

Cockburn Soundings

AUGUST 2010

City of Cockburn



The City of Cockburn's new security service CoSafe is now up and running as of the 1 July.

CoSafe operates 24 hours a day, 7 days week, 365 days a year including public holidays. The service has four clearly marked CoSafe vehicles which will be on patrol at all times.

CoSafe will also work in partnership with local police, neighbourhood watch, volunteers and the community to exchange crime intelligence and information which could possibly lead to the apprehension and prosecution of offenders.

CoSafe officers will respond to a wide range of issues including:

- Anti-social behaviour
- Vandalism
- Suspicious behaviour and activities
- Noise complaints
- Reporting on graffiti on property
- CoSafe officers will also provide extra patrols in hotspot areas

Visit:
www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/cosafe
or call:
1300 26 72 33 (1300 CoSafe)

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Community Hubs are bustling

Aubin Grove Sport and Community Facility

The City of Cockburn held the official opening of the Aubin Grove Sport and Community Facility on 27 May.

The building has been designed to accommodate sporting clubs and community groups. The clubrooms and community room will be managed by the City of Cockburn with the clubroom being able to cater for 110 people and the community room for up to 90 people.

The facility will house softball, t-ball and soccer. The Jandakot Eagles Softball Club is currently using the facilities and the building has a separate community space for local community groups to meet and carry out various activities.

Coolbellup Community Hub

The new Coolbellup Community Hub is set to open soon with various council services and community activities and groups operating from the hub.

The City's Coolbellup Financial Counselling Services and Family Counselling Services will both be operating from the new centre as well as the Coolbellup Library, Cockburn Early Years Programs and Cockburn's Child Care Services; Family Day Care, In Home Care, Outside School Hours Care.

The Centre will be open for the community to access in August.



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Message from the Mayor



The provision of human services to our community is a very important component of the range and complexity of services offered by the City. These services are provided by professional, caring and enthusiastic staff who value our community's health and wellbeing and the contribution they can make to the life of people of all ages and abilities. In some cases they are supported by volunteers who help to add further value to service delivery outcomes.

As you read this message the City's \$4.5M redevelopment of the Coolbellup Hub will have opened showcasing an integrated range of community services. These include a vibrant new look library, accommodation for Cockburn Early Years, Family Support and Financial Counselling services and Childcare Services including

Family Day Care, Out of School Hours Care & Vacation Care and In-Home Care. Child health services, a playgroup and community groups are other potential future users of the facility.

The City acknowledges the significant contribution of \$1.16M made by Lotterywest to enable the co-location of a number of these services under one roof offering a convenient 'one-stop shop' for our community.

The Coolbellup Hub compliments the range of human services and other activities provided across our community including those available through the Cockburn Community Care Services for the Frail Aged and People with Disabilities, Carer support groups, Home and Community Care services and Community Aged Care Packages that assist in maintaining a person's independence in their own home; Aboriginal Community Development; Children's Services; Seniors Centre and the Youth Centre.

On behalf of the elected members and staff I take this opportunity to encourage you to avail yourself of the many opportunities to improve your personal health and wellbeing by contacting the City's Human Services on 9411 3444.

Logan K Howlett, JP

Mayor

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Are you a registered Justice of the Peace?

The City of Cockburn is seeking JPs to offer their services on a rostered system.

The City offers JP Services on Mondays from 10am – 1pm at the Administration Building in Spearwood.

To register or for more information contact the Customer Services Coordinator on 9411 3552 or email cmiller@cockburn.wa.gov.au



Year of Women in Local Government

This year has been declared the “Year of Women in Local Government” to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of women. To acknowledge the City’s female employees and to raise awareness about the diverse job opportunities for women, the City will be showcasing a series of Cockburn employees over the coming issues.

Meet Ranger Charmaine Clarke



1. Why did I want to become a Ranger? Previously I worked as a Vet Nurse, and after having my children, and wanting to return to the work force, rather than continue with Vet Nursing, I looked for something new, but still being able to use my animal handling skills and experience. I looked at becoming a Ranger which also gave me a new challenge of learning municipal law enforcement.
2. To become a Ranger you need to do a tafe course, which includes Municipal Law Enforcement A & B.

These are your base course and qualifications. Once you have achieved this you must do work experience within a council, and from there you are able to work.

3. What I love about this job is the diversity. Not only are you mainly working outdoors, but one job may have you working at the beach patrolling for campers, and another job may have you returning a dog back to its owner.
4. Some of the challenges of this position include the physical side of this work, but mainly being able to “change hats” for all the different aspects of this work. One minute you may be investigating a “dog attack”, and the next you’re a fire control officer.
5. I believe there are more men in this role than women because most women probably are not aware of the different aspects of this job and it is something that females are quite capable of doing. Now that our communities are made up of such diverse cultures, there times when some people are more comfortable discussing issues with a female rather than a male.
6. On any day it may include a patrol of the local beaches looking for illegal campers, followed by school parking ensuring everyone is parking safely. Then I may have a dog to pick up that has been found wandering the streets. Once I have this dog I can then try to locate the dog owner by checking for a microchip, and/or if it is wearing a tag with owners details, or even a registration tag, I can hopefully track down the owner and let them know that we have found their dog. The next job may be an abandoned vehicle that I will first check that is not stolen, and then leave the owner notice to remove within 24 hours.

This is just an example of any day.

So if you want your next job to be different every day, and you enjoy working with people, maybe this is something you should think about.

Rates Round Up

Have you received your 2010/11 Rate Notice?

If not, you should contact Council immediately as the due date for payment is the 20th August, 2010.

Council are again pleased to offer instalment options for you to choose from with the issue of the annual Rate Notices for the 2010/2011 financial year.

Should none of the options be suitable, ratepayers are welcome to approach the City to commence a special payment arrangement by contacting Rates Services on 9411 3444 who will be more than happy to discuss the matter.

It should be noted that all previous arrangements made prior to 30th June, 2010 have now been cancelled as new rates and charges have been applied, and that your circumstances may have changed.

Failure to pay the first instalment by the due date may forfeit your option to pay by instalments and/or incur late payment penalty interest.

Please retain your notice in a safe place as a fee of \$20 may be applied for replacement copy notices and/or rates certificates.

Seniors and Pensioners (including those with deferred rates), are reminded that all service charges, arrears and current, **are payable by the due date on the Rate Notice.**

There is no concession applicable and these charges cannot be deferred.

It is strongly recommended that those Pensioners who cannot pay the lump sum of their service charges set up a Centrepay Option. By completing a form available at either Centrelink or the City of Cockburn, Pensioners can arrange for a minimum of \$20 per fortnight to be deducted from their pension payment and paid directly to the City of Cockburn. Further information may be obtained from Rates Services on 9411 3531.

The Centrepay Option is also available for those who wish to pay their rates in full via a fortnightly pension deduction payment system. If no attempt is made to clear the outstanding service charges, then the City may have to take necessary action for the recovery of the debt.



South Lake Leisure Centre

90 Southlake Drive, South Lake
9417 3003



October 2010 Vacation Swimming Lessons

Dates

Tuesday 28 September - Friday 10 October & Monday 4 October - 8 October 2010

Classes Available

Preschool (3.5 to 6 Years)
School Age &
Swim & Survive (Level 10+)

Enrolments Now Open

Program	1st Child	2nd Child
4 Day Program (1st Week)	\$34.80	\$31.30
5 Day Program (2nd Week)	\$42.00	\$37.80
9 Day Program (Both Weeks)	\$62.10	\$55.90

Term 4, Swimming Lessons

Term Dates

Saturday 9 October – Friday 17 December

Classes Available

Infants (6 Months and Older)
Preschool, Penguins & Dolphins
School Age
Go Swim
Swim & Survive (Level 10+)

Cost

10 Weeks for \$120.00

Enrolments Open - Monday 20th September 2010



INDOOR Junior Soccer and Netball @ SLL

JUNIOR INDOOR SOCCER

LEAGUE (6-a-side)

Divisions: Yr 4/5, Yr 6/7 & Yr 8/9

Nominations Open from August 23

SEASON COMMENCES: 16 October

EVERY FRIDAY OF SCHOOL TERM

GAMES START FROM 4.15PM

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sports@cockburn.wa.gov.au



Public Consultation

Developer Contributions - Community Infrastructure Town Planning Scheme No. 3 Proposed Amendment No. 81

The Developer Contributions for community infrastructure proposed Amendment No. 81 to the City's Town Planning Scheme No. 3 is now out for public comment. The draft amendment is available to view on the City's website: www.cockburn.wa.gov.au, Council libraries and the City's Administration Building.

Submissions must be received no later than 5pm Monday September 27, 2010 and addressed in writing to:

Chief Executive Officer
City of Cockburn – Developer Contributions Submission
PO Box 1215
Bibra Lake DC WA 6965

Community Information Session – Developer Contributions

The City will be holding a Community Information Session on Monday August 16, 2010 at the City's Administration Building (upstairs function room), 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood at 6pm.

A panel of experts will present on this issue and members of the community will be given a chance to ask any questions that they may have.

Registrations are essential. To register your attendance please contact the City on 9411 3505 by 4pm Friday 13 August 2010.





Residents have their say on council services

This year's Community Perception Survey has outlined some great results for the City of Cockburn, with overall resident satisfaction increasing to 81 per cent (75 per cent last year).

This annual survey provides an insight into how the City of Cockburn's services are perceived. The City uses these results to evaluate its programs. The survey is conducted by an independent consultant using a random sample of residents across all suburbs.

Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett said the use of an independent research organisation to conduct the Community Perceptions Survey was an important mechanism to receive and respond to community expectations on its service delivery.

The City's service areas that residents were very satisfied include:

- Customer Service
- Rubbish, verge and recycling collections
- Library and Information Services

- Parks and gardens
- Festivals, events and cultural activities ie Summer of Fun
- Road maintenance
- Council's involvement in bushfire prevention and control
- Seniors' services & facilities
- Cockburn Soundings - Council's newsletter
- City's website
- Access to services and facilities for people with disabilities
- The general appearance of our City
- Bushfire prevention and control

What residents rated as most important:

- Youth services and facilities
- Traffic management and control
- Conservation and environmental management
- The general appearance of the local area
- Safety and security, along with the control of vandalism, graffiti and anti-social behaviour

The areas the City has most improved since 2008 are services and facilities for seniors, people with disabilities and youth.

In addition, the community has clearly identified three areas for improvement, which the City is currently addressing to raise the performance of these service areas.

These include:

- Mobile Security Patrols
From 1 July the City introduced a Cockburn-specific 24/7 Safety & Security Service. The new service will provide the same number of patrols at a lower cost, but with particular attention to anti-social behaviour, vandalism, suspicious behaviour, noise complaints, graffiti on property and monitoring of hotspots.
- Public consultation
The City is currently undertaking a review of the way it consults the public on important plans and issues, to increase public participation and awareness.
- Planning and building approvals
The City had expected a downturn in planning applications during the global financial crisis, but the Federal Government Stimulus package meant the number of applications did not decline. The City has since employed additional staff and processing times have reduced to an average 35 days with our aim to reach 28 days in 2010.

"While the overall satisfaction rate is pleasing, it is the identified areas of improvement that will be its most important efficiency drivers for the City to focus on in the coming months," said Mayor Howlett.

"Feedback can only be of value if there is a considered and timely response to our residents, and Council looks forward to working with the community and the City's staff to further improve our service delivery," he added.

To view a copy of the Community Perception Survey 2010 visit: www.cockburn.wa.gov.au



Hear the Sound

With the generous support of two volunteers Linda Marr and Jeanette Campbell and the Cockburn Youth Centre, the Cockburn Soundings is now available for trial as an audio CD for people with a print disability.

Residents who have a vision impairment, low English literacy, or unable to use their hands can find the audio format more accessible for them. Each article in the Soundings is recorded as a separate track on the CD allowing the user to skip through the articles to find the information that interests them.

The City of Cockburn endeavours to make its publications where possible accessible to everyone and are currently putting together a database of those who would like to receive the City's publications in alternative formats.

If you would like to receive the Soundings in **audio format** or you know someone who would like to receive it please contact the City of Cockburn on 9411 3444.

If you would like to register your details to receive other publications (where possible) in alternative format please contact the City on the number listed above, email; customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au or visit us at the administration building.



Grants, Donations and Sponsorship funding opportunities Applications now open

Applications are now open for the following funding opportunities to support local groups, organisations and individuals for a wide variety of activities and services:

Community Grants assist local community groups and organisations to provide projects or activities that benefit residents of Cockburn. Applications are to a maximum of \$15,000, with smaller amounts encouraged.

Sustainable Events Grants assist local community groups and organisations in the provision of ongoing programs and activities for the benefit of the residents of Cockburn. The maximum grant provided to any one group will be \$7,000, over a four-year period.

Donations are available to provide financial assistance towards the day-to-day running costs of not-for-profit groups, not for a specific project or activity. Donations are limited and highly competitive.

Sponsorship is a mutually beneficial partnership arrangement where the City of Cockburn makes a financial contribution to a group, organisation or individual for a specific purpose, project, activity or event and, in return, the City receives public recognition for its contribution. The maximum is \$20,000 for organisations and \$2,000 for individuals.

Cultural Grants support local arts and cultural activities. Applications to a maximum of \$4,000, with smaller amounts encouraged.

Youth Art Scholarships (under 18) are available for those who live in Cockburn and are either doing further study or travelling in relation to their art. These scholarships are to a maximum of \$500 to assist with fees, materials or travel costs.

For further information on:

Community Grants, Sustainable Events Grants, Donations & Sponsorship contact Melissa on 9411 3583 or email communitygrants@cockburn.wa.gov.au

Cultural Grants & Youth Art Scholarships contact Cassandra on 9411 3433 or email culturalgrants@cockburn.wa.gov.au

Please visit the website www.cockburn.wa.gov.au for more information and a copy of the relevant guidelines and application forms.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE at 4:00pm on Thursday 30th September 2010.





Celebrating Cockburn Volunteers Through Creativity

Ninety-nine students from across Cockburn participated in the 2010 Dive into Volunteering Student Competition to celebrate Cockburn volunteers. Students from Years 1 to Years 12 produced creative pieces reflecting on volunteering. Category honours went to students from Hamilton Hill Senior High, Success Primary, Beelias Primary & Perth Waldorf School. All creative pieces were exhibited at the Cockburn Youth Centre over the school holiday period in July.

The Cockburn Volunteer Resource Centre initiated the project in 2009 to engage young people with the concept of volunteering and the invaluable contribution volunteers make to the community. CVRC Coordinator, Amy Neale, said that the competition aimed to encourage young people to talk and think about what volunteering is and how it is vital in strengthening community life.

Councillor Val Oliver presenting Carys Milby (right), from Beelias Primary School, with the Category One First Place prize – an ipod and itunes gift card. Student to the left – Ryan Milby, received a participation certificate.



Achieving great things for the Aboriginal community

Since 2002, the City's Aboriginal Reference Group (ARG) has been providing a point of liaison between the Aboriginal community and Council, giving community members a voice and a means to raise concerns, interests and ideas for projects and future development for Aboriginal people.

The ARG meets monthly and always welcomes new community members to come along and join in.

Some of the ARG's achievements include:

- Advocating for an Aboriginal Community Development Officer to be employed on a permanent basis at the City to advise and provide support to the Aboriginal community.
- Involvement in Reconciliation Week.
- Involvement in NAIDOC Week events such as the Indigenous Seniors Ball.
- Involvement and support in the development of the City's Reconciliation Action Plan, due to be completed by November 2010.

If you're interested in becoming a member or to find out more information please call 9411 3487.



Caption Mayor Logan Howlett opens the NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony on Wednesday 7 July.

Reverend Sealin Garlett recounts his recent experiences in Noongar

Tips for dog owners

The City's Rangers would like to remind dog owners that they must comply with the provisions of the Dog Act 1976 to make sure that dogs do not cause harm or any inconvenience to other people or animals. If they fail to meet the required obligations rangers may impose fines and impound dogs. Below is a list of your obligations as dog owners:



- It is a requirement to register your dog/s aged 3 months and over and keep the registration current.
- Council approval is required for the keeping of more than 2 dogs per property.
- Please ensure your dog wears a collar and registration tag, this assists should the dog become lost.
- Dog collar to include owner's name and address.
- Dog to be kept on a leash in public places.
- Keep dogs out of shops and school grounds.
- Keep dogs under control in exercise areas and rural areas.
- Don't allow your dog to roam or be in any place without the owners consent.

- Don't allow your dog to create a nuisance either itself or together with other dogs, this includes barking.
- Remove your dog's excreta.

Maintain your dog's cleanliness and hygiene to prevent parasites.

Note: There are special conditions for owning a greyhound, a dangerous dog or a restricted breed dog

For more information or to register your dog please contact the City on 9411 3444.

Homely comforts available at your Seniors Centre



9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood 9411 3877

Home made meals

Senior Centre home made meals are available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for \$7.50 for a two course meal.



Soup and Main

Meal freshly made on the premises, served by table service, varied menu, roast dinners on Wednesdays.

Takeaway meals available on request for \$5.00

Bookings Essential

Phone: 9411 3877

Hairdresser Special for August (Wed & Fri)

Come in and use the Senior Centre Hairdresser for the month of August. Haircuts Ladies \$15, Men's \$10. Appointments on 9411 3877

Youth Diversion Program

City secures tender to help young people 'at risk'

The City of Cockburn is pleased to announce that it has been selected as the preferred respondent for the Youth Diversion Service tender from the Department of Corrective Services (DCS).

The service will provide outreach case management, informal counselling and small group services to young people 'at risk' aged between 10–18 years in the Cockburn and Fremantle areas.

Since 1999 the City has been successfully providing a 'Community Youth' Program under contract to the DCS. The tender the City applied for was for funds to continue to run this service and expand it to include the Fremantle region.

On average, the service provides more than 60 young people with case work every six months, with these coming

from a variety of social and ethnic backgrounds. Young Indigenous Australians make up approximately 40 per cent of the total number of youth we assist, and the City employs an Indigenous Youth Worker as part of the team.

More than 500 young people also participate in Cockburn Community Youth Services group programs every six months.

The City's program has the support of its Aboriginal Reference Group as well as many other State and social welfare agencies that operate in the district such as the Department for Child Protection and Fremantle South Metro Youth Link.



Cockburn Youth Services



Cockburn Youth Services

All you have to do is tell us in 25 words or less what DREAM means to you.

The best entry will win this fantastic prize! Please post your entry to Cockburn Youth Centre DREAM Competition, PO Box 1215, Bibra Lake DC, WA 6965, email youth@cockburn.wa.gov.au or drop it into Cockburn Youth Centre 25 Wentworth Parade, Success. Competition closes Friday 15 October, 5pm.

The winner will be announced at Cockburn's Youth Advisory Council's FROSH Festival on Sunday 31 October. For further information please contact Cockburn Youth Centre on 9411 3888.

Drive Thru Art Gallery – DREAM

As part of the City's ongoing Drive Thru Art Gallery program, young people aged 10 to 25 years were invited to suggest a word that relates positively to young people living within the City. From all of the entries submitted the word chosen with the majority of votes was 'DREAM'.

The artwork is constructed from steel and local limestone and is a positive message to young people and the broader community.

DREAM COMPETITION

Are you aged between 10–24 years and want to win something? Cockburn Youth Services is giving a lucky someone a chance to win an iPod Shuffle!

Your Cockburn Library

<http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au>

Celebrating Sustainable September

To celebrate the installation of Photovoltaic Panels on key community buildings, the City of Cockburn is running two fun competitions during 'Sustainable September'

A Colouring Competition featuring the new Spearwood Libraries new solar panels will be run for younger children (under 12s) whilst the older kids can have go at designing a Poster Design on renewable energy.

Prizes include a Sony Cybershot Camera (for the Poster Design Competition) and Library Gift packs (for the colouring competition)

Visitors to the Spearwood Library can view real time information on the Library's renewable energy production and greenhouse gas savings displayed on the LCD Screen.

When

Sustainable September (competitions close at the end of School holidays - 11 October 2010)

Where

City of Cockburn Libraries and Youth Centre



The New and Improved Coolbellup Library is now open!!

Come and visit us in your new state of the art library at Coolbellup. CD's, Books, DVD's and Free internet as well as clubs and workshops. There's something for every age! The opening hours are now Monday – Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm and Saturdays 9.00am to 1.00pm.

Across the Story Bridge @ Cockburn Libraries

The highlight of every year in the library is Children's Book Week. Once again, school children will be entertained by a variety of authors, illustrators and performers. This year Children's Book Week commences with our Book Week Fun Day celebrations on Saturday 21st August. Dress up as your favourite fairytale character and join the party. Prizes, a magician, a fun day for all!

meet me
my Cockburn Library
Coolbellup Spearwood Success
<http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au>



Deputy Mayor Kevin Allen

Why makes you proud to be Councillor at the City of Cockburn?

A: It's wonderful to be a part of a great Council that has the potential to achieve so much, at such an exciting yet challenging time.

I relish all of our opportunities whilst recognising the everyday financial challenges/opportunities that the City and all its residents face.

What future projects in Cockburn are you excited about?

A: I'm very excited about the Cockburn Coast structure plan, the new Coogee public golf course, the surf club development, Bibra Lake environmental development plan and the weekly recycling service.

Your favourite piece of music?

A: I'm keen on anything Robbie Williams and Fleetwood Mac's Albatross, it's a great piece of soulful coastal music.

If you could have dinner with anyone in the world - who would it be?

A: Very difficult to narrow down to 4 people, however I'll give it a go. Jeremy Clarkson from Top Gear, Billy Connolly, Andrew Forrest, Robbie Williams.

I might need to push it out to 5 as I had better include my wife Debra



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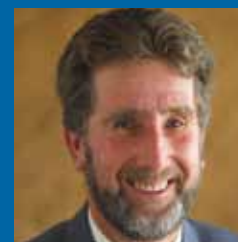
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