

Local Government Elections

Elections will be held in the City of Cockburn on **Saturday 17 October 2009** for the following vacancies on Council:

Mayor	4 year term	
East Ward	1 Councillor	4 year term
West Ward	2 Councillors	4 year terms
Central Ward	2 Councillors	4 year terms

Elections for these vacancies will be conducted by postal ballot. Election packages have been sent to all electors of the City of Cockburn who are able to complete and return them until Saturday 17 October 2009. Counting of votes will take place at the Council Administration building with counting commencing at 6pm and is open to the public.

The following candidates (in order of how they will appear on ballot paper) include:

Mayor	4 year term
	Kevin Allen Robyn O'Brien Logan K Howlett
East Ward	1 Councillor
4 year term	
	Lee-Anne Smith Sole candidate – automatically elected.

West Ward	2 Councillors
4 year terms	
	Tony Romano Phillip Silva Orescanin Les Richardson John Cunai Kevin Allen
Central Ward	2 Councillors
4 year terms	
	Richard McNaught Val Oliver Bart Houwen Cathy Hall Robyn O'Brien

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Age is no barrier

Seniors from Villa Dalmacia Aged Care Home came out in style at the Millers Fashion Show at Phoenix Shopping Centre on Wednesday, 2 September as part of the City of Cockburn's 30th Anniversary Celebrations.

The show aimed at bringing back some fun and excitement to the gracious ladies of Villa Dalmacia who strolled down the catwalk and paraded the latest fashion Millers has on offer. The eldest of the catwalk models, aged 97, showed that age is no barrier when it came to having some fun.

Villa Dalmacia were successful in applying for the 30th Anniversary Grants and put their funds towards the seniors in our community to help celebrate 30 years as a city.

Main image: Front – Gideon Rowland and Gershon Rowland (YEAR 12 Hamilton Senior High School on workplace learning at Villa every Wednesday)

Middle row – Viola Marinovich, Maria Mateljan, Maria Di Tommaso, Caterina Reale, Maria Godinovich, Rhoda Matkovich

Back row – Jadranka and Meagan (therapy staff)





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Landowner Biodiversity Conservation Grants now open



THE City of Cockburn is unique in that it has several rural zones within the metropolitan area – and grants of up to \$3000 are available to help preserve them.

Landowners with significant remnant bushland or wetland areas on their properties are encouraged to apply for Landowner Biodiversity Conservation Grants.

The 2010 grant round is now open for residents living in rural, rural living and resource zones, helping to preserve the quality and extent of the natural environment in the area.

Funds will be granted to landowners to assist with weed control, revegetation, dieback management and various conservation projects.

For more information, go to www.cockburn.wa.gov.au or contact Environmental Services on 9411 3444. The closing date for applications is October 30.

Above: of Cockburn Environment and Education Officer, Vicky Hartill, with Munster resident Klaus Fahrner, a previous recipient of the Landowner Biodiversity Conservation Grant.

Youth Centre Celebrates 1st Birthday

The Cockburn Youth Centre has officially been open for one year and celebrated its first birthday on Saturday October 3, 2009.

Participants from all the programs showcased their skills learnt at the youth centre, while enjoying the days festivities with amusements, live bands and a free barbeque.

During the past year, Cockburn Youth Services have seen more than 10,000 people use the centre, with the majority being aged between 10 -16 years.

The centre has facilitated many classes and activities including: art, drama, guitar, drumming, self defence, singing, meditation, skate, circus workshops, song writing and recording, dance, fishing, cooking, beauty, card and jewellery making, computer animation, cheerleading, homework helpers and fitness classes.

The response the youth centre has received from the community has been very positive, with many community groups using the great facilities to conduct community meetings, information sessions and functions.

Tune into the December edition of the Soundings for birthday celebration pictures, but in the meantime visit the youth centre's website: www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/youthcentre



Summer of Fun 2009 – 2010

Spring Fair

Sunday, 25 October 2009

Manning Park – Hamilton Hill
11am – 8.00pm (stall holders required to stay until 6pm)

Teddy Bears Picnic

Wednesday, 28 October 2009

Manning Park – Hamilton Hill
10am – 1pm

Celebrating Ability

Friday, 4 December 2009

Manning Park – Hamilton Hill
10am – 2pm

Cockburn X-mas Concert

Saturday, 12 December 2009

Council Administration - 9 Coleville Cres. Spearwood
5pm to late

Senior Citz X-mas Blitz

Saturday, 19 December 2009

Dalmatinac Club – Hamilton Hill
5pm to late

Tickets on sale from 10 November. No pre-booked tickets.
2 tickets per person, must be paid for when collected
Must be City of Cockburn resident



Spring Fair

Sunday, 25 October 2009

Manning Park – Hamilton Hill

11am – 8.00pm



FROSH

Sunday, 25 October 2009

Manning Park – Hamilton Hill

11am – 8.00pm





Making contact: a handy guide

Do you have a question about the City of Cockburn? Does it relate to planning, parks, rates or a range of other services that council offers?

Help is at hand with our Customer Contact Centre by calling 9411 3444 or emailing customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au. Friendly staff are on-hand to answer your questions or direct your call to someone who can assist.

When calling the centre, keep in mind the handy guide below so your call can be directed to the correct area as quickly possible. After calling, please select one of the following numbers:

MENU:

1. Planning & Building.
2. Rangers & Security.
3. Parks, Waste, Roads & Graffiti.
4. Rates.
5. Health Services.
6. Other.

The most common enquiries are for planning and building, bin requests, rangers and parking, rates, tree pruning, parks maintenance, road works, waste collections, green waste, household waste and the landfill site.

We want to ensure your enquiry is handled in the most efficient manner possible and the menu guide above helps us best answer your enquiry.

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan: helping the community

Almost 19 per cent of Cockburn residents have a disability – and the City of Cockburn is committed to going beyond legislative requirements to assist residents with disabilities in any way it can, in a bid to make their lives easier.

Documents (such as *Cockburn Soundings*) can be requested in alternative formats and people can go on a register to receive them by emailing customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au.

The City also makes use of the National Relay Service, a phone solution for people with hearing or speech impairments, whenever people call and may need assistance.

Soon-to-be installed is a large display screen at the City of Cockburn’s main reception area, providing another way for people to view and access information.

Ensuring people with disabilities can access facilities and participate in activities is a priority for the City. People with concerns should contact Disability Access and Inclusion Officer Paul Gabbert on 9411 3502.

It is a requirement of Disability Services Act 1993 that all local governments have a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

The City of Cockburn’s plan lists strategies to ensure people with disabilities have the same opportunities to access all services provided by the council, so they are included like other community members.

30th Anniversary events

The City of Cockburn celebrates 30 years in 2009 and we want you to join us for our free community celebrations; mixing it up and celebrating with a range of cultural, sporting, historical, community events and displays between 1 September and 31 October, 2009. Some of the activities include:

- **5 – 7 September** – State History Conference
- **13 September** – Bibra Lake Fun Run
- **25 September** – Sustainability Awards Gala Evening

School Holidays 26 September – 11 October

Celebrating Women @ Cockburn Libraries

- **10 – 16 October** – Tours of Council & Cockburn bus tours for community & schools
- **17 October** Ordinary Council Election
- **24 October** – Great Gardens Mega Sustainability Day – Cockburn Youth Centre, Success
- **25 October** – Spring Fair, FROSH festival & fireworks
- **26 October** – 30th Anniversary Time Capsule Ceremony.

Children's Week 26 October – 30 October

- **28 October** – Teddy Bears' Picnic – Manning Park, Hamilton Hill
- **29 October** – Universal Children's Day – Spearwood Library

Extended events and grants have been awarded for various community events and programs to be included in the many events across the City.

11/08/09 – 17/10/09 Wonderful Wetlands Art Competition – Save Beelir Wetlands Open Day 17 Oct 10am Bibra Lake 9325 7999

2/09/09 – 13/10/09 Villa Dalmacia Association Celebrating Villa's 20 years of service and celebrating Cockburn history 9418 5222

27/09/09 Randwick Stable Mates Open Day - Rides, Displays, Activities, Randwick Stables Rockingham Rd, Hamilton Hill 9418 5241

1/10/09 - 30/10/09 Phoenix Photographic Competition & Exhibition Phoenix Shopping Centre 9418 1655

10/10/09 – 21/10/09 Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen - Performances contact Phoenix Theatre 9441 9180

10 – 11 Oct – Cockburn Community Annual Arts & Crafts Exhibition at the Spearwood Dalmatinac Club. Cockburn Cultural Council - photographic exhibition displays 9337 3814

11/10/09 Cockburn Gateway Shopping City Sunday Trading 9498 5577

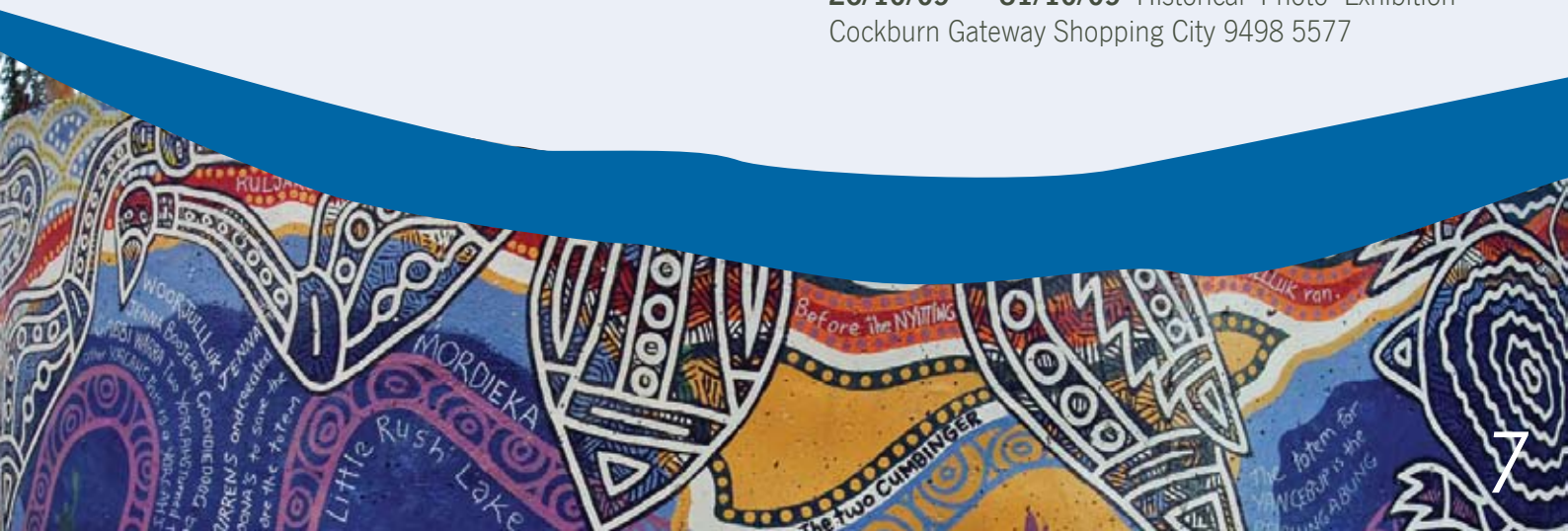
16/10/09 – Baby Boomtime 30 years Variety Concert, Cockburn Regional Seniors Group, Cockburn Seniors Centre 9411 3877

18/10/09 COC 30th Anniversary Community Breakfast by the Lake, Harvest Lakes 8.30am – 11.30am 9498 6754

25/10/09 – Rotary Spring Fair Multicultural Performances by Kulcha

25/10/09 – Spring Fair Home Grown Produce – The history of growing and eating local, Harmony Primary School

26/10/09 – 31/10/09 Historical Photo Exhibition Cockburn Gateway Shopping City 9498 5577



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NEW to South Lake Leisure Centre



JUNIOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE (6-a-side)

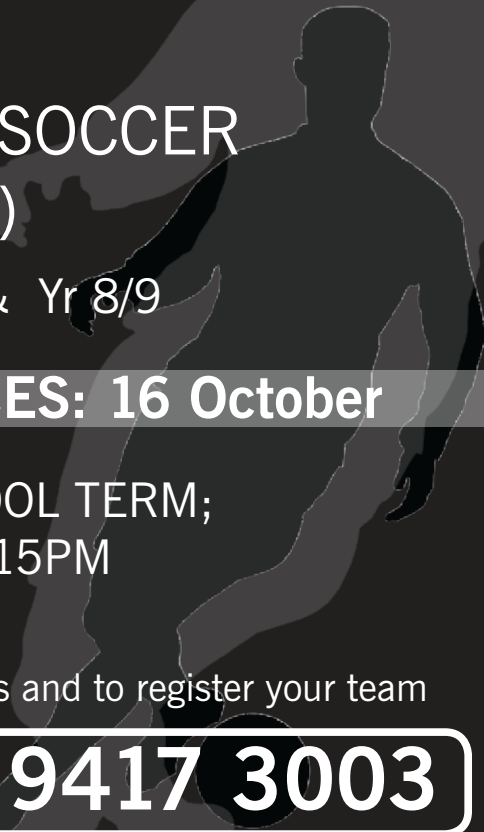
Divisions: Yr 4/5, Yr 6/7 & Yr 8/9

SEASON COMMENCES: 16 October

**EVERY FRIDAY OF SCHOOL TERM;
GAMES START FROM 4.15PM**

Enquiries and to register your team

Ph: 9417 3003



The Latest in October – Cockburn Seniors' Centre

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28 9.30 to 10.30am Pole walking group 10 to 12pm Caring & Sharing Craft Group 2.30 to 3.30pm Tai Chi \$2 (members only)	29 9.30 to 10.30am Heartmoves \$3 10am onwards Scrabble Club 1.30 to 3.30pm Line Dancing \$5	30 1 to 3.30pm Social Bridge	1 October 10 to 11am Meditation Group \$5 10 to 12pm Board Games 1 to 3pm Computer Tutor 2.30 onwards Carpet Bowls	2 9.30 to 10.30am Heartmoves \$3 10 to 11.30am Computer Training Class (members only) 1 to 3.30pm Movie Afternoon \$5
5 10 onwards Pole walking group 10 to 12pm Caring & Sharing Craft Group & Mosaics 2 to 3pm Book Club Meeting	6 9.30 to 10.30am Heartmoves \$3 10am onwards Scrabble Club 1.30 to 3.30 Ballroom Dancing \$5	7 9.30 to 1.30pm Outing to Dutch Windmill for Devonshire Tea & West Australian Tour \$10.25 10 to 12pm Crime Club 1 to 3.30pm Social Bridge	8 10am Onwards Board Games 1 to 3pm Computer Tutor 2.30pm Carpet Bowls	9 9.30 to 10.30am Heartmoves \$3 10 to 11.30am Computer Training Class (members only) 1 to 2.30pm Trivia Fun
12 9.30am onwards Pole walking group 2.30 to 3.30 pm Tai Chi \$2 (members only)	13 Leaving 9.45 Serpentine Café on the Dam Devonshire Tea \$11.50 9.30 to 10.30 Heartmoves \$3 10am onwards Scrabble Club 1.30 to 3.30 Line dancing \$5	14 10.30 onwards Free sing along morning 1 to 3.30pm Social Bridge	15 10 to 11am Meditation \$5 10am onwards Board Games 1 to 3pm Computer Tutor 2.30 onwards Carpet Bowls	16 9.30 to 10.30 Heartmoves \$3 10 to 12pm Crime Club 10 to 11.30 Computer Training Class (members only) 2.30 to 3.30pm Gym Circuit
19 9.30am onwards Pole walking group 2.30 to 3.30pm Tai Chi \$2 (members only)	20 9.30 to 10.30 Heartmoves \$3 10am onwards Scrabble Club 1.30 to 3.30 Ballroom Dancing \$5	21 10 to 12pm Crime Club 10am onwards Machine Embroidery 1 to 3.30pm Social Bridge	22 10am onwards Board Games 11am to 2pm Gosnells Markets & lunch at Gosnells pub \$2.50 (need to purchase own lunch & drinks) 1 to 3pm Computer Tutor 2.30 onwards carpet bowls	23 9.30 to 10.30 Heartmoves \$3 10 to 12pm Crime Club 10 to 11.30 Computer Training Class





Local government reform: Cockburn in a strong position

Following Local Government Minister John Castrilli's announcement of wide-ranging reform earlier this year, the City of Cockburn has approached the matter carefully and constructively.

A report presented to a special meeting of council in August highlighted how the City had engaged with its neighbours to promote reform – but did not find a partner for voluntary amalgamation. Both the City of Fremantle and Town of Kwinana previously rejected Cockburn's approach.

The City of Cockburn's report noted the importance for industry reform, particularly from a financial perspective, and demonstrated the economic value of larger local governments because of their ability to achieve economies of scale.

Cockburn was highlighted as a strong, financially sustainable entity with 20 years of growth still ahead. The City has made a substantial contribution in delivering social and community services across the broader southern metropolitan area, as well as generating numerous employment opportunities.

When considering the need for boundary adjustments, the City of Cockburn was generally satisfied with current

arrangements, but does not support any splitting up of Cockburn as this would have an impact on the City's own sustainability and would disadvantage residents.

The City considered it would be better for smaller councils to consider merging with their neighbours, if they sought to change their boundaries in order to increase their population and improve their financial sustainability.

As a result of the special meeting, the Council decided to again approach the City of Fremantle to consider voluntary amalgamation. This has the potential to deliver significant financial and economic benefits to both communities. It was also an option that had been more strongly favoured by the community during the public consultation period.

Council also resolved to reject the request from the City of Melville to cede a portion of Leeming. The City of Cockburn's Leeming residents make good use of council services and boundary change would lead to higher rates and charges for those residents.

Minister Castrilli will be invited to visit the City of Cockburn to hear from Elected Members firsthand on the City's vision for the future.



North Coogee Foreshore Update



Stage One of the City’s North Coogee Foreshore Management Plan has been completed. The City is committed to managing and rehabilitating the North Coogee foreshore and has undertaken a number of works over the past few months to improve the aesthetic of the area and maintain its natural environment.

These include:

- Dune rehabilitation works and plantings have been upgraded between the Island Street groyne and Rollinson Road car park.
- Cleanup refurbishments including new coastal conservation fencing and 5500 plantings from Rollinson Road to McTaggart Cove along C Y O’Connor beach are complete.
- This also included maintenance works to the “Human Race” sculptured walkway by artist Tony Jones, to commemorate the Robb Jetty and cattle industry activities at this location. As part of the upgrade along CY O’Connor Beach, the race has been refurbished (rust proofed and repainted) and the pathways have been upgraded with new limestone.

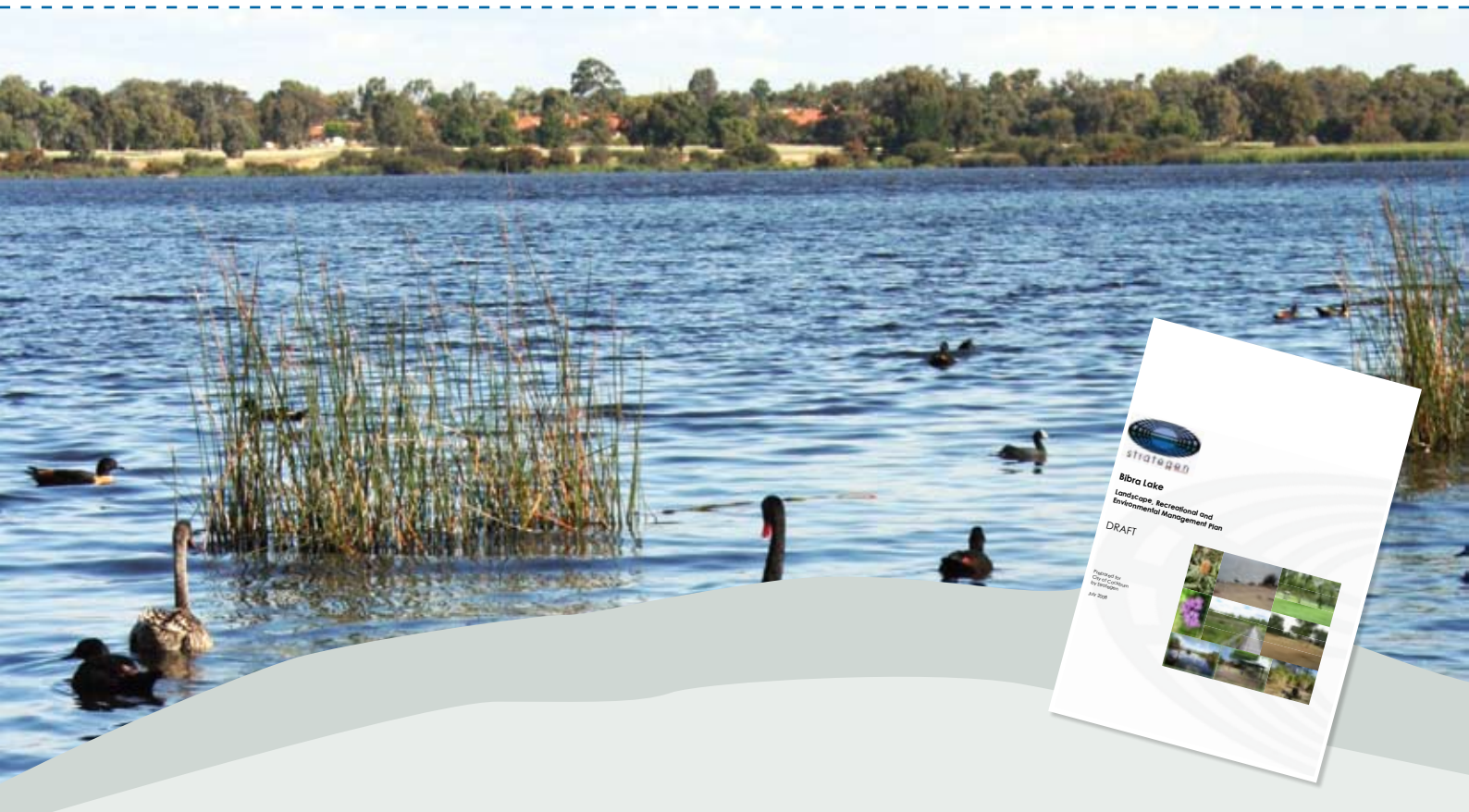
What’s next...

The next stages are being designed for the reconstruction of the Catherine Point groyne, refurbishment of the Rollinson Road car park and picnic area with recreation facilities.





Bibra Lake Management Plan: work under way



Work is progressing on implementing the multi-million dollar *Bibra Lake Landscape, Recreational and Environmental Management Plan*, adopted in May, to ensure the lake and surrounds are protected into the future.

The City of Cockburn’s commitment to sustainability is clear in this long-term plan for conserving the environment, promoting educational resources and maintaining one of Cockburn’s most popular reserves.

The goal is to make Bibra Lake the best wetland precinct in Perth, readily enjoyed by old and young, with a range of quality community facilities and services to enhance the conservation values of the reserve.

New pathways in the north eastern bushland and on the southern and western side of the lake have been completed, providing shaded access to “view windows” of the surrounding environment. Secondary paths provide for slower-pace walkers along the lake fringes, allowing other pedestrians and cyclists a faster-paced route on the outer edge of the reserve.

Weed control and revegetation is underway on the east side of the lake from the northern swamp, towards the bird hide and boardwalk. Re-contouring of the southern banks was completed in June.

Several aspects of the plan have been deemed as major priorities and will take place over the next year, including new boardwalks, completion of walkways and cycleways, interpretive and information installations, new play and recreational facilities and continued protection and enhancement of the natural environment.

Further community engagement is aimed at people being healthy dog owners, wetland education programs, protecting fauna habitats from people and animals wandering off paths.

A project working group was formed at the start of the planning process, involving key stakeholders and community organisations. The plan was advertised extensively for public comment before work began.

For updates on the implementation *Bibra Lake Landscape, Recreational and Environmental Management Plan*, go to www.cockburn.wa.gov.au.

Get charged for battery recycling

Ever wondered what to do with old household batteries once the charge has run out? Throwing them in the bin is an environmental no-no – but help is at hand.

The City of Cockburn and Southern Metropolitan Regional Council have started a dry cell battery recycling program to help residents recycle their household batteries the right way.

There are five drop-off points at Coolbellup Library, Spearwood Library, Success Library, Phoenix Shopping Centre and Cockburn Gateway Shopping Centre.

Types of batteries accepted – usually found in everyday items such as radios, cameras, and children’s toys – include AA and AAA cells (single-use batteries), C and D-sized batteries, button batteries (from watches) and nine-volt and six-volt batteries.

Environment and Education Officer Vicky Hartill and Sustainability Officer Hana Jestribkova with the new battery recycling bin at Phoenix Shopping Centre.



Residential Greenwaste Collection

A reminder to all residents that a greenwaste collection will commence on 26th October 2009 so please make sure your green waste is placed on the verge ready for collection by the below dates.

Greenwaste Verge Collection Dates

Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5
Hamilton Hill	Bibra lake Coolbellup Leeming North lake	Atwell Aubin Grove Jandakot South Lake Cockburn Central	Coogee Munster Spearwood Wattleup (west of railway line)	Beeliar Success Yangebup Hammond park (north of Gaebler)
26 October 2009	2 November 2009	9 November 2009	16 November 2009	23 November 2009

An information leaflet will be delivered, with your junk mail, 10-14 days before your area collection commences.

Greenwaste items include tree branches, prunings and palm fronds and trunks cut to size.

Waste placed on the verge more than 10 days before your area collection is due to commence is 'illegally dumped' and could result in a fine.



Branch out: Great Gardens Mega-Sustainability Day

Turn over a new leaf and make your life more sustainable – head to the Cockburn Youth Centre from 10am to 4pm on 24 October for the Great Gardens Mega-Sustainability Day.

With stalls and displays showcasing sustainable gardening throughout the day, there will be

demonstrations from Great Gardens at 10am, Great Food Gardens at midday and Synergy Energy Efficiency at 2pm.

Bring two of your old light globes along and the first 100 people through the door can replace them with two free compact fluorescent light globes.



SWAP – Save Water and Power

Want to save money, keep cosy in winter/cool in summer and help the planet? The City of Cockburn is offering free home visits by experienced advisors to homeowners and tenants.

Even if you think you know all there is to know about conserving energy and water I bet with a free home audit you'll discover more!

For a free home audit contact City of Cockburn on 9411 3466.

Keeping Australia Beautiful

As part of Keep Australia Beautiful Week from August 24 to 30, students from Success Primary School were taken on a tour of the Regional Resource Recovery Centre in Canning Vale to see recycling in action.

Operated by the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council, it was an opportunity for them to see first-hand what happens to waste once it is collected from their bins and how it can be recycled into other products for further use, such as compost.

Despite a fire at the RRRC in June that destroyed one of the recycling facilities, plastics, paper, glass and other materials collected in yellow-topped bins continue to be recycled through an alternative service.

The RRRC tour provided the Success Primary students with a valuable insight into how to recycle right and why it's important to put the right items in the correct bin.

Following their visit, they collected 15 bags of rubbish and numerous cardboard boxes and metal. The main items collected were soft drink cans and water bottles, along with building rubbish such as cement bags, plastic wrap and plastic string from pallets.

They also took part in a wetlands sampling activity, finding numerous macro-invertebrates such as water snails, water fleas, water spiders and water beetles.

Thanks Lotterywest!

A \$4.8 million project to redevelop and expand facilities in Coolbellup to create a community hub has recently been awarded a \$1,149,200 Lotterywest Service Accommodation and Community Facility Grant.

The Coolbellup Community Hub will be a multi-functional and accessible facility that includes community activity and meeting spaces, matched with childcare, family, financial, vocational training and library services.

The City of Cockburn plans to upgrade the Coolbellup Library, Centenary Hall and surrounding City offices to

consolidate Coolbellup's current community facilities and social services into a more efficient "one-stop shop".

The Lotterywest funding will be specifically used for public meeting and children's activity areas, children's services landscaping and play areas, fencing, gates, footpaths and paved areas, loose furniture and equipment.



Environmental initiative up for Premier's Award

The City of Cockburn's Environmental Education Initiatives Project has been named a finalist in the 2009 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Public Sector Management.

Recognised in the Managing the Environment Category, the project is a flexible tool assisting schools, teachers and community members to deliver environmental education on sustainability.

The primary school program themes of biodiversity, greenhouse gases, resource use and liveable communities are designed to assist students to develop life skills that will protect and enhance their local environment.

Community members can gain assistance and knowledge by participating in the landowner biodiversity conservation grants, community natural resource management and sustainable living workshops, the 'Men of the Trees' community volunteer planting scheme and revegetation programs.

Winners will be announced on October 28.



Above: The Environmental Education Initiatives Project is helping schools such as Success Primary by getting them involved with the Adopt-a-Spot litter program.



Recreation Update...



Work on the Success Regional Community and Recreation Facility is well underway! The tilt panels for the clubrooms have been erected and the slab and structural works are soon to follow. The netball courts have been graded and limestone has been compacted on the site of the courts, which are set to be complete in December 2009.

Irrigation and bore contracts are completed on the ovals, and grass planted in late August. The Success Regional Community & Recreation Facility is coming along well and is anticipated to be complete by March 2010.

City of Cockburn now tweeting on Twitter

Did you know you can follow the City of Cockburn on Twitter? The free social media tool allows people to send and read other people's updates (known as tweets) – a bit like receiving text messages on the web.

The City's Twitter profile at <http://twitter.com/cityofcockburn> is a way for people to keep up-to-date on important community news, media releases, community consultation, what's on and where it's happening.



Be a good neighbour, not a noisy neighbour

The City of Cockburn is reminding residents to be mindful of noise levels coming from their homes, so they can maintain good relations with their neighbours.

Whether planning a party, engagement, housewarming or birthday, some simple guidelines include:

- Letting neighbours know about parties in advance and providing them with your number to call if they feel the noise is too loud.
- Turning music down at 10pm and off at midnight or to a level not audible at your neighbour's boundary (this is a guideline only and should be discussed with your neighbours).
- Listening for noise at fence boundaries during the party and keeping amplified music indoors.
- Asking everyone to move inside after midnight to prevent loud voices disturbing neighbours.
- Leaving cleanup until morning so clanging bottles don't disturb neighbours.
- Asking guests to leave quietly and say their goodbyes inside.

Noise emissions are controlled by state regulations, allowing authorised noise officers from the city – along with police officers – to issue infringements. Noise associated with anti-social behaviour cannot be handled by the City's authorised noise officers and should be referred to the police.

For more details on noise laws, contact City of Cockburn Health Services on 9411 3589 or go to www.cockburn.wa.gov.au.



Fire season is approaching

REMINDER: Our fire season is nearly upon us. Please have your firebreak installed by the due date. To check dates, contact Ranger Services on 9411 3444.





Your Cockburn Library

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



Living Libraries: Don't judge a book by its cover

Living Libraries is a program countering the notion of traditional libraries: instead of borrowing a book, you borrow a person.

Each "living book" has an interesting life story to tell and has the potential to break down stereotypes while connecting and strengthening local communities through the simple act of conversation.

The last *Living Libraries* event, held during National Reconciliation Week, had responses such as:

"The personal experience of emotions and knowledge-sharing was impressive. Never taken out a living book before. Like the idea."

"Very interesting – I didn't want the book to end."

"The idea of a book that would actually speak to you is an absolutely brilliant idea."

On October 24, during the City of Cockburn's 30th anniversary, Spearwood Library is celebrating women in the community. It's an opportunity to hear fascinating stories as you interact with your very own living book, while enjoying free coffee and cake.

Call 9411 3800 for details on how to borrow a living book.

Above: Previous "living book" Scott Chisholm with library patron Brian Hooper.

Cockburn Libraries going greener

Cockburn Libraries are becoming greener – from September, the libraries have made a concerted effort to use less paper-based products.

The library's website at <http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au> allows people to request books, book for library events and contribute to the library's online reviews, blogs and Facebook and Twitter sites without using any paper at all.

Library notifications and events can all be sent by email. Just send your name, address and membership number to spelib@cockburn.wa.gov.au.

If you have internet access but are unsure how to send an email or access the website, call 9411 3800 to join a FREE computer workshop.



Book for Cockburn Libraries events online

It's easy to book for the great events at Cockburn Libraries. Go to <http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au> and click on NEW – Library Blog. Then click on Library Events Calendar. Locate the event, click on it, then register your personal details. Don't forget to finish off by clicking "Complete Registration".

local heroes wanted for Oz day awards

We'd like you to nominate an outstanding individual or group for one of this year's Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards.

These Awards celebrate the contribution that active people make to our community. These contributions can come in many forms – they are for ordinary people who make an extraordinary difference to our community.



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Here's how it works;

There are three categories of Award you can nominate;

- Outstanding contribution by a local citizen aged 25 or over
- Outstanding contribution by a local citizen under 25 years of age
- Outstanding contribution by a local group or community event

Complete the nomination form on the back, fold along the dotted lines and post to us by no later than **COB 27 November 2009**.

For more information on eligibility contact the Customer Contact Centre on 9411 3444.

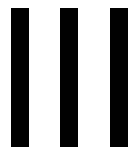
The winning nominee in each Award category receives a framed certificate and a gift voucher to the value of \$200. The person who nominates the winner in each category also receives a prize to the value of \$50.

The Awards will be presented at a special Council Australia Day Ceremony on 26 January 2010.

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NOMINATION FOR:

- Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award
- Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award for a person under 25 years
- Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award for a community group or event



Title Given Names Surname

Group (if applicable)

Address

Suburb/Town State Postcode

Telephone (Home) (Work)

REASONS FOR NOMINATION

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HOW HAS THE NOMINEE DEMONSTRATED ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AND ENHANCEMENT OF COMMUNITY LIFE?

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Please attach additional information if required

HOW HAS THE NOMINEE'S CONTRIBUTION BEEN RECOGNISED ELSEWHERE?

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NOMINATOR

Name Address

Suburb/Town State Postcode

Telephone (Home) (Work) Email

OTHER WILLING TO SUPPORT YOUR NOMINATION

Name

Address

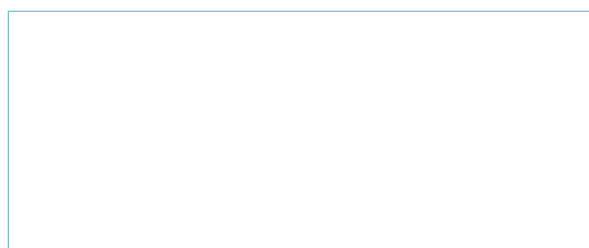
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