

CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT



Winter is a busy time for Environmental Services at the City of Cockburn.

Almost 61,000 plants will be planted across seven of the City's reserves this year, covering some 30,000 square metres.

During the season, five community planting days will be held as well as several school events. Last year, more than 650 volunteers participated in planting events, contributing over 2,300 hours of labour!

For more information or to get involved, please visit www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/environment



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E-resources: Information when you need it, online, all the time

The library's online collection has been expanded to give you access to thousands of magazines, newspapers, journals and reference books. Access is FREE with your library card.

Here's a sample:

- The Health and Wellness Resource Centre gives up-to-date and reliable medical and health (including alternative health) information, including hundreds of publications from the world's leading medical publishers.
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- Computer School specialises in easyaccess online computer education tutorials. It covers areas such as computer basics, Windows Vista, Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Photoshop and more!
- 'Who Else Writes Like' is designed to answer the perennial question, 'I've read all of the books by my favourite authors, who shall I read next?'
- The Good Reading database is your dedicated website for everything about books. This database has all of the information that you need to help you find your next good read.
- Literacy Planet is a high quality, play-based literacy resource with more than 10,000 activities online for children of all ages and ability. Children and parents can select from activities focusing on pre-reading skills, phonics, reading, spelling, vocabulary, grammar and comprehension in a fun, exciting and safe online environment.

You can access these and many more databases from home through library.cockburn.wa.gov.au









MAYOR'S MESSAGE





In the year that we commemorate the centenary of ANZAC it is fitting that we reflect on the sacrifices that our young men and women have made to the war effort both in Australia and in distant lands. The sacrifice made by so many Australians during wartime.

from towns and cities across the nation, has left a lasting impact on families, workplaces and communities. The lives of those left at home during times of conflict have often changed for the worse when news was delivered to their front doors of husbands, fathers, sons and brothers lost to war.

Those returning home brought back scars, both visible and within. Many found it difficult to cope with their experiences in a changed world. They became known as Veterans. Though many stepped out to march on ANZAC Day, others preferred the quiet of their homes, reflecting on their experiences in private.

The tradition of the ANZACs has been passed down through the ages. It's seen in the spirit of our young men and women who go off to war or engage in peace-keeping efforts – always there for those in need – always willing to uphold decent Aussie qualities – putting themselves at risk to make a better world for all. Today we see the Veterans and our service men and women continuing to stand tall, participating in commemorative services, being there for their mates, visiting schools to share their stories, contributing to the growth of RSL Clubs and forging their special place in our communities.

So whenever you get the opportunity, walk up and shake the hand of our Veterans and the serving men and women of our Defence Force - we owe them a depth of gratitude that we can never repay.

A quote from the historian of the ANZAC legend, the renowned Charles Bean reflects the sacrifices made. He said:

"What these men did nothing can alter now. The good and the bad, the greatness and the smallness of their story will stand. Whatever of glory it contains nothing now can lessen. It rises, as it will always rise, above the mists of the ages, a monument to great-hearted men; and, for their nation, a possession for ever."

Lest we forget.

Logan K Howlett, JP Mayor

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FREE SUSTAINABLE HOME DESIGNS

The City of Cockburn, in partnership with the University of Western Australia and Solar Dwellings, is proud to introduce six innovative and inspirational house designs.

These designs are intended to help you create the home of your dreams. A home that is climate sensitive and site responsive, keeping you warm in winter and cool in summer, while minimising the impact you have on the environment and saving you money.

Each home is has been designed for a different lot orientation to achieve optimal performance.

To download the plans and a sustainable building checklist visit: cockburn-ecohomes.com.au



The Cockburn Volunteer Resource Centre (CVRC) helps build the capacity of the local volunteering sector. The centre works as a hub for local volunteers and volunteer agencies providing a link between people and their community.

From 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014 the (CVRC) conducted 1,001 consultations with potential volunteers. Over 700 of these were placed in short-term, long-term and one-off volunteer opportunities.

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Cockburn volunteers contributed approximately 1,473,540 hours in one year alone! This equates to 745.7 full-time paid positions. A whopping 13% of the Cockburn population are volunteers.

Through the CVRC, individual volunteers can:

- Easily find out about what positions are available and with which organisation.
- Register with the City's confidential volunteer database.
- Develop a profile of their own unique skills to custom-match suitable volunteer opportunities.
- Access resources, training and information on volunteering.

Community Organisations can:

- Work with the CVRC to find the best volunteer for the job.
- Register volunteer positions on the City's confidential database.
- Access information, resources, training and advice.
- Benefit from increased organisational visibility.

The CVRC offers a range of benefits to both volunteers and community groups, including:

- Very Important Volunteer Cards offering discounts at Cockburn businesses to 2,000 volunteers each year.
- National Volunteer Week an annual week of recognising volunteers and groups.
- CVRC Resource Space offers computer, phones and photocopier for use completely free. Great for groups needing flyers or minutes printed.
- An art competition to 'plant the seed' of volunteering in young minds called Student Volunteer Visionaries with great prizes to be won.
- The Volunteer Voice a platform for community groups to promote themselves, and for volunteers and groups to learn about upcoming events, grant opportunities and much more.
- Volunteer Sundowner a joint project with the City's Sport and Recreation Team, delivering a free sundowner for Cockburn's active volunteers. Their chance to have a night off.
- Inspirational Volunteer Awards a huge event in December to celebrate Cockburn's amazing volunteers. Awards presentations, live entertainment and free food are on offer
- Promotion of volunteer opportunities via newsletters, Facebook, the City's website and much more.

Contact the CVRC from Monday to Thursday on 9411 3444 or email volunteering@cockburn.wa.gov.au



DIABETES WEEK IN COCKBURN



With 74 per cent of Cockburn adults overweight or obese, many are at risk of developing Type-2 Diabetes. This is in addition to the many residents of all ages living with Type-1 Diabetes and the increasing rate of gestational diabetes during pregnancy.

Diabetes is a chronic illness that can affect your feet, your heart, teeth, kidneys, eyes, mental health and your life in general.

The range of events will include celebrity talks, cooking demonstrations, health screening, a HEAL (Healthy Eating Activity Lifestyle) information session, teddy bear health checks and information stalls.

A full timetable will be available at **www.beactivecockburn.com.au** from 1 July, or contact the Health Promotion Officer on 9411 3444 for details.

Sharon Loo and Melissa Ford toast to good health.

ONE PERSON'S TRASH IS ANOTHER'S TREASURE

The City's Recycle Shop is a treasure trove of pre-loved goodies, located at the Henderson Waste Recovery Park.

Last year more than 190 tonnes of household waste was diverted from landfill and sold at the shop.

At the Recycle Shop you'll find most common household items such as building materials, electrical items and

more unique items such as boats, caravans and once there was even a handmade coffin!

As well as helping the environment through keeping items out of landfill, the shop is solar powered.

The Recycle Shop is open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and most public holidays from 8am to 4pm.



Melinda Walkingshore and Gary Wilcox busy at work in the Recycle Shop





DISASTER AWARENESS APP





The City has created a Disaster Aware smart phone app, with funding received through the State AWARE Program. Disaster Aware helps to educate the community about how to prepare for potential risk in Cockburn.

Disaster Aware allows you to create your own emergency plans and share them with family and

friends. It can also send 'push notifications' about emergencies unfolding within Cockburn, to keep you informed, safe and aware of what is happening around you.

Disaster Aware is free and compatible with Android, Windows and IOS (Apple) operating systems. It's available now on the app store and Google Play.

Please remember if you require urgent Police, Fire or Ambulance attention for life threatening situations, stop using this app and **call 000** immediately.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE COCKBURN SENIORS CENTRE - ACTIVE AGEING FOR OVER 50S

The Cockburn Seniors Centre opened six years ago and has been an outstanding success in supporting active ageing for residents in Cockburn. The centre offers a diverse range of programs to promote physical activity, social connectedness and mental wellness.

As winners of the 2010 Bendigo Bank Seniors Week Award and contributors to the City of

Cockburn's success as winner of the Age Friendly Communities Local Government Award in 2014, the centre demonstrates what is possible when local government invests in services for older residents.

Whether you want to get active, join a craft group, play mah-jong, go on an outing, enjoy a great meal or just meet new people or catch up with friends, there is something for everyone at the Cockburn Seniors Centre.

Feel free to drop in for a look and find out what's on offer.

Transport is available for residents who are unable to get to the centre independently.

T: 94113877. E: csc@cockburn.wa.gov.au W: cockburn.wa.gov.au/SeniorsCentre Cockburn Seniors Centre 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood 6163.



(L-R) Senior Centre team, Siobhan Cummins, Karen Woolhead, Paul Gabbert, Glenda Dawson and Harry Feinauer.

YOUR CUSTOMER SERVICE TEAM



NOMINATE YOUR INSPIRATION

The Cockburn Volunteer Resource Centre (CVRC) is pleased to announce that nominations for the Inspirational Volunteer Awards will be open from 1 - 31 August 2015.

There is no limit to how many volunteers each group can nominate. If you feel any volunteers from your own organisation deserve recognition, then please nominate them in one of the following categories:

- Arts and Culture
- Community
- Environmental & Animal Protection
- Indigenous
- Sports & Recreation
- Youth

The City is asking all nominees to submit electronic nominations by visiting the website and downloading a form from 1 August. Not only will this save trees, it will also save time. The CVRC is able to support groups experiencing difficulty filling out their forms electronically. Just give us a call and ask for help. The awards evening is held in December each year and is a fully catered night out for nominees and their families. It's a small way for the City to say thanks for the hard work volunteers contribute throughout the year.

Remember, the judges are reading a large number of entries, so make sure your nomination stands out. Be sure to address one or more of the criteria and think about what you are writing. Does it reflect everything the volunteer does? The judges don't know the volunteers like you do, so try to include as much information as possible in the provided space. If you have any photographs of the nominees we are happy to receive them as well, however, this is not compulsory.

Nominations close at 5pm Monday 31 August 2015.

For further information about nomination contact the CVRC on 9411 3444 or email volunteering@cockburn.wa.gov.au

COCKBURN BY NUMBERS – HENDERSON WASTE RECOVERY PARK

Over the last 12 months...

95,484 tonnes of waste was delivered to the Recovery Park.

76 tonnes of e-waste were received.

65,154 car and trailer loads of waste came through the gates.

tonnes of mattresses were received.

4,193 tonnes of waste left the recovery park for recycling.

> 5 million cubic tonnes of methane was captured for electricity generation.











PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The City's next Revitalisation Strategy is underway for the suburbs of North Lake. Bibra Lake and South Lake.

Revitalisation Strategies guide the future redevelopment of the City's existing suburbs and make recommendations for urban infill, containing guidelines for the improvement of the urban environment.

This month, the City will be undertaking community visioning forums to hear your ideas for the future growth and development of the three suburbs. If you are a

resident. landowner or business in one of these areas. you will be invited to one of these events.

The visioning forums will inform you of the content of the Lakes Revitalisation Strategy. Topics to be discussed include the amount and type of new housing in the area, resident satisfaction with public areas including the street environment, pedestrian and cycle paths, and what special characteristics of the areas should be protected.

cockburn.wa.gov.au/The Lakes

STREET NAMES TO HONOUR ANZACS

Three street names have been approved that will form part of a commemorative area in honour of our ANZACs at the new Cockburn Central West precinct.

The Geographical Names Committee (GNC) and Minister for Lands, Hon. Terry Redman MLA approved the street names: Legacy Way, Veterans Parade and Remembrance Avenue.

The street names reflect the following:

• Remembrance Avenue: Recognises the country's past military conflicts and the servicemen and women who did not return home.

- Veterans Parade: Recognises those who came back from war. It includes a play on the use of 'parade' and its military connotations that occur each ANZAC Day.
- Legacy Way: Recognises the community's responsibility for caring for the families of those who did not return from war. This is a unique name and no other local government has a similar street name.

Future plans for this precinct include public artwork to honour our Indigenous Veterans, which is intended to be displayed around the wetland as well as other features to recognise the conflicts that our servicemen and women have served in.





The City's Environmental Health team work hard to ensure public wellbeing across a number of important areas.

The team of 14 includes eight environmental health field officers and a health promotions officer.

The eight field staff promote food safety through monitoring business premises, food quality and addressing complaints. The team also monitor public recreational water bodies including the South Lake Leisure Centre and Adventure World and address complaints relating to noise, rodents and pollution. There are dedicated officers who oversee vector and disease control as well as monitor industrial premises. In recent years, the team has expanded to include a health promotions officer, who coordinates a range of healthy lifestyle programs, events and information.

cockburn.wa.gov.au/health



HISTORY WITH LEAH – SUBURB OF HAMMOND PARK

Hammond Park is one of the newest suburbs in the City of Cockburn.

Carved out of the south-eastern portion of Banjup in 2002, the area borders parts of the Beeliar Regional Park and the chain of lakes that run through Cockburn.

Although the land was originally part of a large holding by George Dunnage, it wasn't until 1887 that it started to be cultivated and farmed. James Hammond arrived in Fremantle from Canada, where he had been an expert piano maker, and took up a lease in the government's Jandakot Agricultural Area Scheme. His patch of land was just south of Thomsons Lake, with the swampy ground providing fertile soil for crops. He and his family successfully farmed their market garden on the same land for nearly a century.

Today, Hammond Park is growing rapidly, spreading out into a classically Cockburn mix of suburban

and semi-rural land. It borders the Harry Waring Marsupial Reserve, run by the University of Western Australia, which gives native animals an important predator-free habitat to live in.







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This year's NAIDOC theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. This is an opportunity to pay our respects to country, honour those who work at preserving land, sea and culture and share the stories of sacred places with the nation.

The living culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is intrinsically linked with these sacred places, such as rivers or lakes, ocean, hills or mountain ranges, plants, trees and animals, ceremonial grounds, caves and ancient rock art.

The City of Cockburn will be celebrating NAIDOC Week with:

- Flag Raising at the City's Council Offices on Tuesday 7 July at 9.30am, with artwork and morning tea.
- An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Seniors' Event at the Seniors' Centre on Tuesday 7 July from 11am – 2pm.
- A Deadly Dance Moves Youth Event on Thursday 2 July between 6pm- 9pm at the City's Youth Centre.

 Libraries NAIDOC activities for children, 7 – 17 July

See NAIDOC Week posters and the City website for more information and bookings, or contact 9411 3444.

A HOME AWAY FROM HOME FOR YOUR KIDS



Family Day Care (FDC) provides peace of mind for parents who want to know that their child is secure and happy during the time they are at work.

Here is what some parents have to say about the City of Cockburn's FDC Services:

"I feel at ease with the care our Family Day Care Educator provides our 10 month old. I had been feeling so guilty leaving him, but Lyly our Educator provides him with the love and nurturing every Mum feels their child deserves." "I love the educational learning my child receives at Family Day Care, from puzzles, reading, painting to just learning through play. Our son is learning so much through the Educator's caring interactions."

Regarding FDC Educator Lyly Cluts of Kardinya

"My son loved attending care, for him it was a home away from home. I noticed how he flourished in Serene's care."

Regarding FDC Educator Serene Lee of Success

"My child is always smiling and happy when I pick him up from Family Day Care and I feel completely at peace that he is in more than capable hands, thank you." "I find the little things that the Family Day Care Educator does for me make my life so much easier. She always has him ready when I come to collect him, with a clean nappy, a little snack and a wipe down so that he will be happy and settled for me."

Regarding FDC Educator Meredith Glisenti of Atwell

Regarding FDC Educator Robyn Kruger of Leeming

Regarding FDC Educator Pauline Cameron of Atwell

To become an approved FDC Educator contact 9411 3301. FDC information: cockburn.wa.gov.au/familyservices



A Transit Orientated Design

Cockburn Central is a transit oriented development (TOD) meaning that the suburb has been planned to encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport.

Ongoing studies into traffic management have demonstrated that the key to reducing congestion is not in building more roads, as more roads inevitably lead to more cars which lead to more congestion. The key to creating sustainable developments is to provide a solid foundation for alternative transport.

Cockburn Central isn't perfect - it is surrounded by suburbs purely designed for cars. However, Cockburn Central presents many opportunities to realise the vision of a TOD and the City is working to achieve this in a number of ways.

So what are we doing to achieve this vision?

Car use in Cockburn Central will only increase over time unless measures are taken to address this. Commuter parking at the station is on a 20-year lease to the Public Transport Authority (PTA) and the land use will change here after this time. Parking allocations in many of the commercial buildings in the Centre are less than other standard developments to purposely discourage car use.

Timed parking has been introduced to deter long-term parking in the Centre. This measure, while seemingly unfair to the community, is designed to facilitate equitable access to parking as well as encourage the use of public







and pedestrian-based transport and to provide a rotating customer base for businesses. As the popularity of the Centre increases, steps need to be taken to ensure that all members of the community can enjoy the services of Cockburn Central.

Over time pedestrian connectivity will continue to be improved, to enable people to walk and cycle in and around the Centre. The recent opening of the pedestrian and bus underpass is one example of this. As people slowly move out of their cars, and into buses and trains and to walking and cycling, congestion will be reduced and public amenity will be improved. This will be complemented by a continued high density development, enabling a greater mix of land uses over a small area.

For more information on Cockburn Central and up-todate developments on traffic management, please visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/roads or cockburn.wa.gov.au/CockburnCentral

UPGRADING YOUR ROADS

In the short term, road upgrades of up to \$500 million are critical to reducing congestion and improving the connectivity of key enterprise areas in the region (from Armadale through to Cockburn Central, Western Trade Coast and Fremantle).

These projects are of significant regional importance and require funding from Federal and State Governments. Reducing congestion will facilitate employment and economic growth.

The following road upgrades require Federal and State Funding in the short term: 1. The North Lake Road bridge and freeway interchange, linking North Lake Road and Armadale Road

- 2. A dual carriageway for Armadale Road, between Verde Drive and Anstey Road
- 3. An additional lane on Kwinana Freeway north, Beeliar Drive to Roe Highway

4. The widening of Armadale Road/Beeliar Drive bridge over the Kwinana Freeway from four lanes to six lanes



COCKBURN CARNIVAL OF EVENTS – FREE EVENTS

cockburn.wa.gov.au/carnivalofevents

The Cockatoo KIDS Club is a collaboration between the cities of Canning and Cockburn, the Canning River Eco Education Centre (CREEC), Native ARC and Millennium Kids. The club operates in both Cockburn and Canning.

Cockatoo KIDS Club is for all kids who enjoy getting outdoors and are 'Wild about Wildlife!' and is a great way to:

- Have fun outdoors •
- Explore the natural environment

COCKATOO KIDS CLUB

- Discover why cockatoos and other native wildlife are so special .
- Tell friends and family about wildlife
- Care for the environment
- Make a difference

Sessions take place on the first Friday of school holidays at Native ARC and also at the CREEC on the second Friday of the school holidays.

COMMUNITY HENDERSON WASTE RECOVERY PARK TOUR

Come for a FREE behind-the-scenes bus tour of the Henderson Waste Recovery Park, discover the amazing world of waste and pop into the Recycling Shop for a bargain.

Friday 31 July 9.30am - 11am Meet at Cockburn Administration Centre car park 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood.

T: 9417 7105

Registrations essential.

Call 9411 3444 or email customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au



Find out more, contact Native Arc:

E: admin@nativearc.org.au

W: www.nativearc.org.au

JUNE	16 June – Tricks for Treasurers Workshop, 6pm-8:30pm Register: communitydevelopment@cockburn.wa.gov.au			1 July – Step into Voluntee Workshop, 6pm-8:30pm
	20 June – Sustainable Workshop Plastic – 50 bits I can live without and 5 bits I can't Register: cockburn.evanced.info/signup/eventcalendar.aspx		JULY	1 July – Registrations oper Bibra Lake Fun Run Information: cockburn.wa.gov
	27 June – Sustainable Workshop Make your own Haloumi & Feta Cheese Register: cockburn.evanced.info/signup/eventcalendar.aspx			2 July – Deadly Dance Mov NAIDOC Youth Event Check page 10 for more deta
JULY	7 July NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony Check page 10 for more details	7 July Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Seniors Event Check page 10 for more details		7–17 July Library NAIDOC Children's Check Library events calendar cockburn.evanced.info/signu eventcalendar.asox

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Activities





RATES ROUND UP



The 2015-2016 Council rates will be issued in late July.

The City will be providing you with the option of receiving your rates notices by email, known as **eRates**.

Ratepayers are required to select or opt-in at: erateswa.com/cockburn. More information about eRates can be found on the City's website: cockburn.wa.gov.au/rates or by contacting us on 9411 3444.

Pensioners and Seniors

Registered concession holders are encouraged to pay their 2014-2015 rates (if they have not already done so), in order for the rebate to be claimed from the Office of State Revenue on their behalf.

Please remember, if you have a change of circumstances you must notify the

Water Corporation on 1300 659 951 or visit: watercorporation.com.au

For example, notification is required when;

- Your original application details have changed.
- You or your spouse cease to occupy the property.
- If you are a WA Seniors Card holder and you become an eligible pensioner or the holder of a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.

For further information, please contact the City on 9411 3444.



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SCULPTURE UNVEILING AT SOUTH LAKE

A brand new community sculpture is located at Anning Park on the corner of North Lake Road and Semple Court. Commissioned by Connecting South Lake, the sculpture is the culmination of months of hard work from both the residents group and local artist, Calvin Chee.

The group set out with the goal of creating a community art piece that would not only be great to look at but also serve multiple purposes including acting as a traffic calming art piece and as an entry statement into the suburb of South Lake. The result is a beautiful sculpture that represents the three endangered Cockatoos (Carnabay, Red Tail and White Tail) who call South Lake home.

The sculpture was officially unveiled on 19 April 2015 by the group and Mayor Logan Howlett. The day was a great success with a number of residents turning out to marvel at the beautiful new addition to the neighbourhood whilst enjoying some delicious cupcakes and tasty treats.

If you would like to find out more about Connecting South Lake visit their Facebook page www.facebook.com/connectsouthlake or their website southlake@cockburncommunity.asn.au



Artist Calvin Chee and Mayor Logan Howlett unveil the sculpture at Anning Park

COOBY COMES TOGETHER TO LET IT GO!



It is hard to say who enjoyed it more - the kids or the adults. "It was such a great event to bring the community together. After the overwhelming response to this one, we definitely want to do more of these," said organiser Jane Burnett.

To get in touch with the CCA you can email coolbellup@cockburncommunity.asn.au or visit the CCA at the Cooby Farmers' Market on the second and fourth Saturday of the month.

The weather could not have been more perfect for the movie night. It was held at Len Packham Reserve, where the markets are held on the second and fourth Saturday of the month. As well as free bean bags on offer, there was free face painting and a long line of young Frozen fans eagerly awaiting their turn.



The Coolbellup community held their first outdoor movie night



Our community fought hard to keep Cockburn together so following the Minister's announcement in early 2015, we decided to celebrate Cockburn with Neighbour Day on 29 March. There were 29 registered events held in Cockburn and here is a glimpse of what your neighbours did:

Peta and her neighbours from Baumea Turn in Hammond Park celebrated Neighbour Day with hot dogs, nibbles, paddle pops and a bouncy castle for the neighbourhood kids. With perfect weather the event was a great success and everyone said they were keen to meet again. One of the neighbours commented that she recognised people's faces but had always been too shy to say hello but now that the ice has been broken she looks forward to getting to know everyone.

Bronwyn and Mike from Kinloch Pass in Aubin Grove celebrated Neighbour Day with a 'Big Breakfast' in the front yard. There was a great turnout with a number of houses in the street attending. All the neighbours enjoyed themselves and thought it was a great way to meet and catch up with both new and old friends. Bronwyn and Mike thought the day went very well and it was a great initiative by the City of Cockburn.



Mark and Nat from Hamilton Road in Spearwood started their neighbour day preparations on Friday planning the spit that Mark made himself in his "Man Cave". Neighbours were excited to see Mark's project.

Sunday arrived and Mark prepared a 15kg lamb and staked it onto his spit with help from his neighbour Albert.

"Twenty two of our neighbours started arriving at 1pm to be greeted with the aromas escaping from the lamb. They all brought a plate to share and before you could say Aussie...Aussie....Aussie the lamb was yanked off Mark's famous spit. Mark and Giovanni were busy carving up the delicious meat, while we were all in heaven munching away.

After a hearty lunch of Aussie lamb, Italian pasta and Portuguese salads, out came the cheesecake, tiramisu and the traditional carrot cake. The day was a huge success with our final guests leaving at 8:30pm. Thanks Cockburn for giving us a reason to get together with our fabulous neighbours."

Attribution: Nat from Hamilton Road in Spearwood



HARMONY LAKE - OUR PRIDE AND JOY

The Harvest Lakes Residents' Association has been working tirelessly over the past few years to restore Harmony Lake to its former glory. The project has been funded by numerous grants and carried out through the passion, time and effort of numerous volunteers planting new plants and cleaning the lake.

Most recently, the Group received a grant from SGIO to develop and install Harmony Lake wildlife information signs. The signs,

specifically developed for the fauna at Harmony Lake and featuring photos from a local photographer and BirdLife WA, were unveiled at a ceremony in March.

The event held on Neighbour Day brought the community together for a free sausage sizzle. Children were able to meet snakes and joeys from Native ARC and view fish and insects from the lake through microscopes provided by the Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre.

FREE FILMS AT COCKBURN CENTRAL TOWN CENTRE

During the warmer months, the residents of Cockburn Central were treated to free films in the grassed area of the town centre courtesy of the local resident and business group, the Cockburn Central Town Centre Association.

The Group, with generous support from LandCorp and the City of Cockburn, provided the opportunity for movie classics to be enjoyed by all through their newly purchased portable cinema system. A variety of films were on offer to cater for different age groups including the 90's favourite Speed, the romantic comedy Love Actually and Easter movie Hop with a special guest appearance by the Easter Bunny. Based on the success of these events, the Group are now preparing for more movie nights when the weather warms up along with other new exciting projects! The Group's commitment to the area, together with the installation of the new signs, will ensure Harmony Lake remains the showpiece of Harvest Lakes and will enable local families and children to enjoy this space for years to come.

For more information contact the Harvest Lakes Residents' Association on harvestlakes@cockburncommunity.asn.au



For more information on joining the Association or upcoming activities visit their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/cockburncentraltowncentre

Local families enjoying the Cockburn Central Town Centre movie nights







The Free Spirit Dance Community is a group of keen belly dancers who offer weekly classes in Belly dancing, Tribal Style, Bollywood and Fusion dance styles. They have a studio in Bibra Lake and other locations throughout Cockburn to bring the art of dancing to the community.

The Group partners with Act Belong Commit and various other charities to raise awareness and funds. Most recently the Free Spirit Dance Community hosted the Pink Hafla for Purple Boots at the Cockburn Youth Centre to raise money for Breast Cancer Care WA. Several members of the community attended the event to share their own personal experience with cancer as a way to inspire women and encourage early detection.

For more information about the Free Spirit Dance Community please email freespiritdancecommunity@gmail.com



COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Held on the 6th May the Community Conversation saw over 50 community members gather at the picturesque Coogee Beach Surf Life Saving Club for dinner and discussion. The evening began with a casual conversation over dinner with guests chatting about community goals and how these would like their community to look in the future. It was great to see so many people enthusiastic and inspired about getting involved in the Cockburn community. We look forward to incorporating the creative ideas gathered in our future planning and sharing the outcomes.

could be supported by community members, groups and the City of Cockburn. This was later followed by a Q&A with the City's Elected Members.

The event was a great success providing individuals with the opportunity to meet like-minded people from their neighbourhood and talk about how they



COUNCILLORS' CORNER



Good Vibrations

The City recently provided a glimpse of major current and future infrastructure projects in a Gazette Newspaper. This feature captured the essence of our vibrancy and future growth prospects as a community. It



showcased all the big community projects being built as well as major transport projects particularly around Cockburn Central.

Traffic congestion is a significant challenge, if not the number one issue impacting heavily on our residents and businesses. The City is, and will continue to, lobby very strongly to our State and Federal counterparts to help us ease this problem as well as individually investing in a myriad of traffic calming projects.

Thanks to the City's active lobbying efforts, it was recently announced that the State Government will duplicate the Russell Road Bridge, which is a great outcome for our community.

We will continue to do our best to provide the best possible outcomes for our community.

Cr Stephen Pratt

I recently attended the PUBLIC2015 Symposium hosted by Form WA at the Heath Ledger Theatre in Northbridge. Speakers from all over the world came to Perth to share stories of their achievements in their local communities. It was great to



hear about some of the changes that have been made to improve neighbourhoods and cities in other parts of the world. It showed me that while we are already taking steps in the right direction, there is a lot more we can be doing here in the City of Cockburn.

As part of PUBLIC2015 artists were commissioned to do public artworks in Perth, Northbridge, Claremont, Leederville, Fremantle and Victoria Park. These artworks have reinvigorated parts of these cities and breathed life back into tired buildings and structures. I intend to investigate if there are any potential sites within the City to look at doing similar projects.

I'm really keen to see what we can do as a Council to implement some of the different ideas that were raised at this symposium. I always like to hear from City of Cockburn residents, so please get in touch with me.

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