

Cockburn Soundings

OCTOBER 2008

Open day - South Lake Leisure Centre

Join us on Saturday, 25 October for a free open day at the South Lake Leisure Centre.

Running from 10am to 3pm the open day will include free group fitness classes, a health seminar and a free Living Longer, Living Stronger information session for seniors.

There will also be giveaways and your chance to speak with centre staff about your fitness needs.

For more information on the open day or the centre's facilities or programs visit the Leisure Centre, 90 South Lake Drive, South Lake, or phone 9417 3003.



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City raises funds for homelessness

City of Cockburn Support Services staff donned pyjamas at work on Friday, 8 August and braved the cold for a night to raise about \$2,000 to help combat homelessness.

The City's 'Sleep-in for Homelessness' encouraged City staff to spend a night at the Atwell Community Centre to experience homelessness and enlist sponsors for the evening to raise funds for the Warrawee women's refuge.

In addition to this the City's Support Services team donned their pyjamas for the day to represent the warm, cosy bed that many Australians don't have the privilege of sleeping in each night and collected donations from their colleagues.

A total of \$1924 was raised from these events, including a dollar-for-dollar matching of funds by the City for all employee donations.



The Giant Walk

The City of Cockburn has claimed victory over the City of Fremantle by attracting more staff and residents to take part in the Giant Walk - Australian World Record Attempt.

One hundred and sixty eight people joined City of Cockburn Mayor Stephen Lee and City of Fremantle Mayor Peter Tagliaferri in wet conditions to complete two laps of Wilson Park, or 1km, to be counted towards the national tally in a bid to claim the world record from Canada for the most people simultaneously walking one kilometre.



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Message from the Mayor



Ask yourself: when was the last time you took a walk around Bibra Lake, enjoyed a day at Coogee Beach or a day picnicking at Manning Park?

With Cockburn moving forward at a tremendous pace it can be easy to forget the value that comes from our natural environment and the importance of conserving and protecting it.

Each year the City of Cockburn plants more than 30,000 plants throughout the community including in local parks, wetlands areas and on street verges.

This planting effort can not be realised without the support of our local schools, volunteers from the community and our dedicated staff who often brave the weather on our many public planting dates.

In addition to this we have an extensive collection of local wetlands, parks, trees, coastline areas and natural assets that are listed on our Heritage Inventory and have in place environmental education programs and initiatives that aim to encourage members of the community to conserve the environment in homes and businesses.

I assure residents that the City takes the loss of any natural resources seriously and full consideration and evaluations are undertaken before approval is given for any developments to proceed.

As always if any of you would like to comment on this subject or any other matter concerning Council's business please don't hesitate to contact myself or your local Ward Councillors and to assist you in this our details are contained in this brochure.

Mayor
Stephen Lee

Local Government Week 2008

The City would like to thank everyone who joined us to celebrate Local Government Week 2008. A series of bus tours around Cockburn and our free community breakfast proved popular. Congratulations to the winners of our Local Government Week competitions and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Kids Colouring in competition:

1st – Christina of Beeliar – age 9
2nd – Abbey of South Lake – age 4

Adults Crossword:

1st – Mary Smith of Spearwood
2nd – Shirley Thompson of Spearwood



Summer of Fun 2008-09 events

The City of Cockburn’s Summer of Fun events season is gearing up again, and this year is going to be the best yet.

Teddy Bears Picnic—22 October 2008

The Teddy Bears Picnic grows bigger and bigger each year. Held at MacFaul Park, Pomfret Road Spearwood from 10am to 1pm, it boasts a wide variety of activities for kids including:

- Fairy Queen Caroline;
- MSJ Dance school performance;
- Parade & Sing-along;
- Bouncy Castles;
- Baby animal farm;
- Face painting;
- Electronic Cars;
- Real live snakes;
- Arts and crafts;
- Beauty salon;
- Teddy weigh station;
- Fire truck & Firemen;
- Free photo with your teddy;
- Nurses hospital and heaps more!



Get your teddy ready!



Annual Seniors Ball—8 November 2008

The Annual Seniors Ball has become one of Cockburn’s much loved events. This year, it’s a disco theme, so pull out those flares and get ready for some night fever, with performance by Justin James with ‘Timeless’.

Tickets also include a full roast dinner and dessert, plus raffles, competitions and prizes.

Tickets are only \$5 each, and you can book tables of 10. Tickets will be on sale from 5 October, until sold out. You must pay before the event.



Summer of Fun

To book your Seniors Social Evening tickets or find out more info, call the City on 9411 3444, or contact Marilyn McLean at mmclean@cockburn.wa.gov.au or Sandra Edgar at sedgar@cockburn.wa.gov.au.



Christmas Concert—13 December 2008

The Family Christmas Concert will be held outside the Spearwood Public Library on the grassed courtyard. Sing along to your favourite Christmas carols and enjoy assorted entertainment including the Variety Choir. We've got give-aways and prizes for all the good girls and boys and Santa might just pop in for a visit. Starts at 6.30pm.



Watch this space for details about other events happening in your City this summer, or check out our website: www.summeroffun.com.au. There will be concerts, festivals and something for everyone!



Coogee Beach Festival

Following the success of the 2008 Coogee Beach Festival the 2009 event will be bigger and better. Held in March the free event includes rides, competitions, performances, give-aways and displays! Watch this space for more information on the festival or visit www.summeroffun.com.au.

Concert Series—watch this space!

The 2008-09 Summer of Fun is a free community concert series which will be bigger and better than ever. It will be showcasing some of the best talent Australia has to offer.

Visit the www.summeroffun.com.au website, check your local papers and the Cockburn Soundings for the dates and locations of this season's concerts!

COMING SOON! TO COCKBURN...



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Youth Outrage School Holiday Program

Aged between 12 and 16? Need some extra excitement during school holidays? Why don't you get involved with the Cockburn Youth Services Youth Outrage School Holiday Program! Join the group and be part of the holiday excitement visiting all sorts of cool places around Perth. Activities include tube riding at Bonneys Water Ski Park, days out at Adventure World, Laser Corps, bowling, movies, hang out days at the beach, ice skating, whale watching trips, Timezone, archery, Q-zar, indoor rock climbing and heaps more.

If you're interested in being part of the fun pick up the phone and call Paul de Bruin, Youth Development Officer on 0438 900 136 or email Paul at pdebruin@cockburn.wa.gov.au.

The program is really popular and spaces are limited so get in fast!



Spring Fair 2008 - October 26~~th~~

Come down to Manning Park on Sunday, 26 October for the annual Spring Fair celebrations brought to you by the City of Cockburn and the Cockburn Rotary Club and the City of Cockburn's FROSH Youth Festival.

Beginning at 11am there will be entertainment, rides, stalls, demonstrations, art displays and fireworks to close the day at 8.30pm!

See performances by:

- The Murphy Marching Band from Mobile, America, that are visiting Cockburn to celebrate our Sister City relationship;
- The Mooritj Midgees Aboriginal Dance Group;

- The Chameleon Brass Band;
- Tribalive belly dancers;
- The Hamilton SHS band;
- The City of Cockburn Pipe Band;
- The Wadumbah Aboriginal Group; and
- The Coogee Primary School Italian Choir.

For more information on the Spring Fair or FROSH events please phone the City on 9411 3444 or check out the website www.cockburn.wa.gov.au.

City welcomes American Sister City delegates

The City of Cockburn is proud to welcome delegates from our American Sister City Mobile who will be visiting Cockburn this month and be joining us at the annual Spring Fair.

Students from Murphy High School will travel to Cockburn and perform as a band at the Spring Fair. They will also visit Hamilton Senior High School and enjoy some of Perth's tourist attractions.

As part of the Spring Fair celebrations representatives from the delegation will join City of Cockburn Mayor Stephen Lee to unveil the City's Friendship Way public artwork that recognises the relationship between Mobile and Cockburn.

Mayor Lee said: "The Sister City relationships held by Cockburn represent aspects of Cockburn's culture and present opportunities for mutually beneficial exchanging of ideas and promotion of trade, tourism and other opportunities for Cockburn internationally.

"It's fantastic to have the group of young Americans visit Cockburn and be part of the Spring Fair celebrations and I look forward to a long running and positive Sister City relationship with Mobile for many years to come."

The new Friendship Way in Spearwood represents the naval links between the history of Cockburn, both of which have very prominent ship-building industries, and is decorated in the colours of yellow and purple which symbolise Mobile's official Mardi Gras colours.





Cockburn industry shape up

Assisted by its partners the Swan Catchment Council, the City's industrial auditors have been busy assessing businesses in the Cockburn area for their impact on the environment and to assist owners to achieve more sustainable practices.

The audit, which works with business owners to ensure that their operation meets minimum environmental standards, is currently reviewing the Bibra Lake Industrial Area having already visited 70 businesses in Cockburn Central and Jandakot.

City of Cockburn Industrial Premises Officer Nick Stingemore said 'It is encouraging to see local industry taking affirmative action to reduce their environmental impact. Many proprietors are now seriously considering the benefits that sustainable practices, such as energy and water efficiency and waste recycling, can bring to their business'.

Mr Stingemore added that if a business is causing a negative impact on the local environment, or is conducting unapproved activities, the City tries to assist that business to improve it's practices before taking an enforcement approach.

The use of technology such as dust extraction systems, spray booths with correct filters and basic items such as mechanical parts washers and oil separators are examples of simple processes which allow many small local industries to conduct safe, clean and low impact businesses.

Red Rock Oilfield Services Manager Ronnie Milne said working with the City of Cockburn assists his businesses to achieve the best possible practices to minimise impact on the environment.

An area of concern that has been noted during this project is the number of businesses conducting spray painting and/or abrasive blasting in the open. Current requirements are that both these potentially high negative impact activities must be conducted inside an approved booth designed to filter or contain all particulate materials. These businesses will be targeted for early compliance.



Lights on at Coolbellup skate park

Avid skaters in Cockburn can now practice their sport after-dark with the recent installation of flood lighting at the City of Cockburn's Coolbellup skate park.

The lighting, which will be turned on from sun down until 9pm nightly, were installed by the City as a matter of public safety and to provide a free after-hours recreation venue for residents.

The City invites all skaters to enjoy the lit up park located at Len Packham Reserve on the corner of Cordelia Ave and Tybalt Place in Coolbellup.



Help contain dieback

New signs advising areas of bushland affected with the devastating fauna disease Dieback will soon be installed across the City and we need your help to protect our natural environment.

The signs clearly identify areas infested with Dieback and alert people entering those areas to use the provided scrubbing stations to clean their boots to prevent spreading the disease.

An initiative of WA's Project Dieback team, the universal signs will be installed throughout the State's metropolitan and South West so please keep an eye out for them when your next visiting a national park or bushland and help us fight Dieback.

For more information on Dieback or to report an area that you think has been infested with the disease please phone the City on 9411 3444.

DIEBACK PROTECTION AREA



The presence of Phytophthora dieback is being mapped to help prevent further spread of dieback by human activity.

Phytophthora dieback is an introduced plant killing water mould that lives in soil and plant material. It is devastating the natural heritage of southwest Australia, threatening not only plants but also many unique animal habitats. Banksia communities are particularly susceptible.

Phytophthora dieback can be transported by human activity, carried on boots and tyres and moved in plant material.

You can help to prevent the further spread of Dieback:

- Stay on tracks and trails.
- Clean all soil from your shoes and vehicle.
- Avoid wet soil conditions.

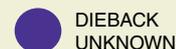
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www.dieback.org.au



Seniors Bulletin Board Upcoming Events

Happening Seniors – Free activities for Over 50s

Health and safety series

Attend any of our health and safety talks before December and you will go into the running to win an amazing prize for 2 people.

Choose to:

- View the skies in a hot air balloon;
- Go rushing through them on a skydive; or
- Relax with massage while you and a friend stay at a luxury lodge for a night.

Live safe (Presented by the RAC)

Gain invaluable advice to help you live independently, with confidence.

We discuss:

- Simple ways to minimise the risks;
- Security tips and recommendations for the home; and
- Safety advice when out and about.

When: Tuesday 7 October

Time: 1 – 2pm

Where: Spearwood Library

Safeguarding your Rights in Later years

(Presented by the Older People’s Rights Service)

When: Thursday 9 October

Time: 2 – 3pm

Where: Spearwood Library

Brain Gym – Yoga for the Mind

When: Tuesday 14 October

Time: 10 – 11.30am

Where: Centenary Hall, Coolbellup

Scooters for Seniors

Find out how scooters can allow you to become more mobile.

We discuss:

- Different types of scooters;

- Transporting, registering, licensing and insuring your scooter; and
- Road rules and safety advice for scooter users.

When: Tuesday 21 October

Time: 1 – 2pm

Where: Spearwood Library

Seniors Week Special

Nutrition and mental health – presented by Gilly Street

Food that keeps your mood and brain in top form!” This wonderful seminar provides the tools that have you eating for improved mental health.

When: Monday 27 October

Time: 10.30 – 12.30

Where: Spearwood Library

Activity Series (no prize attached)

Ballroom dancing with Shirley Bickley

Learn the Cha Cha, the Waltz, the Rumba and more 4 week course

When: Monday 27 Oct; 3, 10 and 17 November

Where: Len Packham Clubrooms

Time: 10 – 12 noon

Special Seniors Lunch at Azelia ley Museum – Bookings essential

Free lunch; Museum tour
A special thank you to our seniors

When: Tuesday 28 October

Time: 12 – 2pm

Where: Azelia Ley Museum, Manning Park

Have a go Day trip – Bookings essential

A bus will be leaving from the City of Cockburn in the morning and returning in the afternoon.

When: Wed 29 October

Time: 9 – 4pm

Cost: Gold coin donation to the Regional Seniors Group

For further information or to book, please call 9411 3444.



Heritage Inventory

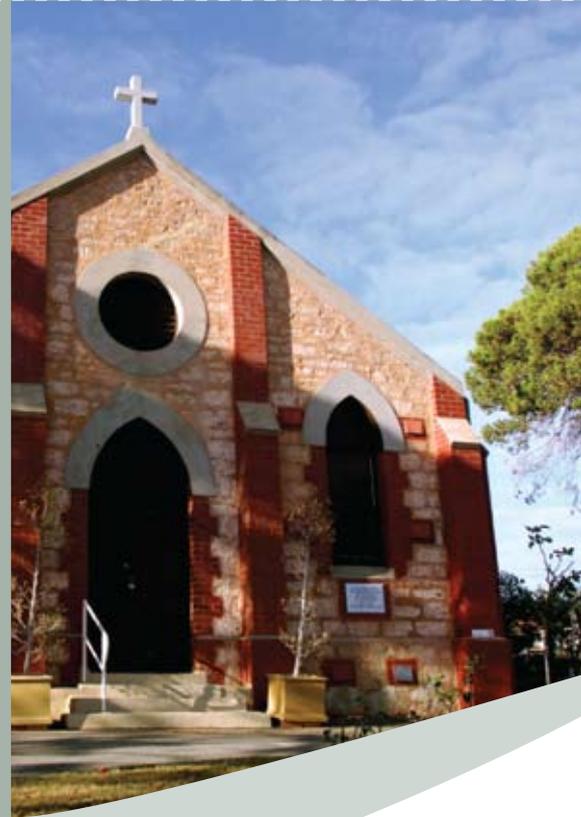
The City of Cockburn is reviewing its Heritage Inventory and is calling on nominations from members of the public as to what natural and man made assets should be included on the list.

First compiled in 1997, the City's Heritage Inventory currently includes 63 sites that have been identified as being worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of future generations.

These sites include the Azelia Ley Museum, significant trees and the Coogee Beach Jetty.

If you would like to nominate something to be added to the inventory please address your nomination to the Strategic Planning Coordinator at the City of Cockburn, PO Box 1215, Bibra Lake DC, 6965 or email to customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au with Heritage Inventory in the subject line.

For more information please phone 9411 3444. Nominations will close on Friday, ~~November 28~~.



Historical society membership



If you have an interest in the heritage of Cockburn and would like to get more actively involved, the Historical Society of Cockburn are looking for new members to join them.

The Historical Society meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the Azelia Ley museum from 7.00pm.

For more information or to learn more about the museum give Carolyn a call at the museum 9418 6648 (Monday – Wednesday)

Some of the activities at the museum you may like to get involved in are the regular Sunday public openings, school holiday activities, regular tour bookings, extension of the wagon house building, 2009 state conference, visits to Clarence site and society outings.



Cockburn Project Update

Road Improvements

Russell Road realignment - expected completion October 2008.

This \$3.3 million project includes the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Russell road and Brushfoot Boulevard/MacQuarie Boulevard, the installation of underground power, and street lighting.

Spearwood Avenue extension - works completed at the intersection of Spearwood Ave and Hamilton Road with works in progress at the intersection of Cockburn Road.

This site will host the City of Cockburn's Friendship Way in recognition of our Sister City relationship with American city Mobile, Alabama.

Cockburn recycles your waste

The new recycling transfer station at Henderson Waste Recovery Park opened on a trial basis in August and has proven to be very successful in recycling domestic waste, reducing landfill waste and increasing safety on site.

Environment News

Recent midge sampling has commenced in the City's wetlands and lakes.

The City has submitted grant applications to assist in funding rehabilitation programs at Coogee Beach and Market Garden Swamp.

All City of Cockburn facilities and street lighting have been converted to natural power.

Parks Improvements

The City's Croatian Sister City Friendship Way works continue with the addition of the Croatian welcome "Dobra Dosli" and the planting of new pencil cedars.

The City has also installed its newest Sister City Friendship Way to recognise our relationship with the American city of Mobile.

Five new playgrounds have been ordered and will be installed throughout the City and seven parks will have drinking fountains installed.



The City has undertaken more detailed analysis of some aspects of the Phoenix Central Revitalisation project and the final strategy will now be considered by Council in coming months. The following is a summary of the feedback of the main issues expressed by the community through the community consultation phase. Full results are available at www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/phoenixcentral.

Zoning Issues

- Majority support for the opportunity to develop/subdivide in the future.
- Concerns about high-rise mixed business causing overlooking.
- Suggestions for height limits and design guidelines.
- Density radiating from the centre was supported.
- Need to improve/increase public open spaces.

New Community Hub Issues

- Majority support of the idea of creating a new community hub on the City's administration site.
- Majority support of the new mixed use café street creating more restaurants and lifestyle opportunities.
- Generally supportive of new Life Learning Centre (integrating a new and enlarged Spearwood Library and Senior Citizen Centre).
- Generally supportive of creating a town park and town square and the idea of creating a central meeting and community place.
- Concerns about demolition of the dental clinic through the realignment of Coleville Crescent.
- Concerns about ensuring that there is sufficient parking.
- Objections and/or concerns about high rise causing social, traffic and overlooking problems.
- Suggestions that the City ensure safety/security in design and disability access.
- Suggestions for aged person housing on the bowling club site.

Transport Issues

- Strong objections to any new road linkages where properties may be resumed.
- General concerns about traffic increasing on residential streets.
- Concerns about traffic increasing on Gerald Street and its impact on the primary school.
- Concerns about the bus lane on Rockingham Road.
- The need to improve the pedestrian crossings across Rockingham Road.
- Supportive of plans to improve footpaths, lighting and landscaping on key streets to encourage walking, cycling and use of public transport.
- Ideas for a CAT bus servicing the study area and other centres and better public transport.

Park Issues

- Strong objections to the idea of allowing retirement housing to be built on MacFaull Park.
- Generally supportive of the ideas for upgrading facilities and parks.
- Support for the redevelopment of Beale Park.
- Suggestions for better lighting, seating, barbecue areas, security, play equipment and trees.

Council's Response To Date

Council has already made a decision at its July Council Meeting:

- 1) Not to support the compulsory acquisition of any residential property within the Phoenix Central project area for the purpose of creating new road links and the road links going through homes being deleted;
- 2) Not to support the inclusion of a busway or transit way in Rockingham Road; and
- 3) Not to proceed with the development of aged person development on MacFaull Park.

The City is ensuring that all these issues are adequately reflected in the final Strategy.



Family Day Care Scheme celebrates 30 years

The City of Cockburn congratulate past and present care providers and staff at its Family Day Care Scheme for providing a quality child care service to the Cockburn community for 30 years.

Current FDC manager Sandra Taylor joined former manager June Barton and scheme staff and carers for a celebration event in August that marked the achievement.

In addition to cutting the birthday cake the group enjoyed a presentation by Associate Professor Doctor

Margaret Sims who spoke on her research into the stress levels of young children in childcare and how children are best assisted to learn and develop by the provision of quality care which meets their individual needs to feel secure and loved.

For information on enrolment of children or to enquire further on the process to set up your own home based business - please phone 9337 7177 and speak to the friendly staff.

Your Council

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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 28 November 2008.**

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

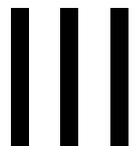
The winning nominee in each Award category receives a framed certificate and a gift voucher to the value of \$200. The person who nominates the winner in each category also receives a prize to the value of \$50.

The Awards will be presented at a special Council Australia Day Ceremony on 26 January 2009.

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