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SOUNDINGS



Best Practice in Local Government Awards GIS

GIS' WebMapping has achieved best practice in customer service according to the WA Local Government Association. The service was recognised for its awareness of customers' needs and well developed relations with other departments at the City.

GIS Services Manager, Gunther Schlomer, shows Mayor Lee Council's Award Winning GIS System

The City of Cockburn's Geographical Information Systems (GIS) services has been recognised for achievement of best practice in customer services and innovation by the WA Local Government Association.

GIS services is an internal department of the City of Cockburn, responsible for the WebMapping computer system. GIS Services manages and maintains the special-purpose digital databases that use a common spatial coordinate system as the primary means of reference. Everything happens "somewhere" and GIS Services uses cutting edge technology to combine location information with the other records that Council keeps about local infrastructure.

Cockburn GIS services was also recognised for best practice in innovation with the Mobile GIS / GPS Firebreak System. Using the global positioning system (GPS) and working with Council's fire control officers, GIS has replaced the old inaccurate and time-consuming paper based system of recording and mapping firebreaks.

In the past Council staff had to dig out maps and go through files to locate information on properties. Now, thanks to GIS, information is just a computer button click away. This has made staff more efficient and productive.

Cockburn's Geographical Information System won the Federal Government Technology Productivity Gold Award, earlier this year.

Look Who's at Gateways Shopping Centre

Major Stores

Action _____ 9414 5444
 Woolworths _____ 9414 5222
 Woolworths Liquor _____ 9414 5222

Food

Donut King _____ 9498 5248
 Gateways Chinese Restaurant _____ 9498 6313
 Gateways Fish & Chips _____ 9414 6038
 Good Life Health Foods _____ 9498 5000
 Micachinos Cafe _____ 9498 5242
 McDonalds _____ 9414 5900
 Oven Delight Patisserie _____ 9498 5599
 Red Rooster _____ 9414 6759
 Subway _____ 9498 5200
 Wendys _____ 9286 2100

Fashion

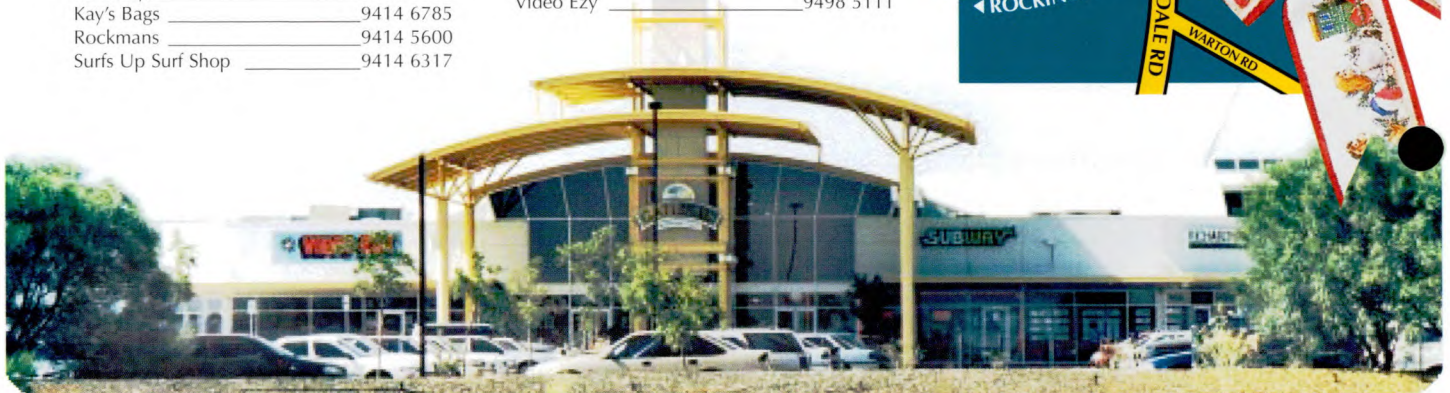
Gekko Fashion _____ 9498 6600
 Ed Harry _____ 9498 5388
 Kay's Bags _____ 9414 6785
 Rockmans _____ 9414 5600
 Surfs Up Surf Shop _____ 9414 6317

Services

ANZ Bank _____ 13 13 14
 Australia Post _____ 9498 5263
 BankWest _____ 131718
 Checkers (Mens Hairdressing) _____ 9414 6655
 Clear Image Skin Clinic _____ 9498 5188
 De La Rose Creations _____ 9498 5322
 Farrington Drycleaners _____ 9498 5316
 Fixit Multi Services _____ 9498 5958
 Gateways Dental Centre _____ 9498 5122
 Gateways Newsagency & Lottery Centre _____ 9498 5222
 Thomsons Lake Medical Centre _____ 9414 6777
 Harvey World Travel _____ 9414 6788
 Kodak Express _____ 9498 5255
 OPSM _____ 9498 5855
 Price Wave (Ladies Hairdressing) _____ 9414 6655
 Richard Noble & Co. _____ 9414 5111
 Success Public Library _____ 9414 5599
 Video Ezy _____ 9498 5111

Household

Knives Forks & Allsorts _____ 9498 5888
 Pharmacy Plus _____ 9498 5977
 Red Dot _____ 9414 6722
 Tandy Electronics _____ 9414 5948
 Thrifty Link Hardware _____ 9414 5333



WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our Christmas Trading Hours

Sunday	15 December	10.00am - 5.00pm
Monday	16 December	8.00am - 6.00pm
Tuesday	17 December	8.00am - 6.00pm
Wednesday	18 December	8.00am - 9.00pm
Thursday	19 December	8.00am - 9.00pm
Friday	20 December	8.00am - 9.00pm
Saturday	21 December	8.00am - 5.00pm
Sunday	22 December	10.00am - 5.00pm
Monday	23 December	8.00am - 9.00pm
Tuesday	24 December	8.00am - 6.00pm
Wednesday	25 December	CLOSED
Thursday	26 December	CLOSED
Friday	27 December	8.00am - 9.00pm
Saturday	28 December	8.00am - 5.00pm
Sunday	29 December	CLOSED
Monday	30 December	8.00am - 6.00pm
Tuesday	31 December	8.00am - 6.00pm
Wednesday	1 January 2003	CLOSED

Santa's Hours

Santa will be at Gateways during the following times, visit Santa to make your very special Christmas wish.

Thursday	12 December	2pm - 5pm & 6pm - 8pm
Friday	13 December	2pm - 5pm
Saturday	14 December	11am - 2pm
Sunday	15 December	11am - 2pm
Monday	16 December	2pm - 5pm
Tuesday	17 December	2pm - 5pm
Wednesday	18 December	2pm - 5pm & 6pm - 8pm
Thursday	19 December	2pm - 5pm & 6pm - 8pm
Friday	20 December	2pm - 5pm & 6pm - 8pm
Saturday	21 December	11am - 2pm
Sunday	22 December	11am - 2pm
Monday	23 December	2pm - 5pm & 6pm - 8pm
Tuesday	24 December	2pm - 4pm



Mayor's Christmas MESSAGE

With Summer finally here and just a couple of weeks to go to the Christmas School holidays, I would like to take this opportunity to bring to your attention some of the wonderful activities Council has planned for us all to enjoy over the coming months.

Starting Monday December 16th, there will be a week of holiday fun at the Spearwood Library. With Christmas storytelling every night and all are welcome to have a go at making the perfect miniature Christmas pudding. With new members receiving a special free gift.

Whilst you are driving around at night looking at some of the wonderful displays of Christmas lights in our district don't forget to park your car in our car park, walk around to the front of our Administration building and have a look at our new Christmas decorations. We are sure you will enjoy them.

Also contained inside this edition of Cockburn Soundings are details not only of our Christmas activities but our school holiday Youth Outrage and South Lake Leisure Centre Programmes all happening in January. By which time I think many parents will be needing a break themselves, so do be sure to keep hold of this edition.

Inside this edition is a complete Rubbish and Recycling pick up roster for the Christmas period. Arguably one of the most important pieces of information we put out all year.

Please enjoy reading your Soundings and if you have any suggestions or criticisms please let us know of them, write to me or our Chief Executive Officer, Rod Brown, we welcome your input. And finally on behalf of the Councillors and staff at your city may I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a wonderfully safe and prosperous new year.

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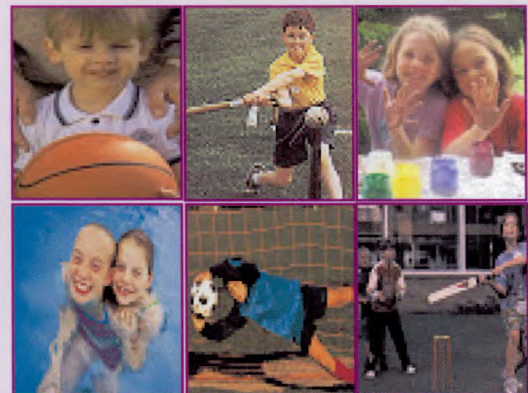


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HOLIDAY FUN AT SOUTH LAKE

The South Lake Leisure Centre has a jam-packed program of fun activities for 6-12 year olds during the upcoming school holidays.

Choose from a fabulous range of activities including Tabloid Sports Days, Arts & Crafts, Sports Clinics, Inline Hockey, Soccer, Basketball, Pool Fun and much more.



Activities are conducted daily
from 9am - 12 noon.

*For information on the full range of activities,
please contact the Centre on 9417 3003*

What's Special about Cockburn?

Thanks to everyone who wrote in to say what they think is special about Cockburn. The three entries judged best by a working party of Councillors and staff will be announced in the next edition of Cockburn Soundings.





COUNCILLORS' CORNER



Update on Capital Works Projects

By Deputy Mayor Graham

For this edition of **Councillors' Corner** I want to provide you with an update on **capital works projects** our Council will be undertaking between now and the end of June 2003.

Council has decided to construct a viewing platform/jetty at the **Bibra Lake Reserve**. Design work is currently underway, and it is anticipated the jetty will be opened by June 2003.

New playground equipment will be installed at **Freshwater Park, Atwell**. Residents petitioned Council requesting the facility. It is expected to be installed around April 2003.

Turning lanes at the intersection of **Hope and Berrigan Roads** in Jandakot are to be installed in June 2003. Design work and public consultation is currently taking place. The lanes are intended to increase safety at the intersection.

Spearwood Library is being extended. Due to a generous donation from local businessman John Carcione, an additional wing will be added to the library. Works are expected to be completed by March 2003.

A dividing wall will be installed at the **South Lake Leisure Centre**. It will separate the aquatic areas from the foyer/reception, be made of brick and glass, and have automated doors. It is expected to be in place before June 2003.

Council believes beautification of our suburbs is important. We have adopted a plan, called the Greening Plan, to achieve this end. Sometime after May 2003, we will begin landscaping on the north side of **Osprey Drive** as part of this project.

As part of our commitment to constructing regional roads, Council will be constructing **Spearwood Avenue**, from Yangebup Road to Barrington Street. The project should begin in December 2003.

In recognition of the **Pioneers of the Cockburn area**, Council is commissioning a memorial. It will be located at the Council Administrative Centre, and is anticipated to be complete by April 2003.

This is just a snapshot of the many projects Cockburn Council will be undertaking over the next few months. Please do not hesitate to contact your Elected Representatives for further information, or suggestions on projects you would like considered.

Cockburn Heritage or a Community Resource

By Clr. Ian Whitfield

Nestled in the midst of the Jandakot Light Industrial area is a unique piece of Cockburn's heritage. It's a small piece of land vested in the Cockburn City Council as public open space. On it sits 2 buildings and a toilet block. One is the 100-year-old Jandakot primary school building and the other is a brick building now housing Cockburn Community Radio 91.3 fm.

The local community fought hard to keep the old school site and now thanks to the support of the Cockburn City Council the site sees varied usage. From band practise to lodge and other meetings.

It has recently been spruced up by the Portuguese Cultural Recreation Centre and has been the scene of many Portuguese people sharing their culture in a unique Australian setting.

It is managed by a user management group, which can be contacted by calling the chairman, myself, on 9414 5245.

COCKBURN NEEDS GUIDES LEADERS

Help Guide a Life

Guides WA is currently on a recruiting drive for new Leaders. They are looking for women over 18 who are interested in:

- Learning new skills, applying the skills they already have to new challenges and discovering hidden talents.
- Helping young women grow and develop
- Being a part of the rich source of support and friendship that is Guiding.

You don't need a degree and you don't even have to have been a Guide when you were younger.

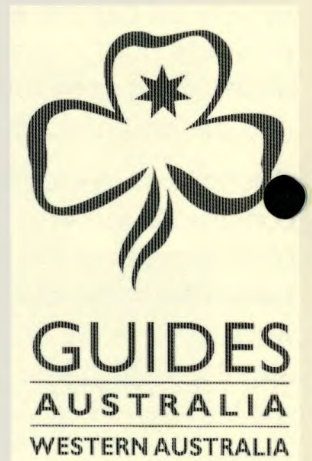
There are only a few hours a week involved and Guide units don't usually meet during school holidays.

Guides WA offers nationally accredited training and Guiding Partners - experienced leaders with the special responsibility of acting as a tutor and support to new leaders.

Guides WA would like to hear from women interested in becoming Leaders, especially if you live in Bibra Lake, Coolbellup, Beeliar, Success or Yangebup.

To register your interest or for further information please contact Sasha on 9355 4586 or email sasha@guideswa.org.au

For inquiries about other services and activities for young people in the Cockburn district contact Mary Ashe, Youth Services Coordinator for the City of Cockburn, on 9411 3447.



Over 900 Teddy Bears enjoyed the Cockburn Annual Teddy Bear's Picnic on Wednesday October 23 at MacFaul Park. The teddies and their owners enjoyed the bouncy castle, merry go round, animal farm, face painting, clowns, story telling, and the Teddy Tell Tale show. Every teddy was given a clean bill of health from the community nurses at the Teddy Bear Hospital.

Sadly two teddy bears got lost and didn't make it home. They have been enjoying their stay in the Council administration

offices, but would much rather be home. If you recognise one of these teddy bears pictured as your teddy bear, give Council's Customer Services Department a ring on 9411 3551.



Youth Outrage School Holidays Program 14th - 31st January 2002

It's only a couple of more weeks before the School Holidays start and time to think about what you would like to do.

Not sure? How about action-packed days of tube riding, 10-pin bowling, ice skating, going to the movies, Timezone party sessions, laser games, Local Area Network parties, Adventure World or Cables Water Ski Park? (Just to mention a few things.)

Sound good but expensive? Well,

how would you like to do all these on the cheap AND have your meals and transport provided for you?

If you want to know more about this dream holiday, and are aged from 12 to 16, then just call Cockburn Youth Services and all your questions will be answered.

***Call Hsien Harper, Youth Development Officer, on 9411 3582.
Hurry, Outrage Programs are very popular and fill fast.***

FROSH YOUTH FESTIVAL

It Rained on Our Parade!

As a large number of incredibly disappointed young people would know, the Cockburn Youth Services and Youth Advisory Council annual Frosh Youth Festival had to be cancelled this year because of rain.

The Frosh Youth Festival was part of the Cockburn-Rotary Spring Fair on Sunday 27th October and

although the Fair was able to continue, despite the weather, Frosh was not so lucky.

Do not despair! The YAC and Cockburn Youth Services have not given up! A scaled down version of the Festival will be rescheduled for January 2003. Watch the local newspapers for further Info!

FEATURING...

Finalists of the Battle of the Bands

On the Spot Art Competitions

Skate Competitions

Worn Out Worn Art Fashion Parade

Live DJ

AND MUCH MORE...

Keep an eye out for more details! Further information can be obtained from Cockburn Youth Services on 9414 9055.

COCKBURN COMMUNITY GETS GREEN TIP

Cockburn's waste services in conjunction with approximately 40 parents and students from Coogee Primary School held a Community Planting day at Henderson Landfill on Saturday, 19 October.

Council's objective was to landscape the first of the 'capped off cells' by planting 6,000 trees and shrubs. While some of the more mature students appeared occasionally distracted from this opportunity, the day was a great success. The program involved planting from 7:30am to 1:30pm, followed by a well-earned

BBQ and refreshments at the weighbridge. Most agreed they would return in twelve months to review their handy work and hopefully repeat the performance on Cell 2.

Waste Services have provided reticulation to assist these plants through their first summer and hopefully, this project will be more visible to the community who overlook this site from the east, in two to three years time.



CHRISTMAS RUBBISH & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Bins usually emptied on:

Wednesday	25 December 2002
Thursday	26 December 2002
Friday	27 December 2002

Wednesday	1 January 2003
Thursday	2 January 2003
Friday	3 January 2003

Will be emptied on:

Thursday	26 December 2002
Friday	27 December 2002
Saturday	28 December 2002

Thursday	2 January 2003
Friday	3 January 2003
Saturday	4 January 2003

Henderson Landfill Site will be closed on Christmas Day, New Years Day

The Green Waste Facility at the Regional Resource Recovery Centre at the south end of Bannister Road, Canning Vale will be closed on Christmas Day only

PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH HAND-FEEDING WATERBIRDS

Residents of and visitors to the City of Cockburn are fortunate enough to have access to a number of parks and wetlands. Not only do these wetlands provide a pleasant environment for picnics, walking and other recreation, they are important habitats for waterbirds. As wetlands on the Swan Coastal Plain have become increasingly degraded, or removed completely by draining, filling or clearing, any remaining habitat becomes vitally important.

One of the most popular activities associated with wetlands is feeding the ducks and waterbirds; it has been a memorable part of childhood for many in the Perth area. However, there is some evidence that feeding our waterbirds may not be as beneficial as we would like to believe. It can be hazardous to the health of wildlife, people and environment.

Feeding waterbirds can encourage them to become dependent on the artificial food source, and may affect their migration habits. Feeding large amounts of bread can also cause nutrition loss in some birds by swelling and filling the crop and stomach to the extent that they do not eat their natural food.

Hand feeding can also encourage aggressive behaviour in waterbirds.



Where larger species such as swans, geese and pelicans are concerned, there is great potential for food offerers to be nipped, or knocked over, especially in the case of small children.

There are also some environmental effects to consider. If food sources are artificially increased, waterbird numbers in excess of what the wetland can support may result, impacting on the health of the natural system. For example, wetland water quality may be degraded as a result of increased nutrient inputs from the faeces of large populations of waterbirds.

Hand feeding of birds other than wetland species can also be environmentally detrimental. Disruption of natural food sources and behaviours encourages more aggressive birds to predominate. Hand feeding flocks of parrots, for example, can exacerbate the problems of vegetation and property destruction, and possibly the displacement of other birds in

Perth suburbs. Additional problems can also be created if dropping-polluted residue seed from aviaries is fed to wild birds, as it permits the spread of disease.

Feeding our native species creates problems, but these can be even more pronounced with regards to non-native species. Exotic birds should never be fed in any situation. Feeding of such species as corellas, rainbow lorikeets and doves is likely to increase their already high reproductive rates, causing negative impacts on native species, and potentially major problems for agriculture and biodiversity conservation.

Although interaction with the natural environment is a positive learning experience for people of any age, considering the detrimental impacts outlined above, hand feeding of waterbirds should not form part of this education. And despite the fact that going to the local park and feeding the ducks may be a popular and pleasant family activity, we ask that it be foregone in the interest of both the health of our waterbirds and the preservation of our environment.

**Acknowledgements:
J Hunter (Landscape/CALM)
and the Water and Rivers
Commission.**

Take a break from Christmas Shopping and **RELAX** at the Spearwood Library From 16th December enjoy a week of **Christmas Cheer**



Bring the children to night time Christmas Storytelling and a very merry guest might surprise you.

Enjoy the sounds of Christmas carols throughout the library and taste some delights of the festive season.

Discover the art of making miniature Christmas Puddings - the perfect gift if they make it home!

School age children can join in the Christmas spirit making handmade Christmas decorations for the library tree or take them home for their own tree!

As a treat, all new Library members will receive a special Christmas gift that will continue to grow into the New Year!

*For further details collect a programme from Spearwood Library
or catch us at our Website <http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au>*



Local Firefighters say Smoke Alarms Save Lives

The Success Fire and Rescue Service is urging residents to protect their homes and families from fire by installing a smoke alarm. Fire-fighter Terry Shehan says the simple act of fitting your home with a smoke alarm or changing a nine-volt battery could save lives.

"It's important to remember that only a working smoke alarm can save your life and help protect your home and property from fire", Mr Shehan said.

It takes only a few moments to check that a smoke alarm is operational. Not changing the battery and failing to maintain a smoke alarm can be just as deadly as not having one at all.

According to Mr Shehan, recent statistics indicated that only 60 per cent of WA

homes have smoke alarms that are installed properly and operational.

For a free brochure on how to install a smoke alarm correctly in your home, contact the Fire and Emergency Services Authority of WA (FESA) Community Safety division on 9323 9395.





Cockburn Calls for *NOMINATIONS* for Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards

Residents of Cockburn are encouraged to nominate individuals and groups from the community who exemplify Australian spirit for the prestigious new Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards.

Exclusive to Western Australia, the statewide awards are designed to acknowledge and reward local residents and groups for their contribution to community life and their active participation in local projects. The awards will focus on community contribution rather than on personal achievement.

Stephen Lee, Mayor of Cockburn, is urging community members to submit nominations to the council for local awardees who demonstrate active citizenship and qualities of leadership, inspiration and community participation, resulting in enhanced community life.

Executive Director of the Australia Day Council of Western Australia, Jim Baker, said that Australia Day is the perfect day for each community to acknowledge and thank local people who have made a difference to Australian life.

"The positive contribution of Australians at the grassroots level is what makes Australia so special," he said.

"People from all walks of life are actively contributing to every community and it is these people who need to be nominated."

Nominations can be made in the following categories:

- the Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award for a person under 25 years;
- the Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award for a person of 25 years or over;
- the Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award for a community group or event.

The Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards will be formally presented on January 26, 2003 at local Australia Day Council functions across Western Australia.

Nomination forms are available from Council offices, local libraries and the Australia Day Council of Western Australia's website at www.ausdaywa.com.au and should be lodged at the City of Cockburn's administrative offices, Coleville Crescent, Spearwood, by 30 December 2002.



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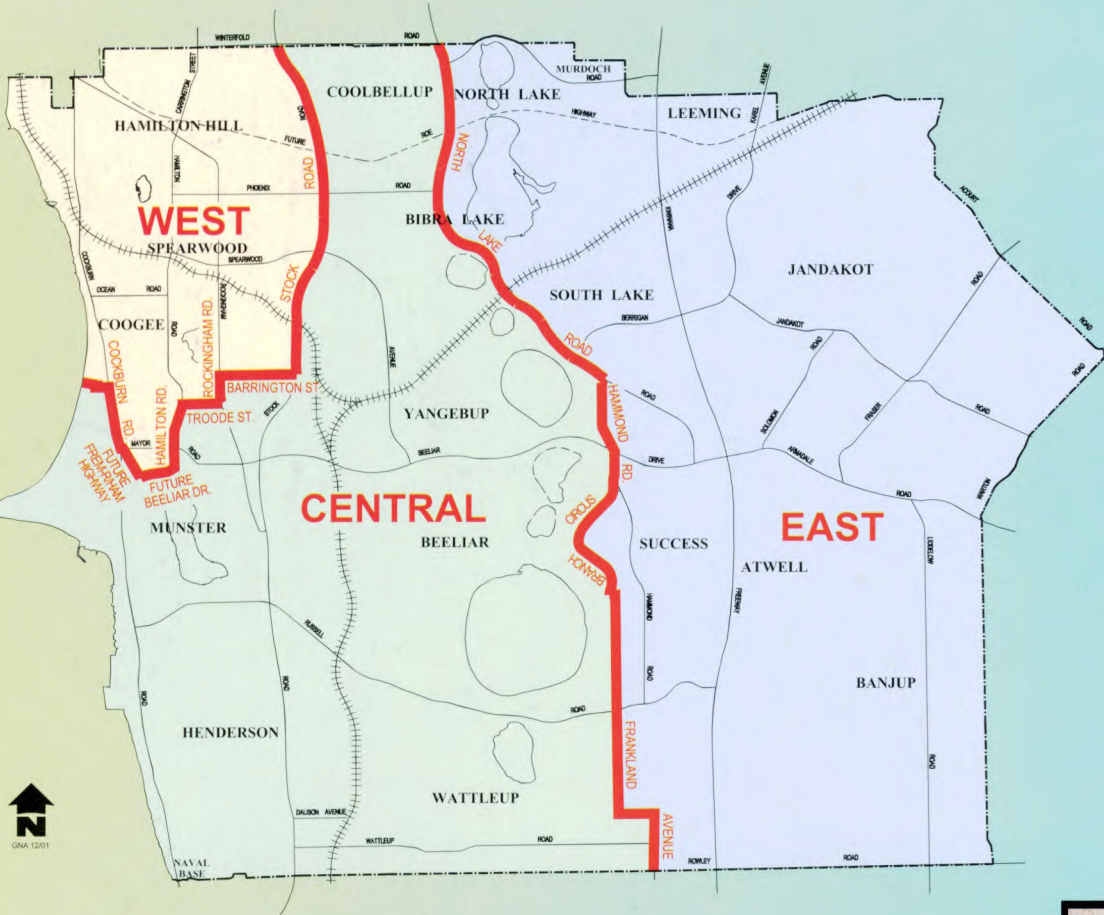
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