

Cockburn Soundings

salute to summer



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Our Summer of Fun has just about come to a close. The last and biggest free concert drew a crowd of 5,000, who were there to hear Aussie rockers Mental as Anything play all their best hits at Manning Park. That was the last of five free concerts held around the City this year, and a big thanks goes to everyone who helped out - especially the SES who made parking a breeze. ⁴⁰ (72)

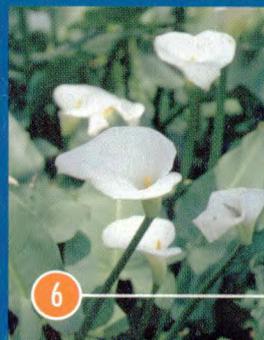


The Coogee Beach Festival attracted more than 8,000 fun loving people for free entertainment, rides and activities. We loved all the entries in the sandcastle competition, but brothers Zephy and Zyon won first prize for their original alien sculpture. Want to see more pictures? There are photos from all our events at www.cockburn.wa.gov.au.



Keep an eye on your letterbox for the next Summer of Fun guide coming out in October.

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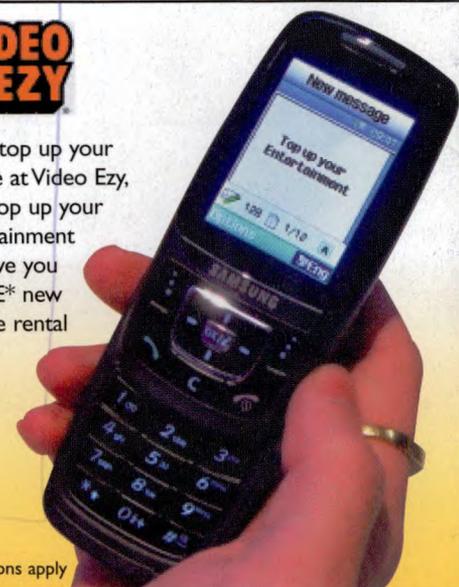
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Standard - Nicks mayor's message



What an exciting summer we had in Cockburn.

Cockburn residents embraced the City's "Summer of Fun" by turning out in record numbers to the free concerts and activities organised by the City. Almost 20,000 people enjoyed the fun entertainment throughout the summer and once again it was a huge success. Thanks to your feedback we are already busy planning to make it bigger and better next summer.

Work on the new Coogee Beach Kiosk has been completed and it was open for business to the public who attended our annual Coogee Beach Festival. I urge you to go down and have a look at this fantastic new community facility built by Council.

The first stage of construction at Port Coogee is now well under way. The new marina will be the jewel in the crown of the exciting development occurring on our coastline. Your Council is working closely with the local community and the State Government to make the Cockburn Coastal vision a reality.

The City is proud of our award winning public consultation practices. As a Council we listen to, and act in the best interests of our ratepayers. At your request we have organised a public forum to discuss public transport issues in our City. Please take the time to attend this forum and have your say.

Your hardworking councillors and I are always happy to hear from you with suggestions on how we can improve services in Cockburn. Our contact details are listed on the back page of this edition of Cockburn Soundings so please feel free to contact us if you need assistance.

Yours,

Mayor Stephen Lee

Contact Mayor Stephen Lee on (08) 9411 3577 or slee@cockburn.wa.gov.au

Our iPOD winners

Congratulations to Steve Buckley and Patricia Hipfner who won iPODs in our recent competition.



Even if you didn't win an iPOD, nobody loses when they join our mailing list. Every fortnight the City lets subscribers know all the interesting and fun things that are going on throughout Cockburn – and a lot of it's free. You can still subscribe by going to www.cockburn.wa.gov.au and clicking on the Email Newsletter link.

For enquiries about the newsletter please call Michelle on 9411 3650 or email msansom@cockburn.wa.gov.au.

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have your say about public transport in cockburn



The Public Transport Authority and the City of Cockburn are holding a public transport forum in Hamilton Hill on May 18th.

The forum, at Memorial Hall on the corner of Rockingham Road and Carrington Street, will provide residents with an opportunity to discuss the existing public transport network.

The pattern of public transport services in Perth's southern suburbs will change dramatically in 2007 when train services start on the new Mandurah-Perth railway.



The new Southern Suburbs Railway (SSR) will serve as the major public transport spine along the Kwinana Freeway. All bus services on the Kwinana Freeway south of Canning Bridge will be replaced by trains.

As a result, virtually all bus services through the southern suburbs, including those within the City of Cockburn, will be reviewed to ensure that the bus network maximises access to the train line and meets the broader travel needs of the community.

City residents are invited to attend the forum at any time between 12.30pm and 8pm. Representatives of the City, Transperth's Service Development Team and Southern Coast Transit (Transperth's local bus contractor), will be on hand to answer queries and discuss transport issues.

Further information is available from Transperth Senior Service Planner Owen Thomas on 9326 2196.

coogee primary wins beach challenge

The competition was tough, but the home teams had the upper hand at the fifth annual Coogee Beach Challenge. Five schools competed in the event which formed part of the Coogee Beach Festival on March 19th. Coogee Primary took first place and second place went to South Coogee Primary who just beat Yangebup Primary by half a point. Newton Primary and Kerry Street Community School weren't far behind.

The games may have been out of the ordinary (think making mermaids out of spectators and dodging fit balls thrown from the crowd), but the great prizes meant the schools were going for glory. A big thanks goes to sponsors Cockburn Cement, Phoenix Shopping Centre, Gateways Shopping Centre, Cockburn Ice Arena and Adventure World for making it all worthwhile.

Thanks also to the Cockburn Youth Advisory Council, Bev Hanley, the teachers and parents and all the young people there on the day.



From top to bottom: Ashley Carmichael - Hillan, Sabrina Matassa, Jessica Taylor, Emily - Rose Long and Alex Samarelli

walk this way

Joining your local walking group is a great way to meet friends, be social and get some exercise. Carol Palmer Brown, who leads the Yangebup walking group, says helping keep an eye on the neighbourhood also builds community spirit. "We're like a mobile Neighbourhood Watch," she says.

Below is a schedule for walking groups already on the go. Dates and times of walks can be flexible so please give your local walk leader a call.

COOGEE MON - FRI 6:00 am

COOGEE BEACH, meet at the Coogee Beach Jetty
Colin Crook 9494 1936

HAMILTON HILL SUN 9:00 am

AZELIA LEY HOMESTEAD, MANNING PARK, HAMILTON HILL
Fred Mason 9434 1545 or Grahame Hordern 9434 2789

SOUTH LAKE MON + THUR 5:30 pm

SOUTH LAKE PRIMARY SCH, MASON CT (NEAR FOXALL PL)
meet at 2nd car park
Bernie Dierks 9418 1535

SPEARWOOD

BEALE PARK, HAMILTON RD MON, WED, FRI 6:00 am
meet at the Cockburn Soccer Club car park
Alison Croft 9494 1813

MACFAULL PARK, POMFRET RD MON 6:15 pm
Allan Spowart 9494 1187

YANGEBUP MON, WED, FRI 7:00 am

YANGEBUP SHOPPING CENTRE
cnr Moorhen Dr and Swallow Dr, meet at the deli
Carol Palmer Brown 9417 9431

walk leaders required!

There are plenty of suburbs in Cockburn that still need walking groups. If you are already walking, why not consider becoming a walk leader? It's easy - we will provide you with all the support and training to get started. If your suburb is not already on the list above, we need you! You'll get a free pedometer, free First Aid training and recognition within the community. Phone Russell Tonkin on 9434 6575 if you'd like to get involved.

Cockburn Walking Groups are funded through the Cockburn Community Development Strategy and their generous sponsors.

councillor's corner



Councillor Sue Limbert represents Cockburn's Central Ward. She's taken time out of her busy schedule so we can learn a bit more about her. 24

Q: Who or what inspires you?

A: So many people stand out, my family, fellow Elected Members, Council Officers, and the people of Cockburn. These people give me personal courage and a sense of place and pride in Cockburn. 37

Q: Where is your favourite place in Cockburn?

A: By far my best place is Coogee Beach. I love going there to swim and walk along the beach. 63

Q: What is the one thing you'd most like to see happen in Cockburn?

A: I would love to see Stadium WA built here. 85

Q: What's the best thing about being a Councillor?

A: It's the one way that I can influence decisions that affect the City of Cockburn. I also get to attend many community events and civic functions and have met hundreds of people who have been overwhelmingly friendly and encouraging. 132

Q: What's the hardest thing about being a Councillor?

A: Formal and informal Council duties are demanding and very time consuming. 151

Q: What are you passionate about?

A: It's the simple desire to leave Cockburn a better place for future communities. 169

Q: What is your motto?

A: Do what you believe in, believe in what you do. 183

Q: What do you do to relax?

A: I really like to catch up with family and friends, like at the Summer of Fun Concerts and at the Streets Alive Community Walks. Other than that, holidays with my gorgeous husband Michael are part of my relaxation package. 200

Contact Cllr Sue Limbert on 9418 6202 or email slimbert@cockburn.wa.gov.au.

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weed watch

The City's Conservation Reserves are under constant threat by invasive weeds. Two popular garden plants are now escapees that have colonised our bushland. Autumn is a busy time for weed control and it is important that the public assist by avoiding gardening with these plants and removing them from their properties.

arum lily

Arum lilies are native to southern Africa but are now a widespread weed in WA. They prefer wet, swampy habitats and form dense stands with plants growing to 1m high. They spread easily by seeds, root fragments and underground stems and the main flowering period is spring to early summer. Applying herbicide control before flowering can prevent this weed spreading. Arum lilies are poisonous to stock and humans and are a serious problem along creek lines and wet areas of south western WA.



freesias

Freesias are small perennial herbs ranging from 100-300mm high. They are a hybrid of two South African species and flower in spring with sweetly scented creamy yellow flowers. Freesias are propagated from seed or bulb-like corms. When potted plants are dumped with other garden refuse after they have flowered and died back, it helps them spread. Freesias have become a serious weed of urban bushland, coastal heath, woodland and granite rocks from Gingin to Israelite Bay. They can be eradicated by using herbicide on flowering after the corms have been exhausted.



Look out for the next issue of Weed Watch when we look at two highly invasive weeds, Geraldton Carnation and Rose Pelagonium.

broadband blackspots in cockburn

The Government has recently released an incentive for Internet Service Providers to supply broadband connection to current blackspot areas. The \$50 million Metropolitan Broadband Connect program subsidises ISPs to upgrade their infrastructure.

Parts of the City of Cockburn, including Henderson, Banjup, Yangebup and Hamilton Hill have been identified as eligible for this funding.

To focus the ISPs attention on the black spots in Cockburn, businesses and residents in these areas are encouraged to register their details on the Metro Broadband Connect Demand Register. The Demand Register is "carrier-neutral", which means the government and not the telecommunications industry operate it. To access the register, please follow the links from www.cockburn.wa.gov.au.

For further information on the Metropolitan Broadband Connect initiative, please email mbc@dcita.gov.au or phone Jamie Robertson, WA Broadband Broker for the Office of Science, Technology and Innovation, on 9222 0429.

free living smart course

Living Smart is an environmental course with a difference. It takes a holistic approach to encourage you to make changes in your day-to-day life. Sharon Reading attended the Living Smart course in Cockburn last year and says she now considers the broader impacts of her decisions. "When I go shopping I read the labels and ask what impact the product has on myself, my family, the community and the environment," Sharon said. "I never considered those things before attending the Living Smart course".

The course is free from homework and assessment and teaches practical steps on how to reduce your impact on the environment. It covers topics such as energy and water use, waste, low chemical use, healthy living and organic gardening.

The City of Cockburn in conjunction with the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) is pleased to provide Living Smart free of charge to Cockburn residents. It will run for 7 weeks on Monday nights from the 15 May to 26 June between 7pm and 9pm at the Harvest Lakes Community and Environment Centre, Aurora Drive, Atwell. Enrolments are essential. For enrolments or enquiries please call Trena at the City of Cockburn on 9411 3556.

Living Smart was developed through a collaborative partnership between The Meeting Place Community Centre, City of Fremantle, Murdoch University and the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council.



prevent a rodent takeover

With the start of cooler weather the City's Health Services receive an increase in enquiries about rats and rat control. Generally, rat and mouse activity occurs in places where there is either food or a place to nest. You can reduce the chance of attracting rodents by following these steps:

- Regularly remove garden waste and other disused material from your yard that rodents might nest in;
- Remove fallen fruits and nuts from trees or palms to reduce food sources;
- Store pet food in vermin proof containers and use vermin proof compost bins;
- Install rat baiting stations around your property and monitor them regularly;
- Block any potential access points/holes around your home;
- Rodent baits and traps **MUST** be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions;
- Remember, baits that are attractive to rodents must be used responsibly as they will be attractive to other animals and should not be placed where children can reach them.

Contrac® Rodent Baits can be purchased from the City of Cockburn Administration Centre for \$1.65 per sachet.

Alternatively, a licensed pest control operator can help by carrying out a pest control treatment. For further information or guidance on pest control, please contact the City's Health Service on 9411 3589.

out and about in cockburn



Jean-Anne Riley

Spotted at: Back in Time @ Lakes Shopping Centre

"I live in South Lake and I opened my shop because I was tired of going all the way to Subiaco or Fremantle for quality designer clothes. Everything in my shop is by Australian designers and it's nearly all made in Australia."

Ditiro Coyne and Choon Yi Tan

Spotted at: Bibra Lake

"We are studying to become vets at Murdoch University. I am from Botswana and Choon Yi is from Singapore. I rent just nearby so Bibra Lake is a nice, quiet spot to come and relax and have a picnic."



Michelle (Mum) with Jamie (11 Months) and Daniella (3 years)

Spotted at: Bibra Lake Reserve

"I've lived in the area since I was six years old. My parents bought their block of land in Coogee for next to nothing so they're pretty happy about how things have progressed. The children love the playground and feeding the ducks at the lake and I try to bring them down here as often as possible."



beating the employment blues

With almost half the retail workforce aged between 15 and 19 years old, employers are desperate for young people with skills.

The Employ Local program is offering both businesses and young people the chance to build a future together. It provides training, work experience, support and help finding a job for local young people. They are taught personal development skills as well as how to develop their careers.

Businesses benefit by gaining better-equipped staff who are less likely to drop out if they experience difficulties. There's also support and training for the businesses involved.

There are a number of ways both businesses and young people can take part in Employ Local. To find out more call Annette Haeker on 9339 8377.

The program has been initiated by the Cockburn Community Development Strategy and is coordinated by Bridging the Gap - Job Futures.

what's happening at harvest lakes?

Landcorp is hosting free workshops at the Harvest Lakes Community and Environmental Centre, Aurora Drive, Atwell.

Creating a Naturescape in your Garden Workshop for adults

13th May from 2:00 to 4:00pm

Attract native wildlife and contribute to the environmental wellbeing of your community by learning about simple garden design and plant selection at this fun and informative workshop.

Frog Watch Night Stalk Adults and kids welcome

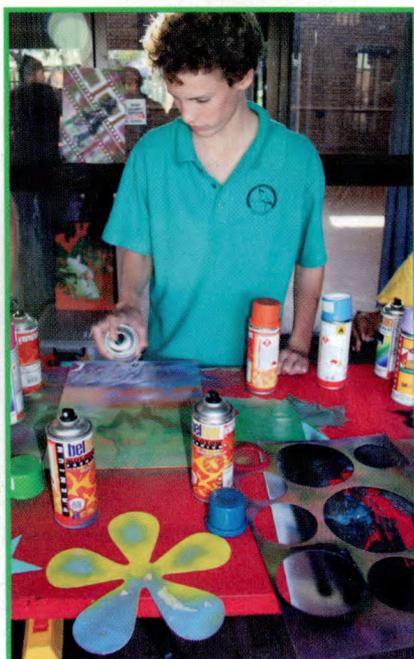
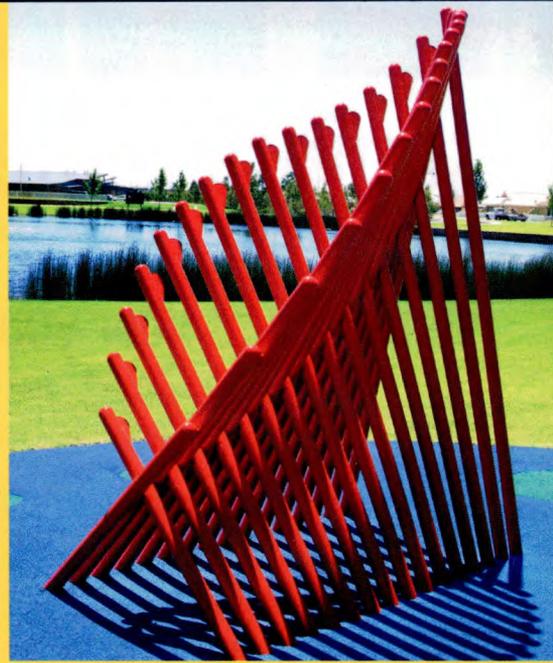
24th May from 6:30 to 8:30pm

Bring your torch and your night eyes! Explore the wetlands in Harvest Lakes and discover and learn about local frog communities and their environment.

To register for any of these programs, please contact Erin at Creating Communities on 9284 0910.

art at harvest lakes

There are eight locally designed outdoor art pieces at Harvest Lakes that promote sustainability. For a free Walking Guide to Art at Harvest Lakes brochure, please contact Erin on 9284 0910.



youth escape

Local kids got creative at Cockburn Youth Services in Yangebup recently during one of their free Youth Escape afternoons. Each term the centre opens its doors for informal fun like movies, art, games and treasure hunts. Find out when the next sessions are on by calling Youth Services on 9414 9055.

seniors bulletin board

Presented by the Regional Seniors Group

seniors clubs near you

Southwell Seniors

Are you interested in helping to establish a seniors social club in this area? Phone Alex on 9411 3499

Cockburn Prime Timers

Phone Val on 9337 1680

Villa Dalmacia Social Club

Are you from a Non English Speaking Background?
Phone Jadrana on 9434 3920

South Lake Senior Citizens Association Inc

Phone Doris on 9414 5772

Cockburn Senior Citizens Association

Phone Mavis on 9337 3772

Atwell Over 50's

Phone Lorna on 9498 6598

Coolbellup Leisure Club

Phone Pat on 9417 2988

by the way...

- The Regional Seniors Group is promoting to Council the need for a purpose built seniors centre in Cockburn. If you would like to express your support contact Val Leitner on 9337 3236.
- For more info on the Regional Seniors Group or other seniors activities in Cockburn contact Alex on 9411 3499.
- If you are interested in passing on your skills and learning new skills consider volunteering in schools. The Intergenerational Volunteering Project has free training sessions on "How to work in a school environment" coming soon. Phone Kellie on 9411 3490.

upcoming events

Bingo at Beeliar – every Tuesday from 7 pm at the Beeliar Community Hall.

Phone Peter on 9437 6795

Friendship Day at Lakeside Villas in June – Music, dancing, food and new friends.

Phone Jill on 9417 2988

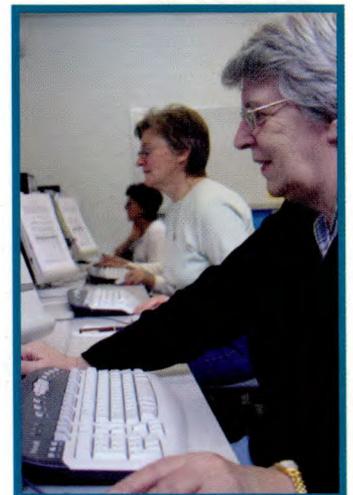
Seniors Afternoon Tea Dance in May – a well-loved and popular annual event.

Phone Bev on 9411 3535

computers are your friends

Seniors living in Cockburn can get basic computer training through the Cockburn Vocational Centre. Their introductory course will teach you how to use your computer from the beginning and includes using the Internet and how to send and receive emails. The cost is \$25 for four lessons over four weeks. This course can be followed up with an Introduction to Word Processing course to learn how to type letters and everyday documents, at a cost of \$30.

These training courses for seniors are conducted in partnership with the City of Cockburn. For more information call the Cockburn Vocational Centre on 9314 1600.



cockburn foundation day award

Do you know anyone who has been a long term resident?

Or, someone who has close historical links with the City of Cockburn?

Perhaps someone who has been responsible for some aspect of the development of Cockburn in either a physical, cultural or social sense?

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