

COCKBURN

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SOUNDINGS

City of Cockburn Commissioners,
Murray Jorgensen (left)
Julian Donaldson (centre)
and Jenny Smithson.



Commissioners Corner

We are pleased to again be in the position of advising you of some of the activities and projects of your City whilst here as Caretakers.

A most encouraging response was received from our invitation for members of the community to contact us, which resulted in very fruitful meetings and consultations with the Progress Associations within the City.

The best way to get in tune with the needs of our people is to listen, and Jenny, Murray and myself reaffirm our pledge to do just that to ensure everyone receives a fair go.

It has been my very great pleasure to officiate at Australian Citizenship ceremonies where on behalf of the people of Cockburn, I welcome numerous new Australian Citizens in the traditional Cockburn style, following their taking of the pledge for Australia. On behalf of the Commissioners, our Staff and Residents I welcome our new Citizens and take this opportunity to thank the City Staff who arrange the ceremonies and the celebrations.

The Pioneer Market Gardeners Awards as well as the re-opening of the new Coogee Beach Jetty were highlights for the Commissioners, as well as the Community in general. With our district having such history attached to it, recognition and restoration of this nature is an important role for the City and it's Administration to properly acknowledge our founding.

We encourage community groups and individuals to keep our City Staff informed of events and cultural activities they feel to be of significance, as we may be able to include them in our publications and promotions. Telephone the Administrative Centre on 9411 3444 should you have any suggestions.

We look forward to the continued participation of Cockburn's Residents and Business people in the running of their City at Council meetings, held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7-30pm in the Council Chambers at Coleville Crescent Spearwood. Telephone 9411 3401 to contact any Commissioner ■

Julian Donaldson
**Chairman of the
Joint Commissioners**

What's on at Phoenix Shopping Centre.

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN.

Kids driving you crazy these holidays? Phoenix Shopping Centre has the solution.

From 5th to 10th July, bring the kids down to experience all the fun and excitement of the Patch and Sparkles Magical Clown Show. Children will be entertained daily between 11am and 1.30pm with free stage shows, balloon sculptures, fantasy face painting and lots more.



From 12th to 17th July, introduce your children to some furry friends at Farmer Syd's Animal Farm. From 10am until 4pm each day, children can pat, feed or have their photo taken with cute and cuddly rabbits, chickens, lambs and more. There is even a great colouring-in competition with great prizes on offer each day.

EVENT TIMES

5th - 6th JULY

PATCH AND SPARKLES MAGICAL CLOWN SHOW

11am	Patch & Sparkles Magical Clown Show
11.45am	Balloon sculpture with Sparkles.
12.15pm	Fantasy face painting with Patch.
1pm	Patch & Tiggles the Tiger Comedy Show

12th - 17th JULY

FARMER SYD'S ANIMAL FARM
10am - 4pm daily

City's NEW jetty a landmark



The new Coogee Beach Jetty is now complete and was officially opened by Commissioner Julian Donaldson on Saturday May 29th 1999.

About 200 people turned out for the opening which was very much a local affair, and included a special touch of 80 year old Coogee local Wilfred Poole talking about the significance of the Coogee Jetty to the local community.

To celebrate the completion of the new Coogee Beach Jetty, the City of Cockburn will be hosting a "Coogee

Beach Party" in December this year when the weather warms up. The day will be jam-packed with action, including sand-castle building competitions, sausage sizzles, swimming races, and all sorts of beach games. Everyone is invited and we'll keep you posted with all the details in the November-December edition of the Soundings.

"The original Coogee Beach Jetty was designed by the Fremantle Harbour Trust, now the Fremantle Port Authority, in

1959. It was built in the early 1960's by the Harbour Trust at a cost of 2,400 Pounds." Commissioner Donaldson said, in his opening speech.

"The original Coogee Beach Jetty, as with this new jetty, was always intended to be and used as a recreational jetty."

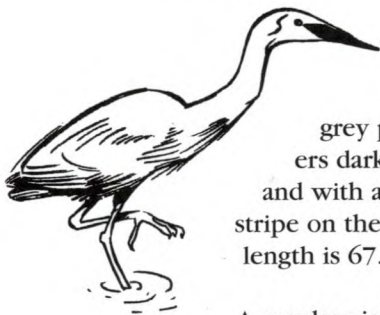
This new jetty is a lot higher than the old jetty so that damage caused by the wind and waves will be significantly minimised.

It extends 98m out to sea, and has lighting along the length of the jetty for safety and enjoyment. There is a high viewing platform at the end of the jetty for people to enjoy fishing and Western Australia's beautiful sunsets over the ocean.

This new jetty features a Karri timber deck supported by 50 steel piles and also has handrails for safety. The lower level is a swimming deck with stainless steel ladders to climb out of the water. With the feasibility study, design and architectural plans, materials, labour and construction, the City of Cockburn has spent approximately \$800,000 on this new Coogee Beach Jetty.

The new design will ensure that the jetty will be a major landmark in Cockburn for many years to come ■

What do these two birds have in common?

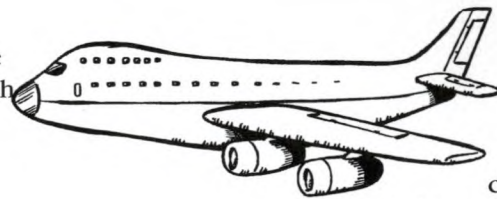


The White-faced Heron has a two-tone grey plumage, with flight feathers darker than the rest, and with a white face and white stripe on the throat. Its average length is 67.0cm (male larger).

A regular visitor to Alcoa's Wellard Wetlands, it can be found stalking about in the shallows catching unwary prey.

The Wellard Wetlands were created following the extraction of clay for use in Alcoa's Kwinana alumina refining operations. What was once degraded farmland has become high quality conservation wetland, catering for over 100 bird species.

Promoting the health and well-being of the environment is an Alcoa Value.



The Boeing 747-400 generally has a white or silver plumage, however will display other colours depending on habitat. Its length is 7066.28cm.

A regular visitor to Perth, this aircraft is constructed using aluminium.

Alcoa of Australia's WA Operations is the world's largest supplier of alumina the feedstock used by smelters to produce aluminium. Alcoa produces 6.7 million tonnes of alumina a year from its three refineries in W.A., with the Kwinana Alumina Refinery producing around 1.9 million tonnes a year.

Providing products and services that meet or exceed the needs of our world-wide customers is an Alcoa value.



Kwinana Alumina Refinery

Your ideas for city's greening plan wanted

We're after your ideas and input about the beautification and greening of the City of Cockburn. If you are concerned about the greening of the City and have worthwhile comment or good ideas, read this story!

The City of Cockburn recently engaged environmental scientists Alan Tingay and Associates to develop a Greening Plan for the City.

And an upcoming community consultation being held over the next few months will be your opportunity to give the City your ideas and input about the greening and beautification of the Cockburn.

The key objective of the Greening Plan is to provide a detailed plan for the maintenance and enhancement of:

- remanent vegetation within the City and the revegetation of previously cleared areas,
- road reserves and
- public land in order to enhance ecological values, landscape, streetscape and community amenity.

The Plan will serve as a guide for on ground works, including street scaping and to a lesser extent vegetation in parks, and future policy and planning applications.

In developing the Greening Plan, the consultants need your help, as community consultation will form an important component of the plan, and the City believes that the document should be a community-based initiative.

As a part of the Community Consultation process the following events will occur:

- Shopping centre displays. It is hoped the displays will raise awareness of the Greening Plan, advertise the Community Consultation Workshop and provide an avenue for early input. These displays should be seen in mid-July.
- Student Workshops and Community Consultation Workshops which will provide an avenue for comments, ideas and discussion by the general public and school children. These workshops will take pace during August.
- As a result of the Workshops, a Steering Committee will be formed, which will be made up of community representatives, members of the City's Arbour Committee and the consultants. The Steering Committee will meet monthly, and will discuss, analyse and comment on the production of the Greening Plan.

The Steering Committee members will therefore be the drivers for the production of the Greening Plan, with the consultants providing technical advice and adjusting the Plan to Suit.

"The City of Cockburn is very excited about the Greening Plan, and is looking forward to on-going community interest and consultation in developing the plan," the City's Environmental Services Manager Darren Walsh said.

The result should be a Greening Plan which represents the community's interest and concerns, combined with the City's commitments and requirements ■

For further information, please contact Darren Walsh at the City of Cockburn on 9411 3444.

WOOHOO! Teen vacation program on again

The City of Cockburn has a Teen Vacation Program which operates during each school holidays. The next Teen Vacation Program commences on Monday July 5th and runs each weekday for two weeks.

All activities are open to Cockburn residents, with first priority given to young people aged between 12 - 18 years. There are loads of low cost activities, with costs ranging between \$5 and \$15 per day. Free pick - ups from the Joe Cooper Recreation Centre and Yangebup Community Centre are available.

Fully Supervised by qualified staff, the range of Adventure Activities includes:

- Mountain Bike Riding
- Caving
- Horse riding
- Fishing and Boating
- Skateboarding, competition, and Demo's
- Also - a Dance Party, DJ workshop and much more!

For bookings and more information, contact City of Cockburn's Recreation Services Coordinator Andrew Ward on 9411 3432.

WIN a \$250 Esplanade Hotel Package

On the facing page you will see a questionnaire survey about footpaths and bus shelters in Cockburn. To encourage you to fill out and return the survey, the Esplanade Hotel and the City of Cockburn have a \$250.00 meal and accommodation package for two people, which could be won by anyone who returns the survey. The prize includes lunch or dinner for two people in the Esplanade's Atrium Garden Restaurant to the value of \$60.00 plus an overnight stay at the hotel. Relax and enjoy overnight accommodation in one of the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle's luxuriously appointed rooms. The following morning you can enjoy a fully cooked buffet breakfast in the tropical courtyard setting of the Atrium Garden Restaurant.

This package is available any time till the 30th December 1999 except for public holidays and theme nights. The winner will be drawn on Monday August 30th 1999, so make sure you're in with a chance for this fantastic prize and get your survey in by Monday August 30th. You can post it or drop it in person at the City's Administration Building, Corner Rockingham Road and Coleville Crescent, Spearwood WA 6163.



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Footpaths

The City of Cockburn has placed \$200,000 on its 1999/2000 budget to replace slab footpaths in Hamilton Hill, Spearwood and Coolbellup.

"City of Cockburn's Community Needs Survey conducted last year showed that residents wanted improvements in the quality of footpaths and street verges," the City's Director of Engineering and Works, Bevis Greay said.

Within Cockburn, there is approximately 100 kilometres of slab footpath and a program is being implemented to replace these over the next 10 years. ■

Streetscapes

The new residential estates of Atwell, Beeliar, Success, Glen Iris and others have excellent landscaping in the road verge and medians (traffic islands) and there is the expectation that this standard will be maintained.

The established remaining parts of these suburbs can also expect improvements to their areas.

The City of Cockburn has appointed Allan Conroy as its new Parks Manager. Part of his portfolio is to prepare plans and standards to maintain the high standards of landscaping in these areas.

Consultants Alan Tingay & Associates, have also been appointed to prepare a greening plan for the City. This report will lay the foundation for ongoing landscaping and improvements in residential and commercial areas. We will keep customers informed of the progress of the greening plan through the Soundings. ■

Bus Shelters

Different style bus-shelters will be installed throughout the City over the next five years. For the past 20 years, older style concrete bus shelters have been installed as there was no other choices available in those times.

There are about 161 bus shelters out of a total of 521 bus stop locations.

"In recent times a greater variety of bus shelters has become available. Many of these styles are dependent on advertising being included," the City's Director of Engineering and Works, Bevis Greay said.

Cockburn has 521 Bus Stops. Of these 161 are bus shelters, 253 are an orange post in the ground, and 107 are bus seats

Out of all those, 271 that do not have a concrete pad, commonly known as a hardstand.

"These shelters are large and residents often do not want them in front of their houses," City of Cockburn's Senior Technical Officer Ian Street said.

Ian recently arranged to have a smaller style bus shelter installed in North Lake Road near the Lakes Shopping Centre. Another type is outside the Phoenix Shopping Centre in Rockingham Road. ■

If you have any comments on bus shelters and advertising on them, could you please attach it to the survey questionnaire and send it to:

**City of Cockburn
Attention: Ian Street
PO Box 1215
Bibra Lake, 6965.**



City of Cockburn Facility Survey Questionnaire

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The City of Cockburn is committed to delivering a “Quality” customer service and facilities to the residents of, and visitors to, our wonderful City. Two of the ways that we are striving to achieve this is our footpath system, and the public transport system facilities (bus shelters and bus seats).

The City would like to offer customers the opportunity of having a say in the future planning of these facilities by filling in the questionnaire below. Your time and effort in assisting us in this area is very much appreciated.

Suburb.....

Street Name.....

Footpaths (please tick your response)

- 1 Do you have a footpath in your street? YES NO
- 2 If NO, is there a need for one and why? YES NO

Public Transport (please tick your response)

- 3 Do you live on a bus route? YES NO
- 4 Do you use the bus system? YES NO
- 5 How often would you use the buses?
Once a week Twice a week More than twice a week
- 6 If you do travel by bus, are there shelters at the stops? YES NO
- 7 If NO, do you require a shelter or seat and why? YES NO

8 If YES, what house numbers are near the stops you use?

9 If you do not want a shelter, could you let us know why?

10 What style of shelter would you prefer? (Please number your preferences from 1- 4. 1 being most preferred, and 4 being least preferred).

1 2 3 4

11 Why did you choose this shelter style? Eg safety, seating, aesthetically pleasing etc

You do not need a postage stamp. Please cut this page out, place in an envelope and return to:

Public Transport Survey
Postage Paid
PERMIT REPLY NO.2
City of Cockburn
PO Box 1215,
Bibra Lake WA 6965

Add any other comments that you would like to raise, that may assist the Council in delivering these facilities. Thank you for your assistance.

Ian Street
 Senior Technical Officer (Civil)

Sunset Concerts



Launched with a huge explosion of colour, magic and mayhem, the performance by international act - The Chipolatas; the City of Cockburn Sunset Concerts were off to a spectacular start. The Music Shell at Manning Park burst with a record crowd estimated at 2500. The season continued with music styles ranging from the beautiful sounds of the WA Mandolin Orchestra, Latin rhythms from LC Salsa, to the soaring sounds of The Jazz Divas. (thanks to the Gordon Reid Foundation for financial assistance for the Jazz Divas concert). Local performers added their own musical speciality and featured The City of Cockburn Pipe Band, The Croatian Ensemble Sounds of Dalmatia, Cuzcatlan Salvadorean Dancers and the Hamilton Hill Swing Band.

Response from the community has been overwhelmingly positive and you can look forward to next years summer concerts ■



Sausage sizzle - Yummy!



Fun in the park facepainting





Art Classes

Have you ever wanted to develop your skills in painting and drawing? Whether your interest is professional or recreational, here's your opportunity. Bob Booth is an experienced artist/art teacher and the new rector at St. Michaels' Anglican Church, Spearwood. Bob is offering his expertise to the community and is holding drawing and painting classes in the beautiful historic church in Mell Road, Spearwood. Classes start in early July ■ **Contact Bob Booth for more information on 9418 1005.**

Hysteria

at Manning Park
Saturday March 27th

Cockburn's inaugural youth festival - Hysteria featured everything from head shaves, sumo wrestling, a climbing wall, dance performances, drumming workshops, art exhibitions, local bands, a DJ, to information on overseas student exchanges, health, employment and education services for young people. And it was all free! Hysteria was a huge combined effort from the City's Youth Services Team, the Cultural and Arts Officer, Recreation Officer and the Youth Advisory Council.

Pre-Hysteria workshops were held at Lakelands Senior High School in street performance, singing and the making of cane lantern sculptures. The workshop program resulted in street performances, Lakelands Singers performance and a spectacular evening lantern procession at the Festival. Music students at Hamilton Senior High School participated in African music workshops and created their own Marimba band performance on the day.

The main stage featured the large and diverse range of talents from Cockburn Youth. Festival programmers had difficulty finding timeslots for all the local bands wanting to perform. This bodes well for the future and suggests that there is a need for more performance opportunities for young people in Cockburn. Stay tuned for future events. We'd love to hear from any young people keen to get involved in organising, performing or running an activity for future events ■

Contact Susan Clarke on 9411 3433



CO' Express grants

Did you know that the City of Cockburn has a grant program to assist you in developing your ideas for a cultural or arts activity? This can be anything from a performance, workshop, display, festival, artwork or a piece of writing. Current Co' Express projects under way include: Creative Writing Workshops for Seniors facilitated by Julia Lawrinson, dance workshops with Cuzcatlan Salvadorean Dancers, Silvergum Creative Theatre Program for seniors, drawing and painting classes with Bob Booth and Festival Agostino ■



Festival Agostino - Salvadorean Cultural Festival

Highlight August 8th & 9th on your calendar! Warm up your spirits in the midst of winter with the Festival for Everyone. Festival Agostino is the national celebration in El Salvador and the El Salvadorean Community in WA invites you to join them for a weekend of music, dance, displays and food at the Cockburn Civic Centre. Colourful displays of craft, art, traditions and videos will bring the culture of El Salvador alive. Displays and performances are free to the public over the weekend. A dinner dance party will be held on Saturday night ■

Tickets and more information are available by contacting Cristina on 9331 5476.

Your views wanted for Councillor numbers and City Wards

In November 1998, Council considered the matter of its Ward Boundaries and how the distribution of Councillors throughout the City should be reflected within each Ward.

At that time, Council decided no change was necessary and that the matter should be reviewed again during 1999. Therefore, the status quo remained and the number of Councillors representing each Ward was retained, as follows: -

West Ward

4 Councillors representing 11103 electors

North Ward

3 Councillors representing 8916 electors

Coastal Ward

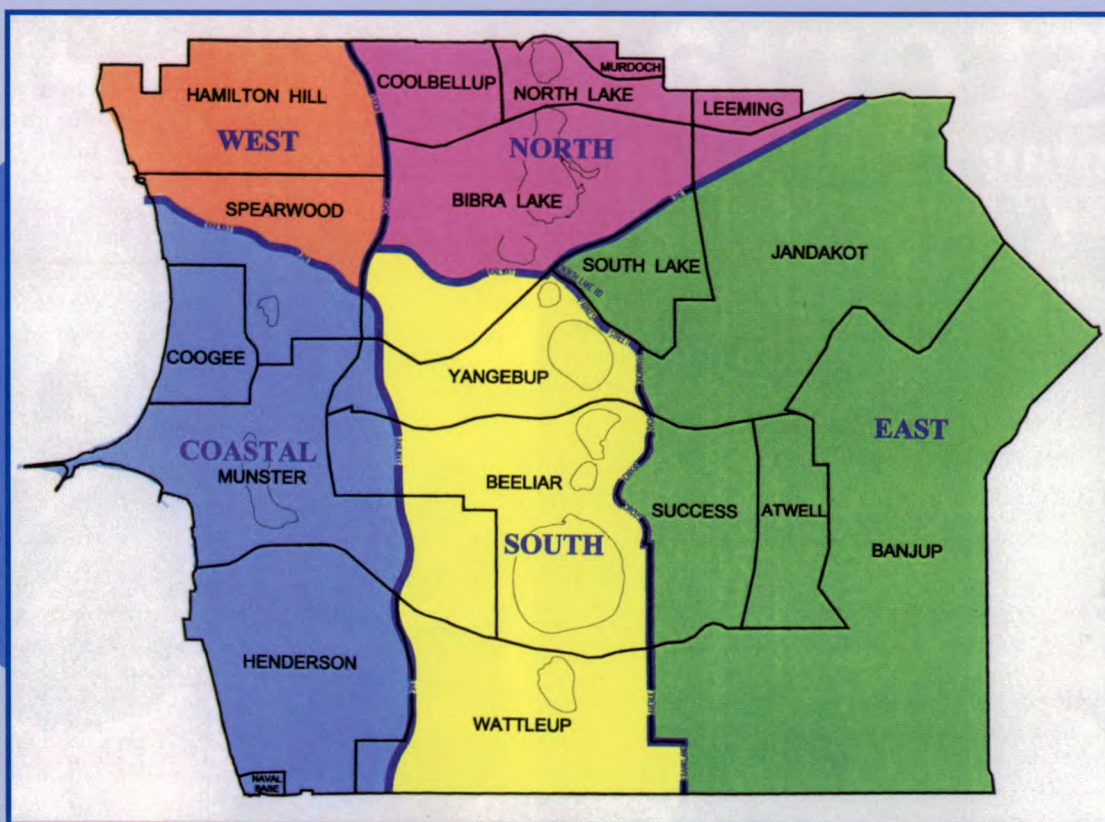
3 Councillors representing 8282 electors

East Ward

2 Councillors representing 7608 electors

South Ward

2 Councillors representing 4687 electors



There are a number of legislative requirements to be complied with in the process of reviewing the issue of Councillor numbers and their relevance to the community.

One of these requirements is that a Council must be represented by at least six Councillors and no more than 15 Councillors, which includes the position of Mayor. Given that the Council currently consists of 14 Councillors, with a District population of some 65,000, there can only be an increase of one additional Councillor, even though the population of Cockburn is likely to increase by another 50,000 in the next 20 years. On the face of it, these figures suggest that the District is currently over represented by elected members as a proportion of the residential population.

Furthermore, Council's current allocation of 14 Councillors is distributed amongst 5 Wards roughly in proportion to the number of electors in each Ward at present. This, of course, will change as the population increases in the newly created residential areas in future.

"This scenario suggests that the current Ward representation is in excess of the needs of current population, given that there is room to allocate only one further Councillor position to the

current number overall," City of Cockburn's Chief Executive Officer Rod Brown said.

"Therefore, the timing of such a review of representation is appropriate. However, in considering this review, it is essential to obtain customer's views in order to ensure the decision to be made takes into account the community's wishes," he said.

Accordingly, Council has engaged the services of a marketing consultancy to conduct a widespread survey of the District in order to ascertain how, and how many, elected representatives should be elected to the City of Cockburn.

The random survey will seek the views of a cross section of the community on this and related issues, such as postal voting and the method of electing the Mayor.

The survey, due to commence in August 1999, will be undertaken by telephone and will involve a 5-minute interview.

So, if this research company contacts you, please feel free to give your views on this important issue ■

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter in further detail, please contact Don Green on 9411 3444.

Bibra Lake Fun Run

Why not get fit and sweaty at the inaugural 'Bibra Lake Fun Run' to be held on Sunday September 19th along a 6km course around the Bibra Lake!

"The event is for everyone, young or old. In particular we want children and teenagers from both primary and secondary schools, and their families, to compete and become involved," City of Cockburn's Recreation Co-ordinator Andrew Ward said.

The fun run has been organised by the Cockburn Recreation Committee and the City of Cockburn. They are still on the look out for volunteers to help out on the day and any sponsorship - big or small. (Potential sponsors - please keep in mind that there will be an article about the fun run in the summer edition of the Soundings, with sponsors named).

The organisers are also keen to get members from all different sporting clubs in Cockburn to participate on the day. Everyone is welcome to complete the fun run in any way they wish.

Different categories include running, walking and rollerblading!

"We are hoping to instil a sense of community identity in Cockburn by enticing a cross section of young people of various fitness to participate in one event," Andrew said.

He said organisers hope that this inaugural Bibra Lake Fun Run would be supported by local primary and secondary schools, sporting groups, senior citizens, disability groups, Parents and Friends committees and Progress Associations.

"Council's aim is to make this event a major recreational focus for the residents of Cockburn and help raise urgently needed funds for sporting groups and Parents and Citizens groups ■

For entry forms and further details phone Andrew on 9411 3432 and get behind your City's first official Fun Run.

FOR HIRE Civic Centre Hall

The Cockburn Civic Centre Hall, located on the corner of Rockingham Road and Coleville Crescent, Spearwood, may be the ideal place for your function or activity.

The civic centre features:

- A choice of three capacity sizes
- Caters for up to 600 guests
- Full kitchen and bar facilities
- PA system
- Hire rates from as little as \$150

It's ideal for weddings, parties, meetings, seminars, displays and general functions.

There is also a resident's discount for the Lesser Hall.

Call Dee on 9411 3458 for bookings and further details.



Mike Winchester
Marketing & Customer
Services Manager

Striving for Excellence...for you!

We at the City of Cockburn put a lot of effort into ensuring that you, our customers, receive the very best service from our people.

As well as modern and professional selection and recruitment processes, we provide training and development opportunities for all of our employees as we know that you have high expectations of us.

An added incentive towards customer care in our City is the High Achiever award for Customer Service Excellence. This is awarded to a member of staff every second month based upon nominations and recommendations from our customers.

I invite you to participate in acknowledging your City's staff who you feel has delivered excellent customer service in some way. Your imagination need have no bounds as all employees of the

City are eligible to be nominated. City staff that you can nominate work in the diverse fields of engineering and works, community services, rubbish disposal, parks and gardens, leisure and recreation services, youth services, finance and rates, libraries, and of course staff who serve at the counters and reception areas throughout your City.

We especially look for the following qualities:-

Willingness, helpfulness, showing initiative, being polite and courteous, co-operative manner, sets a good example, assisting beyond the call of duty, dedication to team work, sensitive to people's concerns, good understanding of the City's services and being a good communicator.

Please fill in the form below, cut it out and put it any post box. You do not need an envelope or stamp ■

Thank you for helping us to find out City's 'High Achievers'.

Staff Member being nominated..... Date.....

Location/Workplace.....

Customer Nominating..... Telephone.....

Address of Customer Nominating.....

Reason for Nomination.....



Wood heater tips

Wood heaters can be an effective way of heating your home, but if they are not operated properly excessive amounts of smoke can be produced that may cause a nuisance to neighbours and also contribute to Perth's haze problem.

So here are some handy tips from City of Cockburn's Health Services that will help you maximise your wood heater's efficiency, and also prevent pollution problems.

- Always use dry, well-seasoned wood as fuel. It is also preferable that you use hardwoods such as jarrah, rather than softwoods like pine. The use of dry, well-seasoned hardwoods will also prevent creosote build-up in the chimney flue, a flammable substance that can cause chimney fires.
- Store your firewood in a dry, well-ventilated place. Dry wood generates about 50% more heat than green wood, so it makes sense to ensure that your wood is dry.
- Keep the air controls open at all times. Don't build a large fire then allow it to smoulder, as this starves it of oxygen and creates large amounts of smoke. Build smaller fires more regularly and keep it burning at a high or moderate rate.
- Never burn painted or chemically treated woods or particle board, and don't use your heater as an incinerator for household rubbish.
- When buying a wood heater, make sure you buy one that is the right size. If the heater is too large for the room it is heating, the air controls will have to be turned down and this will result in decreased heater efficiency, creosote build-up and smoke problems.
- Check your chimney periodically. A fire should only smoke when it is first lit. If it continues to smoke, this indicates that the heater may be inefficient and requires more careful operation.
- Most wood heaters are sold with "chinaman's caps" on the chimney flue to stop rain getting in. However, they prevent the upward flow of air and force the smoke outwards and in some cases down. The flue can be fitted with a venturi cowl or parallel rain excluder, which keeps rain out but allows smoke to continue travelling upwards. ■

Happy Heating!

New fees and charges

From July 1st 1999 the South Lake Leisure Centre will be increasing its entry fees and charges.

Swim Charges

- Adults \$3.00
- Students \$2.00
- Pension Concession \$1.90

Swim and Spa

- Swim Spa \$5.00
- Pensioner Concession swim spa \$4.00

Casual Gym

- Gym \$5.00
- Gym and spa \$8.00
- Club 50 \$4.50

For further information on other fees and charges, call the Centre on 9417 3003.

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WA 6965

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Manager - Customer Services

City of Cockburn

PO Box 1215

Bibra Lake WA 6965

(A postage stamp is not required)

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Oops

Thank you to the hawk-eyed customer who spotted our blunder in the last edition of Soundings. The young lady at the opening of Gateways Shopping Centre was actually Nicole Hammond of Atwell Primary School, not Natalie as stated in the article. Sorry Nicole, we hope we have not put you off appearing in our photos.

Editor.



J•E•T

JET - Jobs Education & Training is a voluntary program that is available for parents who would like to return to the workforce.

If you are receiving one of the following, you may be JET eligible:

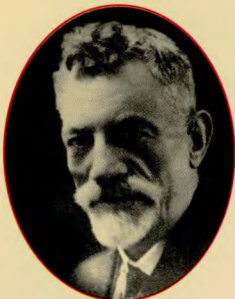
- Parenting payment (single) recipients
- Additional parenting payments (partnered)
- Carers pension
- Widow B pensioners
- Widow allowees
- Parent allowees
- Some special beneficiaries

JET is also able to help you with your child care needs.

If you want to find out more about JET and how we are able to help with childcare, call June or Margaret at the City of Cockburn Family Day care Scheme on 9337 7177.

WATSONIA

Part of the Cockburn community
for 90 years



Watsonia and Watsons are among the few names known to all West Australians for generations.

The firm's founder, William Watson, opened his first luncheon room in Fremantle in 1895. His business grew because he sold quality product at a reasonable price, and soon he had 11 outlets throughout the metropolitan area.

Mr Watson moved to the present Watsonia site in Spearwood in 1909 where he used the latest technology - including a sausage machine powered by a horse - to produce his smallgoods.

In the 90 years since that historic move, Watsonia in Spearwood has carried on its founder's tradition of providing quality and value.



Cockburn makes top three in Australia for environmental award

The City of Cockburn was announced Runner Up in the prestigious nation wide "Banksia Environmental Foundation Awards" for its new Leachate Treatment Plant at the Henderson Landfill Site. The awards were hosted in Melbourne's Grand Hyatt by ABC Quantum presenter Adam Spencer.

Thousands of nominations were sent in from throughout Australia for these awards.

"We were extremely proud to be named finalists and make the top three of the innovation category," City of Cockburn's Waste Services Engineer Rob Jack said. The innovation category was won by Coca-Cola Amatil for a proposed plastics recyclable resin.

The treatment plant at Henderson is the first of its kind in Australia and was constructed to optimise protection of the environment at the landfill site, which is now in its ninth year of operation.

"Protecting the environment was the City's Waste Services principle goal in the construction and operation of this facility. To this end the waste cells have been lined with a high Density Polyethylene (HDPE) barrier and adequate drainage to ensure any leachate arising from the decomposition of waste is collected and transferred to a central processing point," Mr Jack said.

In the past this involved storage and evaporation over the drier months. However in August 1998, the City of Cockburn commissioned a number of trials in order to evaluate the performance of various technologies available for treating leachate at the Henderson Landfill Site.



City of Cockburn Landfill Supervisor - Andrew Stevenson shows off the new leachate treatment plant.

Consultants Halpern Glick Maunsell were commissioned to evaluate the respective trial results and prepare appropriate documentation on behalf of the City, to allow for tendering of an automated waste water treatment plant.

Tenders were called and following a review, QED Australia Pty Ltd was selected as the successful tenderer. The Henderson Landfill leachate is one of the most notorious influents to treat due to the variable nature of its contaminants, according to Doug Miller of QED. This means the influent can vary dramatically in its biological content each day.

"Cockburn's chosen processing plant involved three phases of treatment; the primary phase involved chemical flocculation and physical separation; followed by secondary and tertiary phases.

QED's tender proposal introduced the Company's Australian patented Tangential Flow Technology System (QTFS) as the primary phase treatment.

This was followed by the secondary phase treatment, which incorporates QED Biofixations and fine bubble aeration, developed by QED, in conjunction with the Pasteur Institute of France.

The final tertiary phase treatment involves micro filtration and sterilisation, prior to transfer of the treated water to irrigate a 2.2-hectare native tree plantation at the southern end of the landfill site.

The Henderson Landfill leachate treatment plant is capable of processing 120m3 of raw leachate per day to an acceptable prescribed quality set by the Water and Rivers Commission ■

Atwell Book Corner Children's book week

The Atwell Book Corner has been operating at the Atwell Parklands Community Centre since December 1998. A great selection of adult fiction and non-fiction titles is available along with junior titles and videos. The library service operates in Wednesdays from 9am to 12 noon, and also from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

Also on offer are children's story time sessions and school holiday entertainment.

For further details contact Yvonne Coyne on 9414 6301 or Hilary on 9411 3493.

The theme for Children's Book Week 1999 is 'Weave the Book web'. Children and libraries throughout Australia will celebrate it on the week of Monday August 23rd to Saturday August 28th 1999.

City of Cockburn's two public libraries, Spearwood and Coolbellup, always have jam packed programs for Children's Book Week. Call Hilary at Spearwood Library on 9411 3493 or Karen at Coolbellup Library or 9314 1695 for a list of the great free activities on that week. Don't forget!!

During the July school holidays, children are invited to help create display material for Children's Book Week at both the Spearwood and Coolbellup Libraries. Art and craft activities will include making a web and pom-pom spiders as well as focusing in some of the fabulous characters from a Bug's Life.

For program details and further information call Hilary on 9411 3493.

