



COCKBURN SOUNDINGS

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Bibra Lake Fun Run 2017



Join us at the 2017 Bibra Lake Fun Run!

The annual City of Cockburn Bibra Lake Fun Run will be held on Sunday 5 November starting at 9am. The 6km course is suitable for all abilities. Prize money is awarded to the top three male and female placegetters in four age categories.

Timed registrations will open on Monday 2 October and close on Friday 27 October. Timed registrations are limited. There is a \$250 prize for the school, sports club or workplace with the most timed participants in the fun run.

To have your run or walk timed, register at cockburn.wa.gov.au/bibralakefunrun or call 08 9411 3444.



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Community-Wide

What's happening at Cockburn Libraries?

Digital Reader for kids

Jump onto our website to access a range of online reading and literacy eResources for kids.

StoryBox Library

Watch your favourite Australian stories told by our very best storytellers. Access the stories using your library card number.

eBooks and eAudiobooks

We have a range of eBooks and eAudiobooks for children – download and enjoy them today! The audiobooks are very good for long car rides and for general family entertainment. Other eResources to checkout include **Tumblebooks** and **Literacy Planet**.



Audiobooks are great for long car rides or just entertaining the family at home

Children's Book Awards

Every year the Children's Book Council of Australia selects the best children's books written and illustrated by Australians. Our staff have already started reading and reviewing them on our blog in the lead-up to Children's Book Week (20-26 August).

All of the books are available to borrow at your local Cockburn Libraries branch, so check them out before the winner is announced.



Eli Goodchild in his bear costume and favourite book

Children's Book Week

Children's Book Week (20-26 August) is a great time to re-discover the library while celebrating Australian authors and their books. We have special dress-up Storytimes, rhyme-filled Pram Jams, and special activities for school-aged children at our Bookstars and Creative Kids clubs. So remember, books can help you **Escape to Everywhere**.

Tax and record keeping help for small businesses

The Australian Taxation Office will be holding two, free workshops for small businesses at Success Library during August.

Learn about tax basics to give your business the best start. Find out more about good record keeping and reporting online to save you time. Have a chat to the ATO staff and find out about other services that make it easier for small business.

Tax Essentials for Small Business

Wednesday 2 August
9.30-11.30am
Register at eventbrite.com.au

Record Keeping for Small Business

Wednesday 9 August
9.30am-12.30pm
Register at eventbrite.com.au



Mayor’s Message

Volunteering in our community has never been stronger. It is a delight to see so many volunteers actively engaged in pursuing their passions and enjoying the contribution they are making to the growth, development and well-being of people of all ages.

Whether it be their involvement with community or residents groups, history, heritage or cultural organisations, the arts, sporting clubs, scouts and guides, faith groups or the many other organisations that create the social fabric and diversity that has enriched all our lives, it is happening in Cockburn.

As the face of our community continues to change, we can still reflect back to the days when market gardens, flower gardens, vineyards and orchards

dominated the landscape. Today the music, songs, dances and culinary delights of our Indigenous and increasingly, people from the four corners of the earth captures the richness and diversity that is evident in Cockburn for all to explore, learn more about, and enjoy.

In closing, I extend the best wishes of Elected Members and staff as we move forward on a broad front that clearly demonstrates our capacity for growth and reflects our position as one of the most progressive local governments in Australia - for we do live in a great City, just turn the pages in this publication to see.

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Don’t be a victim this winter

There are many simple things you can do in and around your home this winter to prevent break-ins and theft.

In your home

- Lock doors, windows, cars and sheds
- Be careful what you share on social media
- Hide, keep a register of and mark your valuables
- Don’t hide spare keys outside your home.

At the shopping centre

- Don’t leave valuables in the car
- Don’t leave your handbag in your shopping trolley
- Report lost or stolen cards immediately to the bank.

Report crime

Have you been a witness or victim of crime? Report it immediately to the police on 131 444.

For further information visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/homesafetytips, call 08 9411 3444 or email customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au



Stay safe and lock your doors and windows in your home

Budget 2017-18

What does this mean for you?

The City has delivered a well balanced budget for 2017-18 which will support the financial viability and long term sustainability of the City, while delivering quality facilities and services to the community.

Have rates changed?

Rates have increased by an average of 1.75 per cent, the lowest rate increase in 10 years and one that compares favourably with an average rate increase of 2.52 per cent in the metropolitan area for 2017-18.

This financial year all properties rated using gross rental values (GRV) have new values provided by the Valuer General of WA effective from 1 August 2015. These will be used to calculate the rates for the next three financial years from 1 July 2017.

Overall, the average residential improved ratepayer will pay an extra \$0.53 per week after concession and for those on the minimum payment rate; the increase will be \$0.42 per week. This excludes the State Government's Emergency Services Levy.

What will the community receive in 2017-18?

The table below provides a snapshot of the key facilities and services that our community will receive in 2017-18.

Budget Highlights 2017-18

Highlights	\$ Million
Roads – includes Spearwood Avenue duplication, Russell/Hammond and Frankland roundabout, and Verde Drive with roundabout	11
Cockburn Bowling and Recreation Facility	8.6
Parks – new and improved	6.1
Hockey facility and clubrooms	4.5
Buildings upgrade and refurbishment	3.1
Bibra Lake Skate and Recreation Precinct	2.1
Cycle paths and footpaths	2
Community grants and donations	1.3
Free community events	0.7
Street trees planting	0.5

What are rates being used for in 2017-18?

The City uses rates to fund a range of essential services, with the following funds (percentage of total spend) allocated for 2017-18. As portrayed, waste collection and disposal, followed by roads, footpaths, cycle paths, drains and sumps, and recreation, sport and leisure are the top three areas where rates are spent.

What are my rates used for?

The City uses rates to fund a range of essential services, with the following funds (percentage of total spend) allocated for 2017-18.

Funds (percentage of total spend) allocated for 2017-18

Built environment	%
 Roads, footpaths, cycle paths, drains & sumps	17
 Parks/infrastructure & streetscapes	14
 Land development, planning & building permits	6
 Buildings, fleet & plant	3
People	
 Recreation, sport & leisure	17
 Community development – child care, youth, family, aged/disabled & seniors	10
 Community safety	4.5
 Libraries	3.5
 Governance	2.5
 Health – people & environment	2
 Arts, culture & events	1.5
Other	
 Waste collection & disposal	18
 Administration	1
TOTAL FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR 2017-18	\$139.3M

For further information

To find out more about particular projects in your area, visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/majorprojects



Learn how to eat healthy on a budget!

Register for Food Sensations®, a FREE four-week nutrition and cooking program to improve your understanding of how to purchase and prepare healthy foods. All sessions are hands-on, fun and are a great way to try new recipes and develop new skills.

Five topics will be covered including:

- Healthy cooking and eating
- Healthy lunchbox and snack ideas
- Label reading and food selection
- Meal planning and budgeting
- Food safety.

Program dates

When: Every Thursday from 10 to 31 August

Time: 11am-1pm

Location: Yangebup Family Centre,
11 Dunraven Drive, Yangebup

To book, contact Khris on 0418 839 796 or email beactive@cockburn.wa.gov.au. Spaces are limited!

For information about Food Sensations and other healthy lifestyle programs run by the City of Cockburn, visit beactivecockburn.com.au or call 08 9411 3444.



Learn how to eat healthy on a budget with Food Sensations

Donate – don't dump

We've all seen the odd bits and pieces of household remnants and rubbish dumped on the side of the road or street verge. It's not a pretty sight and can give a bad impression of your neighbourhood.

Ratepayers receive six free passes as well as junk and green waste verge collections. Missed the collection? Take your unwanted items to the Reuse Shop at Henderson Waste Recovery Park, which gives household items a new lease of life.

Dumping is illegal and, if caught, you could be fined up to \$200 or even thousands if taken to court. If you have items you no longer need, you can donate them. The following charities will collect certain items like furniture from your home:

- St Vincent de Paul Society (08 6323 7520 or depot.orders@svdpwa.org.au)
- Salvos (13 72 58)
- Good Sammy (08 9463 0500).

If you're happy to take your donations to a charity store or charity donation bin, but don't know where they are located, you can search the following websites:

- giv.org.au – find a charity store or bin
- givenow.com.au – find out where to donate
- givit.org.au – match your item to somebody who needs it
- Vinnies – vinnies.org.au
- RSPCA – rspcawa.asn.au
- Salvos – salvosstores.com.au
- Good Sammy – goodsamaritan.com.au

Don't leave your items next to a charity bin if it is full. Illegal dumping costs charities to clean up and remove items, and items can get damaged and cannot be used.

For more information visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/waste or contact the City on 08 9411 3444.

What's on at Cockburn Seniors Centre

Learn how to use technology – it opens up your world!

Do you think you'll never be able to master new technology? Meet Terry, a technology convert!

Terry's employer was insisting that he learn how to use a computer in order to progress his career. He had no idea where to start as he'd never used a computer before, so approached the Seniors Centre to enquire about enrolling in a computer course.

After completing multiple beginner courses, Terry learnt how to email his family in England as well as have the necessary knowledge required for work.

As Terry's confidence grew, he decided to buy his own iPad. As one of the founding members of the Seniors Centre iPad Social Group, he has been getting support from the group leaders, as well as tips and hints from others in the group.

Terry has learnt so much in the last 12 months that he is now independently video-calling his relatives using Skype and revelling in the chance to see his family without the cost of a plane ticket!

If you want to increase your skills with technology, contact Cockburn Seniors Centre to see how they can help.

Activities and Classes Timetable

Cockburn Seniors Centre offer a broad range of activities and classes to promote physical activity, social connection and mental wellness for over 50s.

Pick up a timetable from our Centre or visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/seniors



Terry is now a whiz at contacting his family abroad using online technology

Meals

Seniors Centre Meals and Giardino Fresco Café

Enjoy a delicious two-course meal on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at noon. Reservations are essential on 08 9411 3877.

Savour the tastes from the amazing Giardino Fresco Café open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-2pm.

T: 08 9411 3877

E: csc@cockburn.wa.gov.au

W: cockburn.wa.gov.au/seniors

Cockburn Seniors Centre, 9 Coleville Crescent.

New Social options at Cockburn Community Care

Cockburn Community Care provides a range of services for seniors and younger people with disabilities who live in Cockburn. To cater more widely to the needs of its clientele, Cockburn Community Care is expanding the range of Social Club options to include evening and weekend outings. They have also created a shorter session on Thursdays for members and carers to attend together.

The Bingoettes

Held fortnightly on Friday evenings at the Frederick St RSL in Hamilton Hill, the evening starts with dinner and then it's all eyes down. Members can be picked up and dropped off at home if required.

The Saturday Gadabouts

Stuck at home on the weekends? Join the Saturday Gadabouts who have been to Serpentine Dam, Byford Bowling Club, Wireless Hill, visited Capitol radio, and dined at Cicerellos. Join in the fun and help choose the outings.

Thursday Café

Are you a carer who wants to meet other carers but doesn't want to spend a whole day out? Then join us at the Thursday Café. Guest speakers will provide advice and access to other community resources.

Phone Deb Berridge on 08 9411 3780 for more information.



Kids play at Cockburn ARC

Whether you have a 12 month old or a 12 year old, Cockburn ARC offers a range of activities to get kids active and having fun.

Parents and Babies

From four months of age

Held in our 34 degree warm water pool, these sessions are a fun, interactive way for you and your baby to become familiar with the joys of water. There are four levels to progress through over the course of the program.

\$17 per week.

Bandicoots Play Centre

Ages one – eight years

Open on the weekends and school holidays, our play centre offers slides, climbing ramps, and tunnels. Slide, clamber, tumble, jump and play! Parent supervision is required.

\$8 per session.

Play Active

Six months to three years

For children aged six months to three years, PlayActive is all about learning through play. Held in our stadium, our PlayActive Leader will encourage your child as they progress through a range of challenges at their own pace, with you on hand to guide and assist.

\$150 for a 10 week term.

Swim ARCAcademy

Our learn-to-swim program is fully customised to the various types of pools at the centre. Plus, after your lesson and for the rest of the week, you can use our pools and waterplay area for as long as you like!

\$17 a week. Price includes a spectator.

Waterplay

All ages

Open all day, our waterplay area includes slides and tunnels plus an enormous tipping bucket! Cockburn ARC is a Watch around Water centre. Children aged six years and under must be accompanied in the water and be within arm's reach of a person aged 16 and over. Children 11 years and under must be supervised by a person over the age of 16.

Free for Swim ARCAcademy members, or standard aquatic entry.

Waterslides

Seven years and over, 120cm tall

Come and enjoy a session on one of our three waterslides. Each waterslide offers a different and exciting experience.

The slides are open from 4-7pm on weekdays and 10am-4pm on weekends and school holidays. Make sure you check the session start times on our website.

For full details visit cockburnarc.com.au



2017 Local Government Elections

Are you entitled to vote?

To be able to vote in the upcoming Council elections, your name must be on the Council Electoral Roll which is currently being prepared.

You should automatically be enrolled for your residential address, but if you own more than one property in the district, you may be entitled to vote in more than one ward election.

Check your eligibility with our Rates Department on 08 9411 3444. Registrations to be included on the roll close on Friday 1 September 2017.

Want to be a Councillor or the Mayor?

Are you passionate about community and interested in Council affairs? Local Government elections are being held in the City of Cockburn on 21 October 2017 for the following vacancies:

Mayor		Four year term
East Ward	One Councillor	Four year term
West Ward	Two Councillors	Four year terms
Central Ward	Two Councillors	Four year terms

The terms of the incumbent Mayor and five Councillors expire at that time.



If you are thinking of nominating for one of these positions, Council is hosting a seminar to provide information to prospective new Elected Members.

Seminar for prospective Elected Members

Date: Wednesday 16 August 2017

Time: 7pm

Venue: City of Cockburn Administration Building
Reception Room
9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood

The seminar is free of charge to Cockburn electors and light refreshments will be provided. To register, complete the registration form at cockburn.wa.gov.au/elections and return it to the City by 15 August 2017.

Calling all stall holders!

While this year's theme for Cockburn Rotary Spring Fair & FROSH Youth Festival is still under wraps, we are looking for a range of different stall holders. If you're a small business wishing to promote your wares, or a community group or organisation looking to fund-raise, the Spring Fair is the perfect event for you.

With over 10,000 people attending the fair in previous years, you are sure to get noticed. This year's fair will be held on Sunday 29 October, 11am-8pm. Stall holders are required to remain at the fair until 6pm.

How do I apply?

To apply, complete the form at cockburn.wa.gov.au/Cockburn-Rotary-Spring-Fair





Good ideas need help to grow

If you are a not-for-profit community group or organisation and need that boost to get your idea off the ground, why not apply for community funding through partners, Alcoa and the City of Cockburn?

Criteria apply. For more information visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/commdev, contact the Community Development team on 08 9411 3444 or email communitydevelopment@cockburn.wa.gov.au

Off-road vehicles

Off-road vehicles such as trail bikes can only be used on private land with the occupier's consent, or on areas permitted for off-road use where they must also be registered. In Cockburn, the Coastal Park Motorcycle Club in Henderson is the only facility for off-road motorbikes.

Negative 'side effects'

Drivers must consider the following potential impacts that off-road vehicles have, and modify their ride accordingly:

- Noise pollution
- Damage to vegetation
- Soil erosion
- Dust pollution.

Requirements for off-road vehicles

- Be registered under the Control of Vehicles (Off-road areas) legislation
- Have registration certificate number plates displayed
- Comply with safety and noise standards
- Not be driven by children under 8 years
- Wear protective helmets.



Seen any off-road vehicles in Cockburn?

What if I see illegal activity?

- On public roads, verges or footpaths, call the police on 131 444
- On public reserves owned or managed by the City, call the City's Ranger Services on 08 9411 3444 (normal operating hours) or CoSafe on 1300 26 7233 (outside hours).

The police have the power to seize and impound unregistered motorbikes. The City's Rangers and WA Police are authorised to issue infringement notices.



Cockburn Community Events

cockburn.wa.gov.au/events



12 Aug	Cockburn Seniors Centre Open Day cockburn.wa.gov.au/seniors See page 6 for more info	18-25 Aug	Children's Book Week Cockburn Libraries cockburnlibraries.com.au See page 2 for more info
10 Sep	Bibra Lake Fun Run cockburn.wa.gov.au/recreation	16 Sep	24 Sep
Head to Head Music Comp cockburn.wa.gov.au/youth		Cockburn Fur Run A day out for your dog Manning Park, Hamilton Hill	

School Holiday Programs

25 Sep	6 Oct	23 Sep	8 Oct
Youth Outrage Holiday Program Cockburn Youth Services cockburn.wa.gov.au/youth		Get Wild About Wetlands Bookings for various activities: ticketbooth.com.au	
23 Sep	8 Oct	26 Sep	Science you can eat Cockburn Libraries cockburnlibraries.com.au
Native ARC Holiday Programs (various) \$5 per child. For children aged 5-12 years nativearc.org			

Sustainable Living Events – For more details visit website: cockburn.wa.gov.au/sustainability

12 Aug	Choose for Black Cockatoos – Free 9.30am-12.30pm Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre ticketbooth.com.au	12 Aug	Simply Raw and Sweet 2-4pm, \$25 per person 22 Gwilliam Drive, Bibra Lake ticketbooth.com.au
16 Aug	Dads 'N' Tots Mud Trek 10am-Midday Bushland Ridge Bibra Lake ticketbooth.com.au	18 Aug	Community Bus Tours of Henderson Waste Recovery Park – Free Meet at the Cockburn Administration Building to hop on the bus at 9.40am sharp. ticketbooth.com.au
19 Aug	Gluten-free and Vegan Winter Warmers 2-4pm 22 Gwilliam Drive, Bibra Lake ticketbooth.com.au	26 Aug	Sustainable Building and Design Consultation Other sessions on 12 October and 18 November Success Public Library 30 minute private consultations are available ticketbooth.com.au/events/CityofCockburn
2 Sep	Electric Vehicles: Beyond Petrol 1-3.30pm Spearwood Library cockburnlibraries.com.au	2 Sep	Composting Workshop 1-3pm ticketbooth.com.au
6 & 13 Sep	Roadmap to Prosperity 5.30-7.30pm Success Library ticketbooth.com.au		
7 Sep	Wasteless Pantry Workshop 7-8.30pm Atwell Community Centre ticketbooth.com.au	9 Sep	Home-made Herbal Teas 1.30-3pm Success Library ticketbooth.com.au
16 & 17 Sep	Sustainable House Open Day 10am-4pm, \$10 per person 11 Mortlock St, Hamilton Hill ticketbooth.com.au		



School Native Plant Scheme

The City recently ran its School Native Plant Scheme, an annual scheme that invites schools within Cockburn to select 40 plants free of charge. The plants are used to enhance the biodiversity of the school grounds and to encourage the children to get involved in learning about the environment.

This year, 18 schools took part in the scheme, contributing 720 plants to their local environment.



Coolbellup Community School students Isaac and Taryn with the school's gardener, Andy Gough

Coogee – the place for lime

The earliest lime kilns in the Coogee area were built in the 1880s on Lucius Manning's property Davilak, but it wasn't until the early 1900s that Coogee became known for its lime industry. A rapidly growing gold-rush population meant that building and agricultural materials were in high demand for Fremantle, and businessmen who had kilns and quarries

in areas like Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove, and Claremont rushed to find new sources for the growing needs of the state.

Coogee, with its large limestone ridge, was a prime choice, and rapidly sprouted several new businesses. Experienced lime men Briggs & Rowland opened their first kiln in 1901, and were largely responsible for making 'Coogee stone', a byword for quality. The remaining kilns are still visible today opposite Coogee Beach.

With booming business came human drama, and over the years at least two Coogee lime workers committed suicide with dynamite used for quarrying. Nevertheless, in the 1920s the kilns boasted 60 men working round the clock. With the opening of new quarries in Wanneroo in the 1930s and the depletion of material in Coogee, the lime boom came to a slow end. But the industry lives on in the form of Cockburn Cement, which opened its doors in 1955.



Coogee lime kilns 1914

Comment on Cockburn

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Councillors' Corner

Cr Bart Houwen

The recent opening of the Cockburn Aquatic and Recreation Centre and funding announcements of more than half a billion dollars for local transport infrastructure have finally set the course for Cockburn Central to develop its full potential as a vibrant, diverse and growing regional centre. Although there have been growing pains, the building blocks are in place for the development of local communities to secure a healthy and prosperous future.

Securing the integrity of the Beeliiar wetlands has also been a strong vindication of our community's commitment to balanced and sustainable development. The sacred wetlands sit serenely beside the Bibra Lake Regional Playground which showcases the environmental, recreational, economic and cultural values of our community.

On a personal note with the change in ward boundaries, it is with a mix of sadness and excitement that my home has transferred from Central to West ward. I look forward to engaging the issues of the coastal communities with a fresh perspective.

Cr Lindsay Sweetman

Approaching the end of my council term, I have taken time to reflect on the past four extraordinary years.

Together the City and community won two challenges to Cockburn's borders. We lobbied successfully to have Roe 8 cancelled; to duplicate Armadale Road and build the flyover bridge. Cockburn ARC and the Bibra Lake Regional Playground were built, raising the bar for what local government led projects can achieve for their communities. Rockingham Road (Phoenix) redevelopment plans have progressed and now await the finalisation of Phoenix Shopping Centre's master plan, before the stretch can be transformed into a cyclist and pedestrian friendly hub.

Whilst I will not be contesting my West ward seat in October, I look forward to seeing the fruits of this Council's labour. The Coogee Beach Landscape Master Plan is enabling rejuvenation of our beautiful coast. An exciting new event in 2018 will showcase Coogee's natural assets. Programs for new infrastructure and suburb revitalisation will beautify streets and increase amenities, as well as fostering an environment for sustainable population growth. I thank the West ward community for electing me to the role.

CITY OF COCKBURN WARD BOUNDARIES

West Ward: Coogee, North Coogee, Hamilton Hill, Spearwood

East Ward: Atwell, Aubin Grove, Banjup, Cockburn Central, Hammond Park, Jandakot, Leeming, South Lake, Success, Treeby

Central Ward: Beeliiar, Bibra Lake, Coolbellup, Henderson, Munster, North Lake, Wattleup, Yangebup



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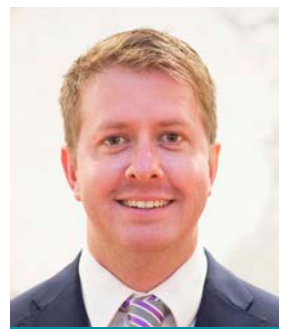
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