup Community Association and Cooby Now, the market allowed Coobellup locals the chance to mingle with their neighbours, federal and local politicians.

Market visitors were able to browse over 35 stalls in a relaxed and shady environment including fresh fruit and vegetables, bread, honey, potted herbs and native plants, organic fair-trade coffee, organic cold-pressed juice, loads of high quality craft items and a range of international cuisines. There was also live music across the day and entertainment for the kids for the kids including face painters and the popular roving Captain Boots the Pirate.

The inaugural Cooby Farmers' Market was made possible through the generous support of Alcoa, City of Cockburn, Lend Lease as part of *The Primary* in Coolbellup, Peter Tinley AM, Ann Bashi Brown and Mayor Logan K Howlett.

Due to the popularity of the first market, the Cooby Farmers' Market will now take place on the last Saturday of each month, with the next market held on Saturday 28 June from 9am.

For more information about the market email [coobyfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:coobyfarmersmarket@gmail.com) or join the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/groups/coobyfarmersmarket](http://www.facebook.com/groups/coobyfarmersmarket)



Ari Davis helping local residents enjoy the market.



Sonia Lamond, Peter Tinley MLA, Pip Brennan, Zoe Campbell, Greg Paterson and Melissa Parke MP.



**Cr Steve Portelli**

The past 12 months the Local Government Reform process has thrown up some curly issues, however the staff and community response has been fantastic. A lot of communities are apathetic.



I always like to think of them as contented; for when issues do arise the passion soon comes to the surface. Cockburn has always been cognisant of the value of the community spirit, hence it's Community Development Team which is dedicated to helping all community groups with guidance and networking. This nurturing has great value in giving ownership to the people. We want to hear your voice, whether it is an idea, a complaint or even a compliment. Call me any time on my details below. Local Government is here to serve you.

**Cr Yaz Mubarakai**

So many exciting projects are coming up around Cockburn!



Most notably you will see the opening of a new medical hub and library opening in Cockburn Central. You'll have seen the GP Super Clinic under construction since the City announced it with the Commonwealth Government as part of a wider plan to see Cockburn Central become the living capital of our City.

Across the street from this will be the Regional Aquatic and Recreational Facility that will house your fitness, exercise and leisure space. This \$100 million facility will boast one of the best recreational facilities in Australia. In partnership with the Fremantle Dockers Football Club the facility will be a place for professional and as well as recreational sport.

Stay up-to-date with all the latest developments at: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/projects](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/projects)

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