

Cockburn Soundings

FEBRUARY 2009

Cockburn Extraordinary Elections

–  March, 2009

Two extraordinary elections will be conducted to fill the vacancies resulting from the resignation of Councillor Richard Graham and Mayor Stephen Lee.

The extraordinary elections will be conducted by the Western Australian Electoral Commission.

If more than one candidate nomination is received all Cockburn electors on the Council electoral roll will receive election packages during the week commencing **Monday 9 February**.

On receipt of these packages please complete as required and return in the enclosed envelope. Please remember to sign the foil on the ballot paper envelope before placing it in the return envelope. No postage stamp is required.

Votes must be posted no later than Wednesday 4 March 2009. It is recommended that you mail your vote prior to this date to ensure arrival by election day.

Counting of votes received will commence shortly after 6:00pm on Thursday 5 March 2009 at the Council Chambers.

If you have any questions regarding the extraordinary election process, you are urged to contact the Returning Officer for the election, Mr Graeme Brown, on 9310 3179 or 0417 948 976.

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Employee of the Year – External Category:

Congratulations to all nominees:

- Ian Hargense – Rangers
- Keith Hudson – Roads
- Nerina Pasini – SLLC
- Colin MacMillan – Engineering
- Glen Williamson – Maintenance
- Lyn Windram - Ran

Winner:

Colin MacMillan – Works Coordinator

Colin has lead by example delivering a strong customer focus for the council works and road projects.



Employee of the Year – Internal Category:

Congratulations to all nominees:

- Geoff Amos – Cartographic Services
- Vanda Bacich – Exec
- Jim Bell – Caretaker
- Carol Buswell – Planning
- Lisa Finch – Purchasing
- Barbara Freeman – Aged & Disabled
- Luba Kambourakis – Library
- Jadranka Kiurski – Project Mgmt
- Denise Lloyd - Rates
- Marilyn McLean – Events
- Colleen Miller – Customer Services
- Kevin Sim – Land Admin
- Tony Watson – Planning
- Craig Watts - Health

Winner:

Marilyn McLean – Events Coordinator

Marilyn was commended for her commitment and going above and beyond her job. She brings flair and dedication to the many events she supports.





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Message from the Deputy Mayor



On Australia Day I had the pleasure of welcoming dozens of new citizens into our great country at one of the biggest and most energetic citizenship ceremonies the City of Cockburn has hosted.

It was such a thrill to be a part of this day with so many of our residents who have chosen to make Australia their home and who, by being sworn in, are privy to the rights and privileges of an Australian citizen.

At the ceremony I also had the honour of presenting the 2009 Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award, which was awarded to the committee of the Coogee Jetty to Jetty swim event.

Some 500+ people participate yearly in this event, held on the first Sunday in March at Coogee Beach, organised by the Cockburn Masters Swimming Club and Rotary Club of Cockburn. The committee received this award for its sense of community involvement, committed service to Cockburn and contribution to the Cockburn community from funds raised in the event and donated to local schools and projects.

Events like the swim demonstrate the essence of community in Cockburn. I congratulate members of the swim committee on winning the award and all the West Australian Citizen of the Year nominees; I look forward to another successful swim this year.

Deputy Mayor
Kevin Allen

Clean Up Australia Day Sunday 1 March 2009

Feel like volunteering for a couple of hours to keep one of our local natural areas free from litter and enjoy a free morning tea? Then help us:

Time: 9am -12 noon

Meet in **Coogee Beach car park**

Please wear long-sleeved shirt, trousers, closed-in shoes, hat, and sunscreen

Morning tea refreshments provided

Contact Environmental Services 9411 3444 or register online:

www.cleanup.org.au/au/Campaigns/clean-up-australia-day



Cockburn Christmas Concert 13 December 2008



2009 Summer of Fun community concert series

The Summer of Fun free events season is in full swing, and this year it's bigger than ever. Check out www.summeroffun.com.au for details of events.

If you are a person with disability and have difficulties arranging transport to any of the events, please call the City's Disability and Access Inclusion Officer on 9411 3502.

A Night with the Stars

Saturday, 7 February 2009

Groove along to tribute performers Cher, Robbie Williams, Rod Stewart and Freddie Mercury who will rock Mellor Park in Bibra Lake. Classic songs for all musical tastes with lots to keep the kids happy too.

Mick Jagger Tribute

Saturday, 21 February 2009

Get your satisfaction with the 'Mick Jagger' Tribute show in Nicholson Reserve Yangebup. Roll on down and paint the town black. A free event for the whole family.

Shannon Noll

Saturday, 7 March 2009

This is the time to head down to Manning Park with the entire family. Now that's what I'm talking about! Don't miss this awesome FREE event.

Coogee Beach Festival

Sunday, 15 March 2009

Coogee Beach Reserve

The Summer of Fun is going out with a BANG! There will be rides, entertainment, prizes and more. Have a party on us!

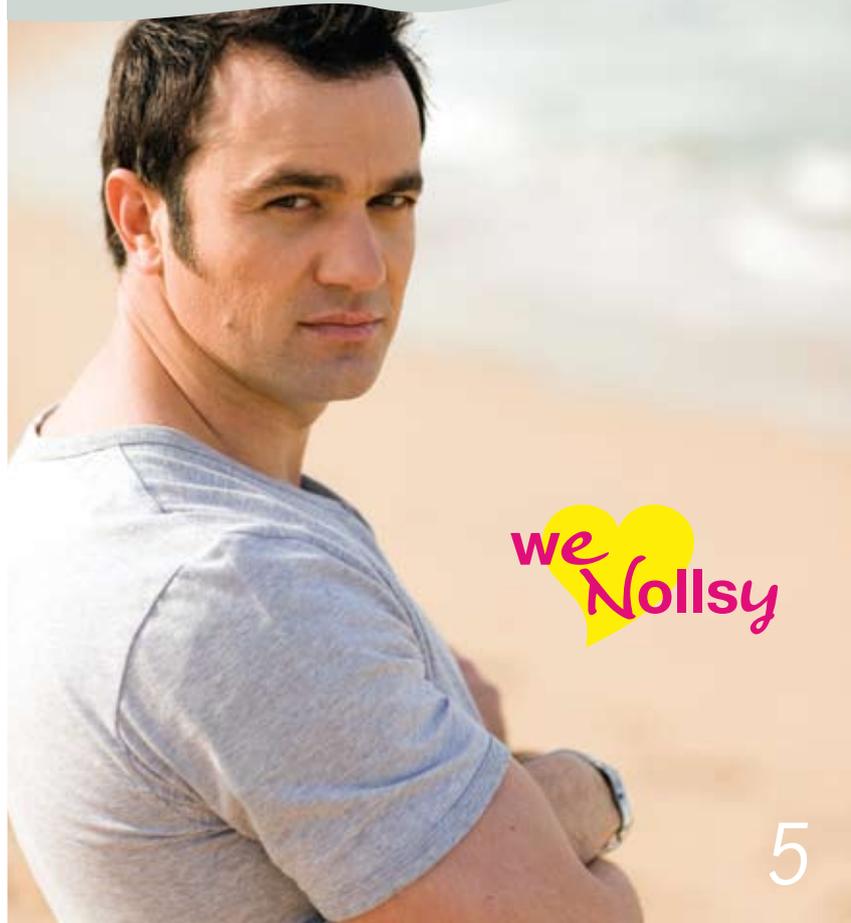
Seniors Ball

Saturday 18 April 2009

(Tickets on sale 3 March 2009)

Dalmatinac Club

Full Buffet meal, entertainment and prizes for over 60s. Tickets available for pre-purchase only, for just \$5 each. Maximum two tickets per person available at City's Administration starting 3 March 2009.



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Disability information

Disability Reference Group

The City of Cockburn has a Disability Reference Group (DRG) that has been running for 12 years and is used as a model by other Councils. The reference group provides an opportunity for people with disabilities and their representatives to exchange information and communicate their concerns on access and inclusion issues. It also provides a forum for people to make recommendations to Council to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. Membership consists of representatives from consumer and industry groups, Councillors and City of Cockburn. Membership of the Group is open to residents of Cockburn with disabilities; parents, carers, and advocates of people with disabilities; and people who work in the field of disability (voluntary or paid) in Cockburn. If you are interested in joining the DRG please contact the Disability Access and Inclusion Officer at the City of Cockburn on 9411 3502.

Hearing Loop

The City has installed a hearing loop in the Council chambers and adjacent committee rooms. The loops automatically transmit amplified speech directly to hearing aids to improve audibility for people with hearing impairments.

Interpreters

On request, the City can provide interpreters, including Auslan interpreters, for council business and events. Please provide prior notification if you need an interpreter.

Register for information in alternative formats

The City provides regular publications (such as Soundings) in alternative formats. The City can also provide information required for consultation, such as brochures on redevelopment strategies, in alternative formats. **Please call our Customer Contact Centre on 9411 3444** if you would like to join the register or request specific information in an alternative format.

Bike Week 2009

After a successful inaugural year, the City of Cockburn is once again running the "Cockburn Community Coastal Ride" as part of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's Cycle Instead Bikeweek 2009 on Sunday 29 March starting at 8am.

The free family and community cycle will be from John Graham Reserve (Woodman Point) to Coogee Beach

and back to the reserve for a free healthy breakfast and entertainment for the kids.

For more information or an entry form, please contact the City's Recreation Development Officer – 9411 3654 or sfaulkner@cockburn.wa.gov.au

Please note, you must complete an entry form to participate



2009 Grants, donations and sponsorship opportunities

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Applications are now open for the following funding opportunities to support local groups, organisations and individuals for a wide variety of activities and services:

Community Grants assist local community groups and organisations to provide projects or activities that benefit residents of Cockburn. Applications are to a maximum of \$15,000, with smaller amounts encouraged.

Sustainable Events Grants assist local community groups and organisations in the provision of ongoing programs and activities for the benefit of the residents of Cockburn. The maximum grant provided to any one group will be \$7,000, over a four year period.

Donations are available to provide financial assistance towards the day-to-day running costs of not-for-profit groups, not for a specific project or activity. Donations are limited and highly competitive.

Sponsorship is a mutually beneficial partnership arrangement where the City of Cockburn makes a financial contribution to a group, organisation or individual for a specific purpose, project, activity or event and, in return, the City receives public recognition for its contribution. The maximum is \$20,000 for organisations and \$2,000 for individuals.

Cultural Grants support local arts and cultural activities. Applications to a maximum of \$4,000, with smaller amounts encouraged.

Youth Art Scholarships (under 18) are available for those who live in Cockburn and are either doing further study or travelling in relation to their art. These scholarships are to a maximum of \$500 to assist with fees, materials or travel costs.

For further information on:

Community Grants, Sustainable Events Grants, Donations & Sponsorship contact Melissa on 9411 3583 or email communitygrants@cockburn.wa.gov.au

Cultural Grants & Youth Art Scholarships contact Cassandra on 9411 3433 or email culturalgrants@cockburn.wa.gov.au

Please visit the website www.cockburn.wa.gov.au for more information and a copy of the relevant guidelines and application forms.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE at 4:00pm on Tuesday 31 March 2009.



Youth Art Scholarships

Anyone aged 18 or younger as of the application closing date is eligible to obtain a Youth Art Scholarship in either ONE of the following categories:

Travel

These are awarded to individuals who have been given the opportunity to study or perform within the arts arena interstate, overseas or outside the Perth metropolitan area. Individual Travel Scholarships will be up to \$500.00.

OR

Further Study

These scholarships are designed to assist young people with fees, materials or other costs associated with studying at a TAFE, University or specialist ART high school such as John Curtin SHS or some extra curricular activity they have been pursuing. Proof of enrolment/ acceptance in a course will be required. Individual Further Study Scholarships will be up to \$500.00

These scholarships will be assessed on a monthly basis.

Group applications may be considered. Please discuss your query with the Cultural Development Coordinator on 9411 3433.



Art Competition

The City of Cockburn is building a new sports facility at Hammond Park, which is due to be completed in 2010.

As part of the building the City is looking to add some unique artwork on the feature walls.

Young people between the age of 15 – 21 are invited to submit a design to be used as part of the feature wall of the Success Regional Community and Sporting Facility.

Designs should be submitted at either A4 or A3 size and should be connected to the theme of "Make a Move".

Closing date for this competition will be 14 March 2009.

There will be a \$500 prize for the winning design and two \$250 runner-up prizes.

Designs will be exhibited as part of National Youth Week from 28 March to 2 April at the Cockburn Youth Centre in Success.

Enquiries to Cassandra 9411 3433.

Happening Seniors

Gym and Aquarobics Classes

The popular free Gym Circuit and Aquarobic courses at South Lake Leisure Centre are available again this year. We are taking bookings for 4 week courses in two 'terms'.

Sessions run from 12pm – 1pm at South Lake Leisure Centre, 90 South Lake Drive, South Lake. Bookings are essential.

Gym Circuit term one: 13/2, 20/2, 27/2, 6/3

Aqua class term one: 19/2, 26/2, 5/3, 12/3

Gym Circuit term two: 13/3, 20/3, 27/3, 3/4

Aqua class term two: 16/3, 26/3, 2/4, 9/4



Help!! Paperwork Clutter!!

This is the perfect opportunity to learn **“How to win the paper war in your home”**. Marianne Shenton, from Home Matters, will show you in simple steps how to create order and then manage the paperwork as it enters your home. As a Home and Office Organiser, she will help you find a place to start and give you tips to declutter old paperwork too. 9:30am – 10:30am at City of Cockburn administration building, 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood. Please make a booking on 9411 3444.

There are more Happening Seniors events being planned for February. Call our Customer Contact Centre on 9411 3444 or ask at your library to find out about more events. **Bookings are essential.**



Computer classes for over 55s

Cockburn seniors seeking to improve their computer skills are encouraged to join Seniors Computer Classes at the Cockburn Vocational Centre.

The classes, which are held in two hour tutorials one a week for four weeks, are taught by a qualified trainer and include easy-to-understand notes and training guides.

Topics include:

- How to use a computer without worrying what might happen
- How to use the Internet
- How to send emails to communicate with family and friends
- Other interesting information about computing.

The course is held at a training centre in Coolbellup for a total cost of \$25, including morning or afternoon tea on each training day. For more information or to register phone the Cockburn Vocational Centre on 9314 1600.



Family Day Care scheme celebrates 30 years

Congratulations to the Cockburn Family Day Care Scheme for celebrating 30 years of service to the Cockburn community.

The scheme, which includes Child Care Services, Family Day Care and In Home Care services, celebrated with an event in December that was attended by about 50 people including current staff, Councillors and care providers.

Child Care Services Manager Sandra Taylor praised all that have contributed to the scheme which includes a wide area to the east and the west of the City as well as north of the City from October 2007.



Safety first for Cockburn staff



Safety in the workplace is no joke to staff at the City of Cockburn. Recently the City participated in Safe Work Week, during which each department was encouraged to promote safety in their workplace and to the greater community.

Congratulations to the City's Parks team who asked each employee to complete quizzes that tested their safety knowledge and promoted safety practices.

With many of the City's staff working out and about in the community, the safety messages and information was often communicated to residents. If you see a safety risk in the Cockburn community please let us know by calling 9411 3444.

Cockburn Youth Celebrate

On Thursday 18 December 200+ Cockburn youth aged 10 to 17 years celebrated the end of the school year at the Cockburn Youth Centre's End of Days break up party, which included activities, inflatable surf board, Dunk Tank, Air Brush Tattoos, Inflatable Climbing Wall, BBQ and a DJ from DogPound Productions entertaining at the under age gig.



Hello Baby 2009

New and expecting mothers in Cockburn are invited to join the City on Wednesday, 25 March 2009, for the annual Hello Baby event. The free event welcomes babies aged 0-15 months into the Cockburn community and invites parents to access information about parenting services in Cockburn, enjoy games, entertainment and meet other parents.

Hello Baby 2009 will be held at Manning Park, Spearwood from 10am to 1pm.

Parents of babies turning 0-15 months by March 2009 can register to receive a certificate and parenting calendar on the day in the following way:

- Online at www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/hellobaby;
- Through their child health nurse; or
- Through City of Cockburn's Children's Services 9411 3431.
Registrations close 11 March 2009.



Cockburn Councillor Corner



Cr Sue Limbert at the 2008 Hello Baby event.

Cr Sue Limbert

Why did you want to be a Councillor at the City of Cockburn?

I have lived in Cockburn since 1966 and am very proud to be a resident of Cockburn. I have been involved in local Government for many years and am aware of the many roles and functions local government provide. I knew it would be time consuming and the workload would be great but I still wanted to be involved. I really love the people of Cockburn.

What has been the highlight of your time as one of Cockburn's Councillors?

Being actively involved, serving and representing my community to the best of my ability and meeting so many great people.

What future projects in Cockburn are you excited about?

It's an exciting time for us all in Cockburn as there are many exciting projects happening. I am keen to see them all completed: Port Coogee, the Cockburn Seniors Centre, Coolbellup Community Centre upgrade and redevelopment and so the list goes on. The bus tours of Cockburn for residents of the City are a great way to see what's happening and the many free events provided to the community throughout the year.

Describe yourself in three words.

Confident, enthusiastic and motivated.

What are your plans for this summer?

Out and about with the community, family and friends. I truly love life and I fit so much in.

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