



## Sister City delegates visit Cockburn

The City of Cockburn's American Friendship Way public artwork, which recognises the Sister City relationship between Cockburn and the City of Mobile, Alabama, has been opened. The roadway is anticipated to be open to the public towards the end of February 2009.

A delegation of students and American Councillors travelled to Cockburn during October for a series of public performances and functions, including opening of a new artwork on the corner of Spearwood Avenue and Cockburn Road. A nautical sculpture is planned for the Hamilton Road end in 2009.

The American visit also coincided with a visit from delegates from our Croatian Sister City, Split, who spent time with City staff, Councillors and members for the business community at various civil receptions.

The City of Cockburn thanks all of our Sister City guests for their visits and members of the community who joined our Sister City delegates at the 2008 Cockburn Rotary Spring Fair.

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## Message from the Deputy Mayor



### Be safe this Christmas

Staff and Elected Members at the City wish all residents a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

This year has been a tremendous one for the City of Cockburn with the opening of the Cockburn Youth Centre and refurbished Memorial Hall, many successful community events catering for our senior's population through to our newest event Hello Baby and great progress made on major infrastructure projects throughout Cockburn.

As a City we are moving forward with exciting industrial, residential and social developments while conserving our natural environment and striving towards a better tomorrow for Cockburn.

In 2009 we are pleased to celebrate the City's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This fantastic milestone will be recognised with a series of events that we hope you will join us for.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Elected Members for their hard work throughout the year. At Cockburn we have a fantastic group of professional Elected Members who dedicate so much of their time to providing for a vibrant Cockburn community.

Recently I had the pleasure of experiencing one of Cockburn's newest tourism attractions. The Woodman Point Quarantine Station Paranormal Ghost Tours are a fantastic, unique experience and I encourage all residents looking to learn more about Cockburn's history to book yourself on one of the tours which are hosted by Rebecca Millman. For more information phone Rebecca on 9417 7515.

I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to 2009 in the City of Cockburn.

Deputy Mayor  
Kevin Allen

## City celebrates pioneer's milestone birthday

Cockburn pioneer Robert George Taylor celebrated his 100th birthday on October 20 with a visit from City of Cockburn Deputy Mayor Kevin Allen.

Mr Taylor, who has lived in the Cockburn district for his entire life, has been involved with many local sporting and

community associations including the Cockburn Junior Football Club and the Rotary Club of Cockburn.

## Cockburn Council committed to the community

As Councillors of the City of Cockburn, we wish to reassure our residents that good governance continues to be delivered in the City of Cockburn. Individually we have written to the Hon. John Castrilli MLA, Minister for Local Government, advising that we intended to continue in our elected roles and fulfill our duties to the people of Cockburn.

While a small section of the community have sought to paint the City in a poor light, the truth is far from the position being presented. The City's financial position is sound, our administration is delivering services to the community and Council continues to exercise good governance over the City.

While a leave of absence was granted to Mayor Stephen Lee to pursue a review of the findings of the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC), this only extends until January 2009, by which time the City expects a decision from the Parliamentary Inspector on his future. No other Councillor was involved in any matter that went before the CCC, nor were we the subject of any part of the CCC's recent report.

In the interim, Deputy Mayor Kevin Allen has assumed the City's leadership role for Civic functions and together with the other seven Councillors, we aim to continue to promote the needs of Cockburn to the State and Federal Governments.

2008 has been a fantastic year for many reasons. The City has opened new facilities and made improvements for residents in:

- Memorial Hall upgrade;
- Cockburn Youth Centre opening;
- Henderson Waste Transfer Station;
- Upgrades to parks and playground equipment;
- Interim Seniors Centre - commencement of works;
- New roads constructed and upgrades to Hammond Rd, Russell Rd, Barrington St, Spearwood Ave extension and more; and
- Cockburn Security providing additional security presence 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. Responding to calls within 5 – 15 min. Call 1300 653 643 for service.

Cockburn is a vibrant community with many community, urban renewal and beautification projects on the go. We would like to thank the many residents that have offered us their support. In accordance with the City's Mission, we continue to strive to make Cockburn the best place to live, work and visit.

Signed

**Deputy Mayor Kevin Allen, Cr Tony Roman,  
Cr Carol Reeve-Fowkes, Cr Helen Atrill,  
Cr Ian Whitfield, Cr Val Oliver, Cr Julie Baker &  
Cr Sue Limbert**



L-R: Deputy Mayor Kevin Allen, Cr Tony Roman, Cr Carol Reeve-Fowkes, Cr Helen Atrill, Cr Ian Whitfield, Cr Val Oliver, Cr Julie Baker (Cr Sue Limbert - not pictured)

## Free Cockburn Christmas Concert 2008

The Summer of Fun free events season has just begun, and this year it's bigger than ever. Check out [www.summeroffun.com.au](http://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 & Access Inclusion Officer on 9411 3502.

### Christmas Concert

Saturday, 13 December 2008

Bring a picnic dinner and join staff and Councillors at the City of Cockburn's administration at 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood, for the annual Cockburn Christmas Concert. Hosted by 96FM's Darren De Mello, the concert will include a performance from the Variety Club choir as they sing all your favourite Christmas Carols. Santa might even stop by. For more information on the Christmas Concert phone 9411 3444 or visit [www.summeroffun.com.au](http://www.summeroffun.com.au).



### Peace Love & All That Stuff

Saturday, 17 January 2009

Tod Johnston and 'Peace Love and All That Stuff' will have you dancing the summer night away at Dixon Reserve, Hamilton Hill. Pack a picnic and bring the kids.

### Queen Tribute

Saturday, 7 February 2009

'Bohemian Rhapsody' will rock Mellor Park in Bibra Lake. Classic Queen songs with lots of stuff to keep the kids happy, too. Ride your bicycle and bring your best friend...

### Mick Jagger Tribute

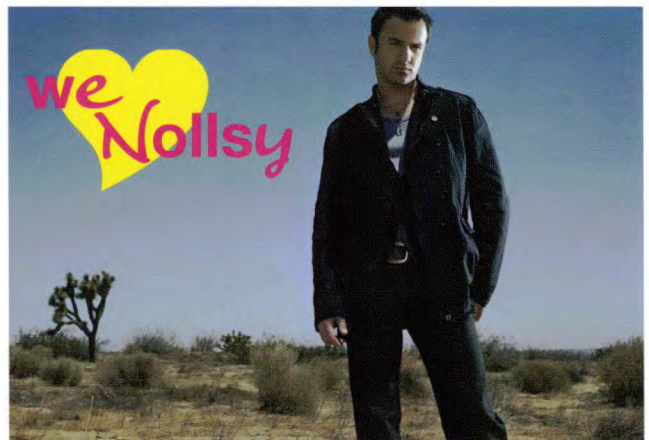
Saturday, 21 February 2009

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!



# Cockburn Rotary Spring Fair 2008 a success

Thousands flocked to Manning Park on Saturday, October 26, to join in the fun at the annual Cockburn Rotary Spring Fair.

Organisers reported more than 10,000 attended this year's fair, more than previous years.

Popular attractions including sideshow alley, a petting zoo from Peel Zoo, mask making workshops, a pie eating competition hosted by the City of Cockburn's

Youth Services and performances by belly dancers, the Hamilton High School band and the Wadumbah Aboriginal Group.

The fair ended in a vibrant fireworks display after a joint performance between the students from Mobile, Alabama, and their peers at Hamilton High School who played a mix of American and Australian songs.



## Suburban life does not exclude bush fire risk

Living in suburbia many of us do not realise we could still be at risk of bush fire.

Many suburbs and housing estates have protected bushland reserves nearby providing residents with hiking tracks and the ability to appreciate Western Australia's natural flora and fauna.

This bushland also presents a fire risk and means it is important for residents to know what to do in a bush fire.

Embers carried on strong winds can travel several hundred metres from the actual fire. One problem with embers is the fact they can not always be seen, especially during the day.

As embers fall on flammable material spot fires can occur around the house. If you are at home, these can normally be easily put out using your garden hose.

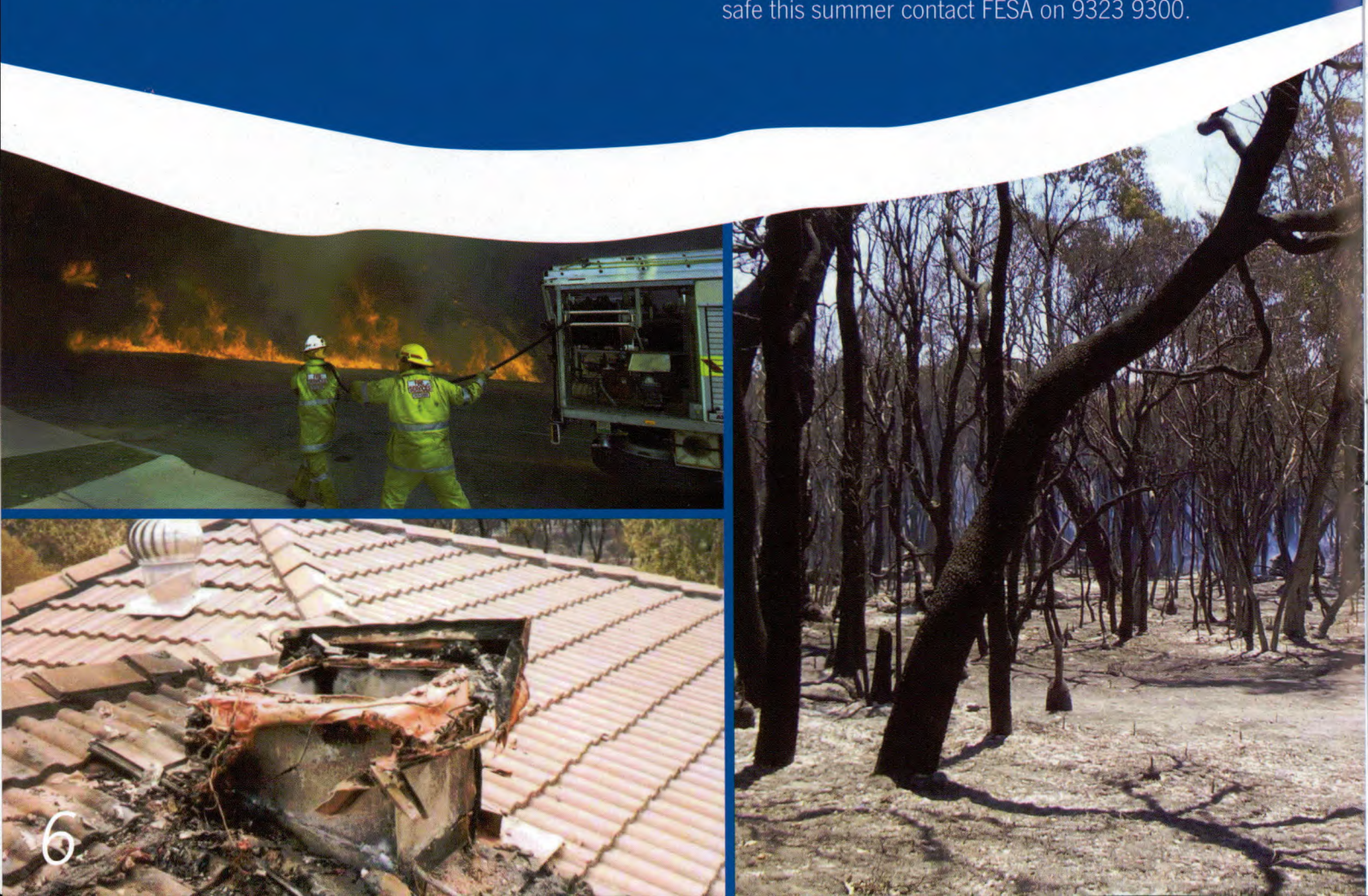
However if you have an evaporate air-conditioner you need to be aware of the dangers associated with them and embers.

If your evaporative air-conditioner is left on, the system can not only draw smoke but also embers into the unit. If a fire starts in your air-conditioning unit it can spread quickly throughout your home. If embers get into the roof space of your home, it is very hard for firefighters to extinguish the fire.

If there is smoke nearby you should:

- ✓ Run the air-conditioner to wet the filter pads;
- ✓ When smoke is over your home or ash starts to drop around your house, switch the air-conditioner off;
- ✓ If the unit can run water over the filter pads with the fan turned off, then do so;
- ✓ If the water can not be run on its own or if there is a power failure at the time, wet the air-conditioner filter pads using a garden hose;
- ✓ Keep checking your air-conditioner and the area around your home for spot fires started by embers until the danger has passed.

For further information on how to keep your property safe this summer contact FESA on 9323 9300.



## Get to know your Resident or Community Association

The City of Cockburn has 17 residents and community associations – all providing an invaluable service to the community. These associations act as a community voice representing your local area to local, state and federal governments on a range of issues.

Without your local area group, residents would miss out on a range of community events, such as the local Christmas events, and other community projects – such as the Jubilee Park Shade Sails and community arts projects. Then there is the suburb newsletters they produce, making sure residents are kept up to date on what's happening in their area. The groups play a crucial role in offering a forum for social and local networking.

Despite the hard work resident associations put in for the community, many groups struggle to attract committee members and volunteers to assist. On the other hand, residents regularly contact the associations with complaints about issues such as development concerns, traffic issues, streetscapes, etc. but fail to volunteer their time or acknowledge the support the association has provided.

The City would love to see more residents support their local association by attending regular meetings or volunteering to help out at an event, deliver the newsletters or maintain the association website. If you can't make an ongoing commitment, then what about every now and again or just a one-off offer at an event? The City encourages any resident keen to be involved in a community group to phone the City on 9411 3444 to obtain the detail of a group in your suburb.



# Cockburn Happening Seniors

The City of Cockburn thanks all seniors that have joined us for a fantastic year of Happening Seniors. We hope you can join us next year for another great year of events, programs, classes and seminars.

## Seniors activities - January 2009

Bookings are essential for all these activities. Book by phoning 9411 3444.

### Golf Clinic

Improve your golf game with pro Tich Downing.

Where: Glen Iris Golf Club

When Friday 16 or 30 January, 2009

Time: 9:30 – 10:30am

### Portuguese Cooking class

Learn a simple and nutritious recipe and lunch on us.

Where: Spearwood Library

When: Monday 19 January, 2009

Time: 12 noon – 1:30pm

### Brain Gym

Yoga for the mind and body: Improve your vision, co-ordination and balance.

Where: City of Cockburn upstairs function room

When: Tuesday 27 January, 2009

Time: 10am – 11:30am





# PHOENIX CENTRAL REVITALISATION

City of  
Cockburn



wetlands to waves

## Phoenix Central Project Update

The City has compiled all feedback it collected from the community, including local retailers and business owners as it moves forward with the revitalisation of the Phoenix hub.

The City received hundreds of written submissions and liaised with about 160 residents that attended community forums.

The following is a brief summary of the feedback collected that will be considered into future phases of the project:

- 89% of Spearwood respondents and 83% of Hamilton Hill respondents to a landowner survey supported proposed zoning changes.
- Majority support for the idea of creating a new community hub on the City's administration site.
- Majority support for the new mixed-use cafe street creating more restaurants and lifestyle opportunities.
- Generally supportive of new life learning centre.
- Generally supportive of creating a town park and town square and the idea of creating a central meeting and community place.
- Concerns about demolition the dental clinic to enable a realignment of Coleville Crescent.
- Concerns about ensuring that there is sufficient parking.
- Objections and/or concerns about high-rise causing social, traffic and overlooking problems.
- Suggestions that the City ensure safety/security in design and disability access.
- Suggestions for aged-person housing on the bowling club site.
- Strong objections to any new road linkages, where properties may be resumed.
- General concerns about traffic increasing on residential streets.
- Concerns about traffic increasing on Gerald Street and its impact on the primary school.
- Concerns about the bus lane on Rockingham Road.
- The need to improve the pedestrian crossings across Rockingham Road.
- Supportive of plans to improve footpaths, lighting and landscaping on key streets to encourage walking, cycling and use of public transport including for the aged, people with disabilities and with prams.
- Ideas for a CAT (Central Area Transport Service) bus servicing the study area and other centres and better public transport generally.
- Strong objections to the idea of allowing retirement housing to be built on a portion of MacFaul Park.
- Generally supportive of the ideas for upgrading facilities and parks.
- Support for the redevelopment of Beale Park.
- Suggestions for better lighting, seating, barbecue areas, security, play equipment and trees.

The City is now developing a structure plan for the area that will form the basis of the project. Community feedback will be sought for various aspects of the plan and will be advertised accordingly. We thank all members of the community that have offered feedback on the ideas that have been put forward.





## City of Cockburn finalist in WA Environment Awards

The City of Cockburn was a finalist in the 2008 Western Australia Environment Awards in the category of Government Leading by Example.

The awards, coordinated by the Department of Environment and Conservation, recognise organisations and individuals that are making a positive contribution to a sustainable future for WA.

Among the City's environmental programs are the inaugural Better Tomorrow Sustainability Awards, which aim to raise awareness of sustainable community initiatives, greenhouse gas abatement strategies, a comprehensive recycling system at the Henderson Waste Recovery Park and school based education programs that focus on conserving the natural environment.

## City reigns in wayward trolleys

The City of Cockburn has engaged local shopping centre owners in a bid to reduce the number of trolleys being abandoned in local parks, wetlands and bushland area.

In addition to being unsightly, trolleys can be hazardous to both the public and to wildlife. Tortoises and birds can get their limbs caught in them and trolleys also trap rubbish and other debris.

The City encourages all residents to adhere to shopping centre regulations and keep all trolleys on site. If you see an abandoned trolley please report it to the City on 9411 3444 or return it to the nearest shopping centre.

The City is also reviewing various options, which may result in a change to local laws which could introduce new penalties in addition to the current fines for littering that can be issued to people seen dumping trolleys.





## Greening Cockburn

The City of Cockburn would like to thank all the volunteers, corporate employees and schools that have taken part in our environmental projects during 2008. Your efforts have assisted the City to plant over 30,000 plants and hand weeding over nine hectares in five of the City's reserves. Local volunteers, as well as people from around the world, including the United Kingdom and South Korea have participated in community events.

In addition to this, the City has hosted a number of corporate events throughout the course of the year, involving employees from major corporations, assisting in undertaking conservation activities.

The City also hosted students from Hamilton Hill Senior High School as part of their community services program.

We look forward to working with you in 2009 again. Please look out for advertised community events coming soon.

### **Carbon Footprint Reduction - Greenhouse Gas Abatement**

The City of Cockburn has reduced its emissions of carbon dioxide equivalent by 1,668 tonnes in the last financial year! That is equivalent to taking 388 cars off the road annually! We have achieved this through initiatives such as lighting retrofits, switching to energy efficient printers and capturing landfill gas.

### **Christmas Holiday Environment Program at Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre**

The creators of the 'Get Wild About Wetlands' program the Friends of the Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre will team up again with the City of Cockburn for a Christmas Holidays Environmental Education Program. Expressions of interest are welcomed.

### **RRRC Community Tour**

Ever wondered what happens to your waste for recycling? The City of Cockburn will be running a free tour for the local community to visit the regional resource recovery Centre in Canning Vale in early in 2009. Expressions of interest are invited from the community, and seats are limited.

For further information or to register your interest in any of the programs above, please phone Environmental Services on 9411 3444.



## Works begin on Interim Seniors Centre

Works to convert the Cockburn Civic Centre into an Interim Senior's facility will begin this month, with all works expected to be completed by mid next year.

The project will establish a new meeting and event venue for Cockburn's seniors while various options are considered for a new Life Learning Centre to be built as part of the City's revitalisation of the Phoenix precinct.

The City is also awaiting delivery of a new community services bus that will be utilised for our senior's programs and services.

For more information on the City's seniors program or to become involved with your local senior's group phone 9411 3444.



# LEARN TO SWIM



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Term 1, 30 January-9 April 2009

Infant, preschool, school-age &  
adult classes available

10 Weeks for \$110

Enrolments open 8 December 2008

## City hosts cosmic sculpture

The City of Cockburn is proud to temporarily display 'The Da Vinci Project' a machine sculpture by Coolbellup artist Dan O'Connell.

The piece, when in operation, is able to reflect and slow down cosmic rays into the fluid chamber so they are able to be observed by the human eye.

The machine, which would normally be placed in sunlight, will remain in the City's public gallery until further notice.

*Below: Hon Jim McGinty MLA, Fred Richardson Jnr Deputy Mayor Mobile Alabama, Kevin Allen Deputy Mayor of Cockburn, Connie Hudson Councillor Mobile Alabama and Artist Dan O'Connell*



## Regional Parents Group

The Regional Parents Group would like to thank all school staff and volunteers for their hard work throughout 2008. We truly appreciate it!

Supported by the City of Cockburn, the following school P&Cs and P&Fs participate in the Regional Parents Group:

**Atwell Primary School P&C**  
**Atwell College P&C**  
**Bibra Lake Primary School P&C**

**Blue Gum Montessori**  
**Emmanuel Catholic College P&F**  
**Harmony Primary School P&C**  
**Jandakot Primary School P&C**  
**Lakelands Senior High School P&C**  
**Mater Christi Catholic Primary School P&F**  
**St. Jeromes Primary School P&F**  
**South Coogee Primary School P&C**  
**Spearwood Primary School P&C**  
**Yangebup Primary School P&C**

## Look Out - for Summer School Holiday Amusements at the Azelia Ley Museum

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There's plenty of fun for you on those warm, lazy summer days. Join us on the cool shady verandahs of the homestead museum for a variety of games and crafts during January 2009. Visit the museum each Wednesday in January on 14th, 21st and 28th, 2009.

Enjoy a variety of different activities each time you come. Session times will be between 10:00am and 2:00pm. Cost \$2.00 per child. Enquiries: Phone 9418 6648.



## New members for the Historical Society of Cockburn

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

The Historical Society meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the Azelia Ley museum from 7:00pm.

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

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

## School's Out @ the Cockburn Youth Centre

Celebrate the end of the school year with a FREE under-18 gig at the Cockburn Youth Centre!

The fun kicks off at 4pm on Wednesday, 17 December and will continue until 9pm.

There will be a two-on-two basketball competition, live band performances, aerosol art display, mechanical surfboard and a free BBQ and more.

For more information on this and other events happening at the Cockburn Youth Centre (Wentworth Parade, Success inside the Cockburn Gateway Shopping City complex) phone 9411 3888.

The event will be a complete drug, alcohol and smoke-free event.



## 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](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/hellobaby);
- Through their child health nurse; or
- Through City of Cockburn's Children's Services 9411 3431.



# Cockburn Councillor Corner



Pictured above: Cr Val Oliver and her great-granddaughter Kiralee.

## Cr Val Oliver

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

As a volunteer for over 20 years, and out of concern for the community, I attended many Council meetings from Mayor Miguel's time to 1997 and realised that Cockburn needed more services for seniors and the community. I am also interested in the environment.

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

The highlight of being a Councillor is being able to learn more, achieve more and enjoy the company of so many community people.

### What future projects in Cockburn are you excited about?

The new soon to be interim Senior Centre at the Civic Centre and the redevelopment of the three Coolbellup Primary School sites, which will hopefully create more affordable housing.

### Describe yourself in three words.

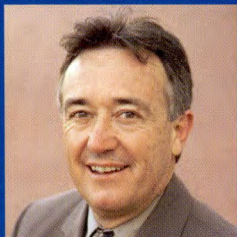
Practical, passionate and persistent.

### What are your plans for Christmas this year?

A quiet family time; I need the rest!

## Your Council

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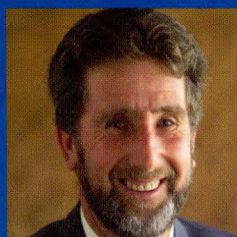
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