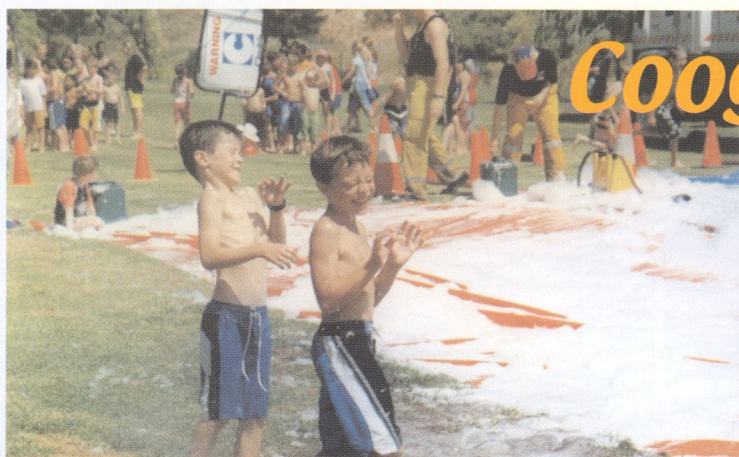


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SOUNDINGS



Coogee Beach Party

Clear blue skies, and warm weather made for a successful 2003 Coogee Beach Party on March 16th. **Over 5000 people, both locals and visitors to the district,** turned up to Coogee Beach to revel in a fantastic feast of fun and entertainment.

Children slid down the foam slide courtesy of the volunteers from the South Coogee Fire Brigade. Kids also had fun on the Human Soccer Table, and bounced inside the giant Pokemon Pikachu.

Always popular was the sand castle competition on the beach. This year's sand artists didn't limit themselves to just castles. There were ocean liners, giant sea stars, dolphins, and even a drag strip racer, all made entirely out of sand.

Representatives for Cockburn Youth Advisory Council judged Lorraine Brown and Tenille Lapham, of Lakelands Senior High School, to be the winners with their creation of a mermaid in the sand.

This year's Coogee Beach Party marked the return of the Coogee Challenge. Teams of young people from three local high schools competed in a number of crazy events. Hamilton Senior High School won the challenge and was given a big cheque for \$500, and the Coogee trophy, which looks a lot like a beach ball.

Young and old took part in beach volleyball and more daring pursuits such as rock wall climbing. While families with little ones got creative with paper and paint at Buster the Fun Bus.

The Coogee Beach Party is held on the third Sunday in March, and is one of the popular Cockburn Classic Events held every year.



Look Who's at Gateways Shopping Centre

Major Stores

Action	9414 5444
Woolworths	9414 5222
Woolworths Liquor	9414 5222

Food

Donut King	9498 5248
Gateways Chinese Restaurant	9498 6313
Gateways Fish & Chips	9414 6038
Good Life Health Foods	9498 5000
Micachinos Cafe	9498 5242
McDonalds	9414 5900
Oven Delight Patisserie	9498 5599
Red Rooster	9414 6759
Subway	9498 5200
Wendys	9286 2100

Fashion

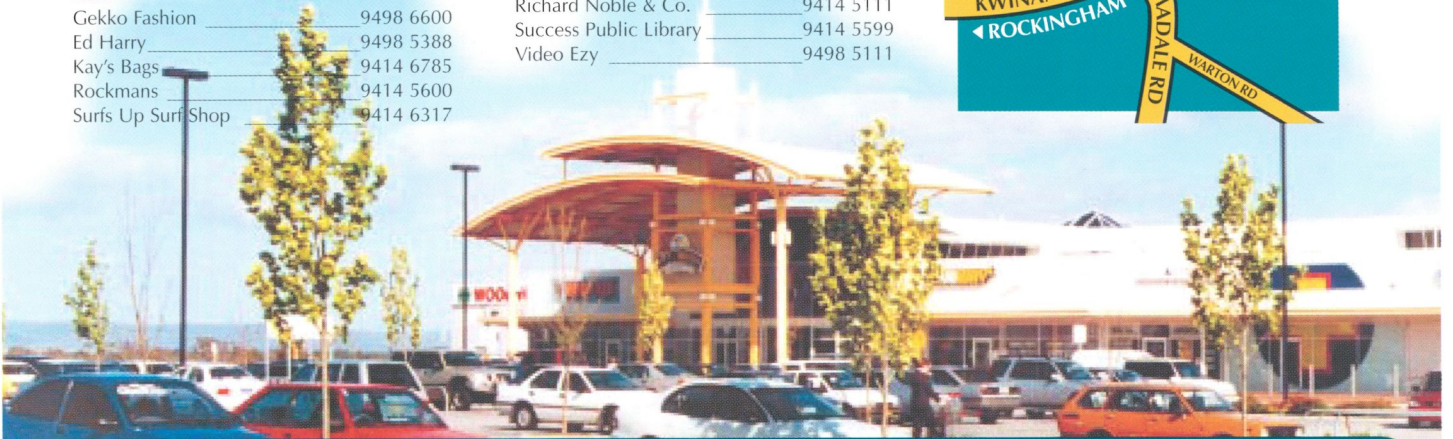
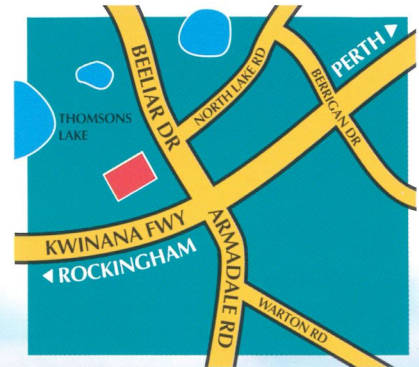
Gekko Fashion	9498 6600
Ed Harry	9498 5388
Kay's Bags	9414 6785
Rockmans	9414 5600
Surfs Up Surf Shop	9414 6317

Services

ANZ Bank	13 13 14
Australia Post	9498 5263
BankWest	131718
Checkers (Mens Hairdressing)	9414 6655
Clear Image Skin Clinic	9498 5188
De La Rose Creations	9498 5322
Farrington Drycleaners	9498 5316
Fixit Multi Services	9498 5958
Gateways Dental Centre	9498 5122
Gateways Newsagency & Lottery Centre	9498 5222
Thomsons Lake Medical Centre	9414 6777
Harvey World Travel	9414 6788
Kodak Express	9498 5255
OPSM	9498 5855
Price Wave (Ladies Hairdressing)	9414 6655
Richard Noble & Co.	9414 5111
Success Public Library	9414 5599
Video Ezy	9498 5111

Household

Knives Forks & Allsorts	9498 5888
Pharmacy Plus	9498 5977
Red Dot	9414 6722
Tandy Electronics	9414 5948



Have you got the best front garden in the City of Cockburn?

Is yours the WINNING GARDEN?

We all spend so much of our time looking after the appearance of our homes. So why not add some extra pride for a job well done with the title of "Best Garden in the City of Cockburn".

Once again Gateways Shopping Centre and the City of Cockburn will be hosting the Best Front Garden Competition. Simply deliver a photograph of your front garden to the Centre Management Office. By entering, you will be in the running to win great prizes.

Three categories to win:

- ☐ Best garden planted less than 5 years
- ☐ Best garden planted more than 5 years
- ☐ Best kept street

Each category winner will receive a plaque for their winning address and a \$200 Gateways Shopping Centre voucher. Photographs will be displayed at Gateways and entries close on Friday April 11, 2003. Winners will be judged on Saturday April 12 and will be notified by mail.

'The Fresh Food People'
WOOLWORTHS

GATEWAYS
Thomsons Lake

ACTION
Proud part of GREAT SHOPPING IDEAS

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www.gateways.net.au

Mayor's MESSAGE

Exploring The Myths.

An issue of major interest to many people in our City that is making headlines at the moment is the proposed Port Coogee Marina Development.

There was never any doubt that a proposal of this kind was always going to be contentious. If things go wrong there could be deleterious impacts for our City and our coast. I am confident however that managed and developed properly there can only be social and economic benefit to the whole of our City.

A number of myths seem to be circulating within our community and I would like to take this opportunity to dispel a few of them.

This proposal has not just appeared on our books, but has been proposed and worked on in various forms since the late 1980's and is in fact consistent with the Coogee Master Plan developed in 1963.

There is currently an agreement in place between Australand (the developers), and the State Government, for a marina to be built at Port Coogee. The Council, is not now and in fact never has been a signatory or a part of any agreement to sell, purchase or develop any land in the Port Coogee area.

Council has not agreed to take over the management of the Marina, once the development is completed. However Council has resolved to investigate taking over the management of the waterways upon completion of the development and we are currently researching the ramifications of such a decision. There will be a strong emphasis on the financial

aspects of the waterways management, ensuring that any costs involved are met entirely by the residents of the marina estate and not the rest of the City.

Council is not reluctant to seek public input on the Structure plan, and in fact prior to Council adopting the proposed Structure Plan we will be advertising it for public comment. This process will commence after the West Australian Planning Commission has granted us permission to advertise the scheme Amendment. Upon receipt of the public comments Council will consider its position in relation to the proposed Structure Plan.

I am keen to ensure that the Community is aware of the current status of this proposal because it is most definitely a matter of great public interest and Council looks forward to the public input we will receive, during the Structure Plan advertising period.



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"EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY"

What is the Emergency Services Levy?

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) is a new system to fund Western Australia's fire and emergency services.

It will replace the complicated arrangements that currently raise money for the Fire and Rescue Service, Bush Fire Brigades (BFBs) and the State Emergency Service (SES).

To begin on 1 July 2003, the ESL will provide greater equity and transparency in the way these services are funded, and will give better support to emergency services volunteers.

Council to provide Collection Service for State Government

Local Governments will collect the ESL on behalf of the Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) by including it on Council rates notices. It will be printed on a separate line and clearly marked "Emergency Services Levy". All homeowners will pay the tax, which is based on the GRV of your property.

FESA will be undertaking an extensive marketing campaign to inform the community about the ESL so that people will understand the new system.

The marketing campaign has two principle components. The first involves information dissemination through publicity, advertising

and direct mail. The second involves suitable responses to queries and complaints.

Marketing will be done by:

Information Brochures

General information brochures have been printed and distributed to all Local Government offices. Copies of these will be available by contacting Customer Service on 9411 3444.

Direct Mail Campaign

All property owners will receive an ESL brochure with Local Government rates notices.

Newspaper Advertising

Advertisements will be placed in The West Australian and local newspapers informing property owners that the ESL will appear on rates notice for the first time and explaining what the ESL will fund. An advertisement will be placed in each Local Government's local newspaper two or three weeks prior to rates notices being issued.

Television and Radio Advertising

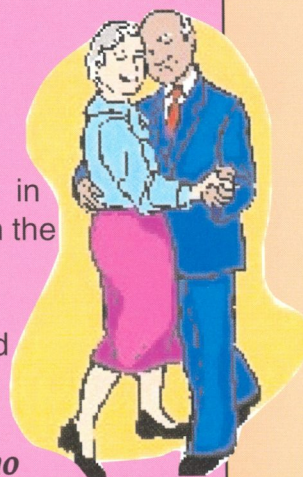
A television campaign will take place throughout July and August. Similarly, radio advertisements will be used in this period to target Perth metropolitan property owners.

Down Memorial Lane - SENIORS BALL **Saturday 1st November 2003**

The City of Cockburn will be holding a Seniors Ball on November 1st in Memorial Hall in Hamilton Hill - the venue of many Saturday night dances in the past.

Along with old time music and dancing a basket supper will be provided and other entertainment on the night such as dance displays and sing-alongs.

To assist us with planning we would like anybody (groups/individuals) who may be interested in attending to phone Amanda 9411 3432 or Nicole on 9314 6363.



COUNCILLORS' CORNER

By CLR. LAURIE HUMPHREYS

It is that time of the year when Councillors and staff get their heads together to work out how we are going to spend your rates in the next financial year.

Whilst we have a four year Principle Activities Plan which is a guide to our major items of expenditure you as ratepayers can have an input by contacting your elected members with any ideas as to how Council can improve the amenities in your area.

This could be in the streetscape out front or the park down the road. Those of you in the newer suburbs have the advantage of the developer doing planting and landscaping as a means of enticing people to buy in your area.

Those in the older suburbs such as in the West Ward have quite often had to wait for years for amenities that are now taken for granted in newer areas of Cockburn.

These are the residents who should be in touch with their Councillors with ideas for redevelopment and improvements. If your plans are for something major they can be phased in over a number of years.

As this is my last term on Council I thank those who have assisted me in my endeavours during my time on Council especially the staff who I have the utmost respect for, the ratepayers who have contacted me for assistance and advice and who put me on Council in the first place'

Finally, thanks to my fellow Councillors who have put up with my somewhat erratic method of debating, but have always had a ready smile once the meetings are over.

HOMEGROWN FESTIVAL

May 2nd, 3rd & 4th in Council grounds Coleville Crescent Spearwood.

Friday night 2nd May - opening of **"SHOW OFF"** a by invitation exhibition of excellence showcasing many respected artists that live in the Cockburn area. This exhibition will be open to the public on Saturday & Sunday from 10:00 - 4:00pm.
Saturday 3rd May -

Homegrown a community market day in the council grounds including a stage arena where local legends such as **Sensitive New Age Cowpersons** and **Joe Walley And his Two Tribes** Band will be performing along with some up and coming legends.

The "Market Gardeners" Public Artwork created by Jenny Dawson will also be unveiled during the weekend. Local community groups who would like to participate in the Homegrown market day on Saturday 3rd May please contact Cassandra 9411 3433.

Retrofitting project lights the way...



The City of Cockburn undertook a lighting retrofit of the Administration Building in May 2001. This involved removing the existing fluorescent lights and installing a reflective film and electric ballast. This allowed the same light output with the use of only one fluorescent light rather than two. Other measures included replacing existing conventional fluorescent tubes with triphosphorous tubes, which are more energy efficient and have a longer life. The retrofit was an extraordinary success.

It was shown that 12 months after installation there was a 20% reduction in energy

consumption, approximately 230,000 kWh! To the City this means a reduction of 230 tonnes of CO₂, which would normally be released to the atmosphere, and a saving of over \$30,000. Part of this saving, \$20,000, will be contributed annually to a revolving fund to undertake further audits and retrofits with the City of Cockburn buildings. Already there are plans to undertake an audit of the South Lake Leisure Centre later this year.

This project demonstrated the benefits of energy management within the workplace.

For further information you can contact Paddy Strano on 9411 3448.

Cleaner Production in Cockburn

The City of Cockburn is hosting a workshop by the Centre for Excellence in Cleaner Production on measures to reduce waste and pollution while increasing efficiency and profits for small and medium sized businesses. This free workshop is planned for mid-May so keep a look out in the local paper for session details. It follows on from a similar

workshop hosted by Cockburn Council in December last year. The Centre for Excellence in Cleaner Production, based at Curtin University, have been running these workshops around Perth and have assisted many companies in saving thousands of dollars every month by better use of energy, materials or recycling. The City has also been doing its bit to reduce waste. After a recent energy audit of Cockburn's Administration Building, a more efficient lighting system was installed which now saves the City over \$2500 every month in energy costs.

Keep a look out for the dates of the next Cleaner Production workshop or call Ben Hollyock on 9411 3441 for the details.

Meningococcal C (Men C) Vaccination Program...

...What is Meningococcal Disease?

Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial infection of the blood or brain. In WA, about 72 cases of meningococcal disease, including about 4 deaths, are identified each year. About 25% of these cases occur in children less than 2 years of age, 15% 2-4 years, 10% 4-9 years, 10% 10-14 years, 20% 15-19 years, 10% 20-24 years, 5% 25-30 years, and 5% more than 30 years of age.

What is Group C meningococcal disease?

About 80% of the 72 cases of meningococcal disease identified in WA each year are caused by Group B meningococcal bacteria and about

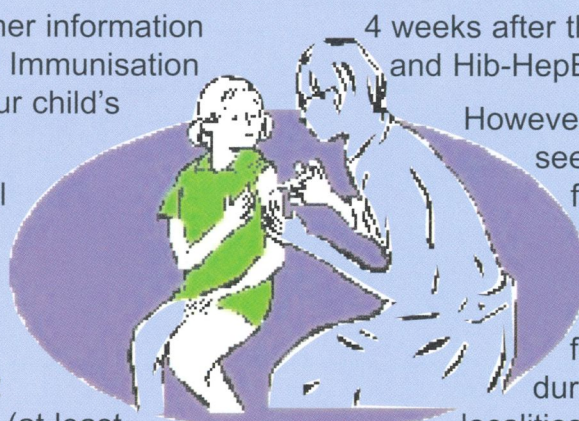
15% (about 10 cases) are caused by Group C meningococcal bacteria. About 30% of the estimated 10 Group C cases per year are between 1 and 4 years of age (Group C cases less than 1 year of age are rare), 5%: 5-9 years, 5%: 10-14 years, 15%: 15-19 years, 30%: 20-24 years, 5%: 25-30 years, and 10% more than 30 years of age. In the Eastern States, Group C meningococcal disease is 2 to 4 times more common than in WA.

Over the next 3 years, persons who turn 1 to 19 years of age in 2003 are eligible for 1 free dose of MenC vaccine, according to the following criteria:

Year/Stage of Program	Eligibility Criteria	Service Setting
2003	Turning 1 to 5 years of age	Local Clinic General Practitioner (GP)
	School Years 7 to 12	School Based Immunisation Program/GP
2004	School Years 1 to 7	School Based Immunisation Program/GP
2005	Turned 15 to 19 years of age in 2003	GP

Should you require any further information regarding the School Based Immunisation Program, please contact your child's school.

The City of Cockburn, Atwell Clinic is currently only capable of providing this vaccine to children as part of routine schedule vaccinations ie as part of 12 month vaccination schedule (at least



4 weeks after the 12 month vaccines MMR and Hib-HepB).

However, the City's Health Service are seeking expressions of interest from the community and dependant on the response, will consider running additional Meningococcal C only clinics for the 1 to 5 year age group during 2003. This is for all localities within the City of Cockburn.

***Please contact the City's Health Service on 9411 3589
to Register your interest by 28th April 2003.***

***Information for this article sourced from the Department of Health
"Group C Meningococcal Vaccination" Fact Sheet January 2003.***

EASTER WASTE SERVICES

Henderson Landfill Site will be closed on Good Friday and open other public holidays during Easter.

The Green Waste Facility at Canning Vale Regional Resource Recovery Centre will be OPEN.

Rubbish Collection for Good Friday

Rubbish collection will remain unchanged, green bins usually collected on a Friday, will be emptied on Good Friday. **Please ensure your green bin is out by 6:00am.**

Yellow topped recycling bins will **NOT** be emptied on Good Friday. Recycling bins due for collection on Friday 18 April will be emptied on Saturday 19 April.

All other public holidays remain unchanged.

Bulk Waste Program 2003

BULK VERGE COLLECTIONS - 2003

Suburbs:	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3
	Hamilton Hill North Lake, Coolbellup, Leeming	Spearwood, Bibra Lake Jandakot, South Lake	Coogee, Munster, Success Yangebup, Beeliar Wattleup (east of rail line)
Green Waste Collection	7 July 2003 3 November 2003	14 July 2003 10 November 2003	21 July 2003 17 November 2003
Junk Collection	1 September 2003	8 September 2003	15 September 2003

Rural Area Verge Collection

Properties **NOT** included in area 1,2,3 (ie Banjup, Hammond Park, parts of Wattleup & parts of Jandakot) will be collected from 23 September 03

New Waste Recovery Centre Opens...

The Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) is about to open the final plant in the resource recovery process - 'In-Vessel Composting Facility'. This Composting Facility will turn general household and organic waste (contents of resident's green wheelie bin) into a high quality, pure, rich compost. Once fully commissioned the plant will process 110,000 tonnes per annum of domestic waste into 50,000 tonnes of high specification-grade compost for use in local horticultural, viticulture, agriculture and broad-acre farming.

The materials from residential green bins are mixed with biosolids in one of four digesters at the Canning Vale site (the largest in the Southern Hemisphere and the second biggest

in the world). After three days in the digesters, which are constantly rotating bringing internal temperatures up to 60 degrees Celsius in this aerobic process, the materials are substantially broken down into an immature compost. After a careful screening process, this immature compost spends 28 days on a maturation floor (an area larger than 2.5 acres!) where it is turned, aerated and watered for 28 days to mature and complete the composting process. Conditions on the maturation floor are designed to speed up the composting process which takes 31 days (including 3 days in the digesters) instead of the normal 16-18 weeks! Finally the mature compost is screened once more to remove any inorganic materials and ensure a high grade compost.

Compost has many benefits...

- ✓It increases the soils organic content
- ✓It puts essential micro-organisms back into the soil
- ✓It reduces evaporation and preserves soil moisture
- ✓It is the natural way of giving plants the nourishment they need to grow and provides essential nutrients for crops
- ✓It reduces the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides
- ✓It reduces ground water contamination. Results in cleaner safer food and improved product quality

Together with the other integrated processing facilities at the RRRC, the In-Vessel Composter will divert up to 85% of your domestic waste from landfill and recover it as a valuable, useful resource.

By converting what many consider as waste and delivering it to local farms, wineries and market gardens, the In-Vessel Composting Facility returns a valuable resource to the community and ultimately the best produce to consumers.

To see the benefits of your recycling efforts first hand, please ring Sharon on 9256 9555 and book a tour of the Regional Resource Recovery Centre.

LOOK OUT...

Recycling Calendars are being delivered to properties during May.

The South Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) have updated the multi-page, envelope size, recycling calendar to include more information on what is recyclable and where you can recycle it.



90 South Lake Drive
SOUTH LAKE 6164
Ph 9417 3003

The South Lake Leisure Centre Swim School is running a one-week intensive set of lessons during the 2nd week of the school holidays, April 28 - May 2, 2003. Classes are held in the mornings, and all levels will be offered.

The cost is \$30, and enrolment forms are available from swim school administration or www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/swim or by phoning the swim school at the Centre on 9417 3003.

WANDI / BANJUP FIRE...

“Local Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades Save Cockburn Residents in Excess of \$19 million Dollars”

On Wednesday January 29th, workers on a property in Rowley Road, Mandogalup noticed sparks from some power lines had started a fire and they contacted 000. This was the start of the Wandi / Banjup Fire and before it was contained volunteer fire fighters from Jandakot and South Coogee along with 44 other Bush Fire Brigade units and 27 Fire & Rescue Service units from all over the metro area would be called into action. Over 300 volunteers would be used during the fire.

The fire moved quickly from its ignition point rapidly bearing down on several rural residents in Wandi and Banjup. The topography, soft sand and heavy fuel loadings right up to the edges of the buildings on

some properties further exacerbated the spread of the fire.

Regrettably some of the properties affected by the fire had not reduced the amount of fuel or fire hazard around their buildings. According to some of the fire fighters on the scene, some of the firebreaks on these properties were impassable due to overhanging trees, being blocked or overgrown. These dangers prevented fire-fighting vehicles from getting close enough to be effective, and caused the fire fighters to take unnecessary risks to save lives and property.

The head of the fire travelled 3.4 km in under four hours and burnt out an area of approximately 300ha. Fire fighters worked all through the night and most of the next day to ensure the safety of the residents. Many flare ups occurred, and many people (including some of the residents) were required to continually patrol the area. It was 72 hours before the fire scene was declared safe.



It is estimated the fire damaged \$716,500 worth of property. However an estimated \$19,383,000 worth of property was saved. This would not have been possible without the efforts of the 300 volunteer fire fighters, 116 Fire & Rescue and other Fire and Emergency Service Authority staff, and 360 personnel from other agencies and resources, who responded to the Wandi Banjup Fire.

A full report on the Wandi Banjup Fire is available on the City of Cockburn website, www.cockburn.wa.gov.au and CD ROM versions are available, at nominal cost, should people wish to purchase them.



FRIDAYS O' FUN

Do you live in Coolbellup or South Lake & want to get out of the burbs on Friday nights?

If you are aged between 15 & 20 contact Cockburn Youth Services to find out about the transport we provide from these areas to major venues & events around the metro area for only \$7.50 (including entry fees).

Picked up and dropped off at your door. It's luxury & a bargain! Call soon, there are limited seats on the bus.

Fridays o' Fun (Term 2) timetables are available by calling 9411 3582.

ELECTIONS 2003 UPDATE!!

With nominations closing for the 2003 Council elections on 3 April, you will soon be receiving your ballot papers in the mail.

The following (Councillor only) vacancies will be contested, assuming there are more candidates than vacancies, with the poll closing on SATURDAY 3 MAY, 2003 at 6.00PM.

WEST WARD

(Suburbs of Hamilton Hill, Spearwood and Coogee)

1 Vacancy

CENTRAL WARD

(Suburbs of Coolbellup, St Pauls Estate, Bibra Lake Industrial, Yangebup, Beeliar, Munster, Henderson and Wattleup)

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(Suburbs of North Lake, Bibra Lake, South Lake, Success, Hammond Park, Atwell, Leeming, Banjup and Jandakot)

2 Vacancies

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Any enquiries regarding the voting process itself (e.g. completion of ballot papers; information package) should be directed to the Returning Officer, Mr Jim McGeogh (Tel: 9356 6765 or 0414019113).

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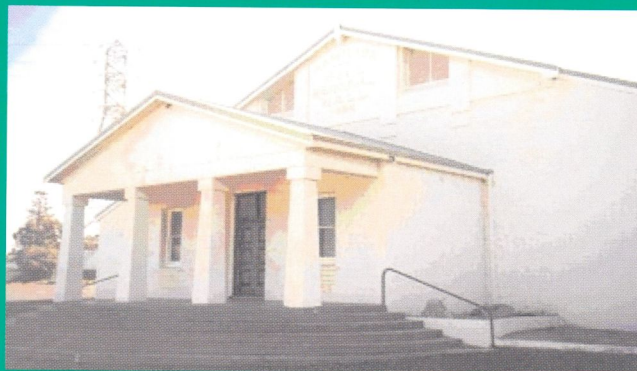
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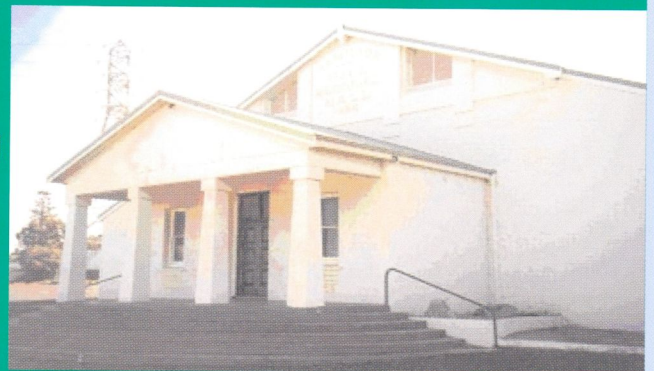
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DERELICT VEHICLE COLLECTION

Residential Areas

Are you the owner of a disused vehicle that is in a state of disrepair or wrecked in a residential area? The City seeks your cooperation to remove the vehicle in order to improve the appearance of the district in which you live.

The City has therefore made arrangements with Simsmetal Ltd for a derelict vehicle pickup from the verge of your property **FREE OF CHARGE**. To have your vehicle removed, please fill out the attached coupon and return to the Council offices by mail, fax, e-mail or in person no later 14 April 2003. Vehicles, that have been notified to the Council, should be put on the verge in a safe manner between the dates of 26 April and 2 May 2003. Collection of the vehicle is to commence 3 May 2003, to be completed by 20 May 2003.

Simsmetal reserve the right to refuse collection of your vehicle if:

- The vehicle is not accessible from the street;
- There is a pressure vessels(s) or gas cylinder inside the vehicle (LPG cylinders, BBQ gas bottles);
- The car contains, or is filled with, household and/or garden rubbish.

Vehicles, that are put out on the verge without first notifying the Council will not be removed and may attract an infringement.

After this time any person who wrecks or stores disused vehicles, that in the opinion of the City, detracts from the residential appearance of the land and makes the land look untidy, will be served a notice to clear the disused vehicle and may receive an infringement.

Please ensure that disused vehicles, which are to be kept, are not visible from the street and adjoining houses and where possible, are left inside a shed or are covered by a tarpaulin. Once the vehicle is of no further use, please ensure that it is disposed of properly.

Owners Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ Ph. No.: _____

Return this form to:
City of Cockburn, Reply Paid 1215
BIBRA LAKE DC, WA 6965
(no postage stamp required)

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