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Dive the Omeo shipwreck and check out the underwater trail. Image courtesy Nick Sargeant – Global Unmanned Systems

If the marine is your theme, then the Salty Fest has it in spades!

The underwater Coogee Maritime Trail will officially open on Sunday, 26 February at 10am, so come on down to the foreshore near the Omeo shipwreck in North Coogee and check out the action.

Watch it all on screen as we live stream the underwater dive trail and its newly installed underwater reefs. Feel like taking the plunge? Then don't forget to bring your snorkel, goggles and flippers to experience it for yourself!

The trail includes underwater artworks and interpretive signage which provides historical and educational information on the Omeo shipwreck and local marine industry. For landlubbers, there is a land-based trail with landscaped grounds and wheelchair-accessible paths, interpretive signage and historical marine artefacts.

Other attractions on the day will include live entertainment from the Barefoot Sojourns and The Lost Quays, monsterball soccer, markets by the Sandswell movement, maritime and diving displays, face-painting and food and drinks.

Join us on Sunday, 26 February from 10am – 2pm at the North Coogee foreshore park on the corner of Socrates and Napoleon Parades.



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Love your Libraries!



Pram Jams (Ages 0 - 2)

These sessions are jammed with rhymes, songs and books that help language development and promote interaction between you and your baby.

Storytime (Ages 2 – 5)

Get ready for Kindy by developing literacy, socialisation and motor skills at Cockburn Libraries Storytime sessions. Make new friends, listen to great stories, sing songs and rhymes and finish the session off with a fun craft activity.

Free Story Writing Workshop with **Dr Alan Hancock**

This hands-on practical five-week course is useful for beginners and more experienced writers.

Curtin University Creative Writing lecturer Dr Alan Hancock will guide participants through life-story and fiction, memoir and short story.

There will be plenty of exercises to get you started, including those designed to re-ignite your memory and imagination to help you take your writing to another level.

The workshops will be held every Thursday evening from 23 February - 23 March, 6.30 - 8pm at the Spearwood Library - 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood.

Visit library.cockburn.wa.gov.au for more details. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



Environment, History and Culture

Cockburns' own murder mystery

The Robb's Jetty Explosion

At 7pm on the night of 15th July 1903, a terrible explosion ripped through the beachside industrial area at Robb's Jetty (now North Coogee), Close beside the abattoirs and cattleyards, and just a few metres from the shore, a privately owned explosives magazine had been blown to pieces with nightwatchman Thomas Whelan inside.

At first the explosion was thought to be a robbery gone wrong, but as more evidence was uncovered, police suspected sabotage by the head caretaker, Mr Carrick. A universally disliked man who got on the bad side of his employers and employees alike with his ex-naval discipline and frequent complaints, he particularly hated Whelan. An accident on Whelan's watch would have caused

serious trouble, though whether Carrick intended to kill the watchman was another matter.

The most damning evidence was Whelan's missing keys, stolen from Carrick's office earlier in the day. Carrick made a show of discovering the missing keys at the site four days later, raising eyebrows in the police and in the press, where every new development was feverishly reported.

During the inquest, Carrick incriminated himself with a sullen, argumentative testimony lasting three days, and though he was not formally charged with sabotage and murder, the jury heavily implied he

was guilty. He was dismissed from his position soon after, protesting innocence, and eventually moved to South Australia.



Site of explosion, 25 July 1903





Mayor's Message

As the year unfolds, children commence their schooling and life returns to a degree of normality after the holiday season.

As a community we have many things to look forward to as the year unfolds. This includes the launch of the new Coogee

Maritime Coogee Maritime Dive Trail, the opening of Cockburn ARC and the Fremantle Dockers new administration and training facility, further continued residential development along our coastline right through to Cockburn Central.

Add in our free community concerts, 'pop-up' events, art exhibitions, cultural events, visual or performing art events, opportunities for our youngsters to learn new skills, knowledge and leadership attributes whether it be at the Coogee Beach Surf Life Saving Club or participating in a sporting team, the year ahead is action packed.

We also need to be vigilant during the current fire season ensuring that our properties have been prepared to minimise any fire risk and that we have our fire plans ready to enact should the need arise. Preparing our properties will assist in minimising harm to ourselves, our homes and businesses and to our wildlife and pets. We know our professional firefighters and our volunteer emergency services will be at the ready – so let's make their job easier and safer.

In closing, to our other volunteers across the community we look forward to your continuing contribution as you pursue your passions in the many and varied fields of endeavour that you have chosen. You all make a world of difference each and every day.

I extend the best wishes of Elected Members and staff as we move forward on a broad front that clearly demonstrates our capacity for growth and reflects our position as one of the most progressive local governments in Australia - we live in a great City, just turn the pages in this publication to see.

Logan K Howlett, JP Mayor

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Council Meeting Dates 2017

Agendas will be available at the City's Administration Building in Spearwood, at the Coolbellup and Success Libraries, and on the City's website, **cockburn.wa.gov.au** prior to the meeting.

Month	Date	Meeting	Time
February	7	Annual General Meeting of Electors	7pm
	9	Ordinary Council Meeting	7pm
March	9	Ordinary Council Meeting	7pm
	16	Audit & Strategic Finance Committee Meeting	6pm
April	13	Ordinary Council Meeting	7pm
May	11	Ordinary Council Meeting	7pm
June	8	Ordinary Council Meeting	7pm
July	13	Ordinary Council Meeting	7pm
	20	Audit & Strategic Finance Committee Meeting	6pm
August	10	Ordinary Council Meeting	7pm
September	14	Ordinary Council Meeting	7pm
October	12	Ordinary Council Meeting	7pm
November	9	Ordinary Council Meeting	7pm
	16	Audit & Strategic Finance Committee Meeting	6pm
December	14	Ordinary Council Meeting	7pm

The Annual Report is now out! Visit **cockburn.wa.gov.au** to download a copy or visit the City's Administration Building or one of its libraries to view a copy.

Junior Sport Travel Assistance – helping to create champions!

The City recently hosted an event to celebrate local junior athletes who represented WA or Australia in their chosen sport in 2016.

The athletes and their families were presented with Certificates of Achievement and heard from guest



speaker, former Fremantle Dockers captain Peter Bell, who shared his own inspirational stories of sporting challenge and triumph.

Countless local junior athletes have achieved their sporting dreams since the City of Cockburn began providing travel grants 25 years ago.

Since 1992, the City has granted nearly \$1 million to junior sportspeople as part of its Junior Sports Travel Assistance Program. The program helps aspiring athletes overcome the financial cost of travelling to compete at high levels.

In 2016, 86 successful applicants received travel grants to help them compete in a variety of sports including ice hockey, baseball, table tennis, ballroom dancing, and equestrian.

For more information about this program email recreation@cockburn.wa.gov.au or visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/JSTA

Cockburn Youth Services

skate2clean - WIN an event or \$200 youcher!

Users of the three concrete skate parks in Cockburn are urged to come clean this summer for a competition of a different kind.

The skate2clean initiative aims to encourage users of skate parks in Spearwood, Atwell and Coolbellup to keep them free of litter and vandalism.

Beginning last November, the campaign continues until March with the City's





ARC solar stats

When the rooftop photovoltaic solar

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system is installed at Cockburn ARC, it will:

- Generate energy equivalent to taking 416 cars off the road each year
- Create energy equivalent to powering 266 homes annually
- Reduce greenhouse gas emission equivalent to planting 168 trees a year
- Include 3,592 280W solar panels
- Span 6,841m² about a third the size of the co-located Fremantle Football Club 19,926m² oval.



environment and waste teams scoring each park for tidiness. The overall winning skate park will earn a special event in April.

Using the hashtags #atwellskate2clean #coobieskate2clean and #spearwoodskate2clean participants can post images and videos of their skate park on social media. The Instagram post with the most likes will win a \$200 skate youcher.

NEW after school programs

A new set of after school programs have begun for those aged 10-17. The music and rock academies are expected to be very popular so budding musicians should contact the centre quickly to secure a spot.

National Youth Week – an event like no other!

Cockburn Youth Centre will be teaming up with a number of local community groups to host an event never seen before in Cockburn during National Youth Week, 31 March – 9 April.

Email us at youth@cockburn.wa.gov.au to join our mailing list and receive updates on National Youth Week and other events scheduled for 2017.

Blissco Mobile Youth Services

Blissco Mobile Youth Services have started up again and have been visiting a range of local parks throughout the City.

Our Blissco team visits three locations every week to provide sports, games, arts, crafts and cooking activities for local youths between 3.30 – 6.30pm.

On Mondays the team are at Botany Park in Hammond Park. On Tuesdays they are at Lakelands Reserve in South Lake, and on Wednesdays, Beeliar Reserve in Beeliar.

Call 9411 3888 or email youth@cockburn.wa.gov.au for more information about Cockburn Youth Services programs.

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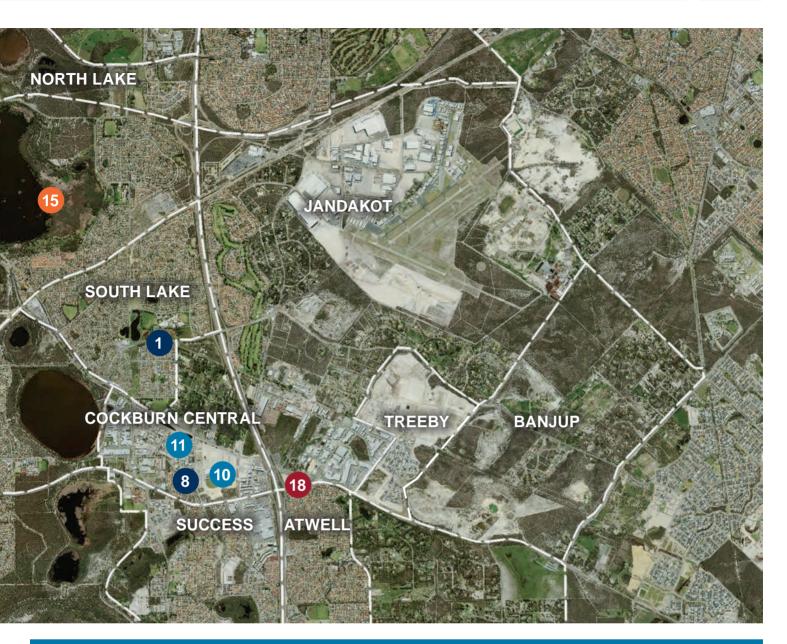


PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

- 1 South Lake precinct upgrade & development
- New City of Cockburn depot
- 3 CY O'Connor Beach protection works
- New Visko Park Bowling & Recreation Centre
- 5 Jarvis Park upgrade
- Hobbs Park and Isted Reserve upgrade
- Doherty Park upgrade
- 8 North Lake Road landscaping
- **9** ` New Davilak Oval and Edwardes Reserve Nature Play

Want to know more? Visit cockburn.wa.gov.au





PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED

- 10 New Cockburn Aquatic and Recreation Centre (ARC)
- 11 New Community Mens Shed
- 12 New Coogee Maritime Trail
- 13 New Manning Stairs (West)

MANAGEMENT PLANS COMPLETED/TO COMMENCE

- 14 North Coogee Foreshore Management Plan
- 15 Bibra Lake Management Plan
- 16 Coogee Beach Management Plan

MAJOR ROADWORKS

- 17 Rockingham Road reconstruction
- 18 New traffic lights at Gibbs and Lyon Road

Hip Happenings at Cockburn Seniors Centre

Tea Dance

Lace up your dancing shoes and shimmy on down to Cockburn Seniors Centre for the annual tea dance hosted by local dance doven Shirley Bickley, and live music by Satin Doll. Afternoon tea is provided. Wednesday, 15 February, 1.30 – 4pm. Cost – \$8.

Livelighter Seniors Activity Information Day

The Seniors Recreation Council provides recreational activities and information for Seniors. Join them for a free information day which includes morning tea and lunch. The session will take place in the upstairs conference room at Cockburn Integrated Health Facility, 11 Wentworth Parade, Success. Wednesday, 15 March 10am – 1pm.



Songs from the fabulous 50s

Agelink Theatre will be presenting songs from a range of fabulous 50s musicals including Guys and Dolls, Call Me Madam, Kismet, West Side Story, Calamity Jane and more. Morning tea included. Friday, 31 March 1.15pm. Cost – \$5.

Information Seminar – What are MOOCs?

Find out about the world of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCS) and opportunities for ongoing learning. Includes free morning tea. Monday, 20 February, 10am.

Advanced Care Planning Seminar

Palliative Care WA will present two seminars on how to plan for our final years, and how to start the conversation with your family. Topics will include Wills and Enduring Power of Attorney, Voluntary Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide, Advanced Care Directives, Enduring Power of Guardianship and more. Morning tea included. Thursdays 16 & 23 March, 9am – midday.

To book, call 9411 3877 or email csc@cockburn.wa.gov.au

Let's Keep Our Verges Clean

The City of Cockburn is passionate about sustainable living and reducing waste. To assist our residents, the City provides a number of verge collections throughout the year.



Can't wait for a verge pickup? Every household in the City receives six trailer passes per year so you can take any additional waste to the Henderson Waste Recovery Park. Useable items are separated and on-sold through the Recycle Shop.

Illegal dumping costs our ratepayers thousands of dollars every year. To ensure your verge items are collected, place your waste on the verge by 6am on the scheduled start date for your area (including public holidays).

For more information, visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/waste

Community Connect South



Fix Traffic Congestion this Election

Traffic is the biggest issue in Cockburn, with residents and the business community telling us it's their #1 priority to fix.

Build Armadale Rd Bridge

In the lead-up to the March State election, the Cities of Armadale and Cockburn have launched phase 3 of the Community Connect South campaign to secure funding to fix traffic congestion with the much-needed Armadale Road Bridge.

Traffic is getting worse

- Armadale Road and Cockburn Central are the #1 location for traffic congestion in Perth's southern suburbs
- Armadale Road and Cockburn Central are the 7th most congested traffic hotspots in Perth
- More than 100,000 vehicles travel through Cockburn Central daily
- An additional 50,000 cars are expected to travel through Cockburn Central daily in the next 5 years.

How will the bridge reduce traffic congestion?

- Will allow traffic to bypass Cockburn Central, making it easier to access Kwinana Freeway and Cockburn Central train station
- Will create 3 new entry points to Cockburn Central train station, meaning less time stuck in traffic.

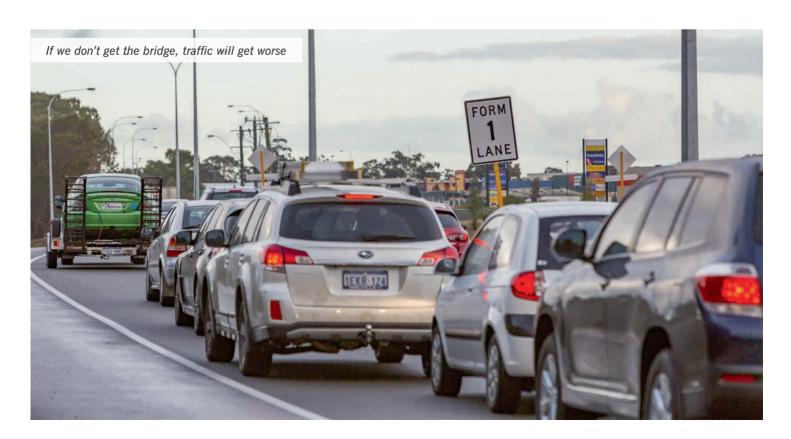
The bridge will allow better access to employment, services and facilities for residents, including further development of Cockburn Gateway Shopping City.

If we don't get Armadale Road Bridge, Cockburn Central will not cope with the predicted increase in vehicles travelling daily through the area.

What can you do?

Tell your State politician to fix traffic congestion in the area this March election.





Cockburn Community Events

cockburn.wa.gov.au/events



Feb

Cockburn's Got Talent - Heat 1

Cockburn Gateway Shopping City, Success 6.30 - 8.30pm

25 Feb

Dami Im with The Fisherboys

Success Regional Sporting Facility 7 – 9.30pm *free shuttle bus available*

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Feb

Salty Fest Coogee Maritime Dive Trail Launch

Cnr Socrates and Napoleon Pde, North Coogee 10am - 2pm

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Mar

David Campbell with PROOF Manning Park, Hamilton Hill 7 - 8.30 pm

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Mar

Cockburn's Got Talent - Heat 2 Cockburn Youth Centre, Success 6.30 - 8.30pm

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The Park Pop Up Bibra Lake Playground, Bibra Lake 10am - midday

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Hello Baby Manning Park, Hamilton Hill 10am - 12.30pm

And the winner of the City's Events Guide Competition is...!

Jandakot resident, Tina Cope is the winner of the City of Cockburn Events Guide competition. Participants were asked to give feedback on our new Events Guide brochure which all residents received via post in October 2016. Tina's entry:

With this amazing guide – now my summer is planned, There's Carols at Christmas, mystery artists and bands. Ponies and critters, they're all "Popping Up", And games for my little ones – and for me – all grown up. For the Rotary Fair Family Fun I am ready, Face paint and picnics – Oh, must bring Teddy. Amazing sporting and concert facilities, Providing celebrations for all abilities. I'll see singing, dancing, many skills performed, Thank you Cockburn for keeping me informed. The Community will come from far and wide, Thanks to the greatest Events Fold Out Guide.

Tina and her husband Roy will be travelling in style to the Community Concert on Saturday, 25 February by limo where they will have VIP backstage passes to see Dami Im. Congratulations!





Comment on Cockburn

Do you want to provide feedback and be part of the decision making process in what's happening in your community? Then sign up to Comment on Cockburn, the City's community engagement website **comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au**

Become a member of the City's community of trusted, local advisors. Find out about or provide input to a wide range of topics including:

- Dogs & beaches
- Community markets

- Parks & playground equipment
- Town planning projects
- Roadworks in your area

Registration is easy. Join today! We want to provide opportunities for you to be informed, be involved and be part of the decision making in relation to your community.



Fund your community

A variety of grants are available to residents and community groups, with applications open until 31 March 2017.

Community Grants help community organisations deliver projects or activities that benefit Cockburn residents.

Sponsorship for Groups and Individuals is a partnership where the City contributes financially to a project and, in return, the recipient publicly promotes the City's contribution. Applications for Individual Sponsorship are accepted year-round.

Donations are available to local benevolent organisations to help with day-to-day running costs.

For further information, email communitygrants@cockburn.wa.gov.au or call 9411 3444.

Cultural Grants support organisations involved in local arts and cultural activities.

Youth Art Scholarships assists local residents who are under 18 to study or travel in relation to their art.

For further information, email culturalgrants@cockburn.wa.gov.au or call 9411 3444.

Visit **cockburn.wa.gov.au/grants** to download an application form.

The City has also partnered with Alcoa and Fremantle Ports to offer two additional funding opportunities for not-for-profit groups.

The Alcoa Cockburn Community Projects Fund supports community-driven projects such as the Karri-wongin event in 2016 that celebrated the significance of the Cockburn lakes area.

The Fremantle Ports Cockburn Community Projects Fund supports youth and environmental projects, such as the annual Youth Visual and Performing Arts Festival.

Not-for-profit groups can submit applications for a variety of projects throughout the year.

For more information email communitydevelopment@cockburn.wa.gov.au or call 9411 3444.

Councillors' Corner

Deputy Mayor Carol Reeve-Fowkes

It was very rewarding to see such a huge turnout of residents from Hamilton Hill and North Coogee at the recent Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB) Public Meeting. Our Residents irrefutably demonstrated that the vast majority do not want to be ripped out of Cockburn and absorbed into Fremantle. The LGAB was in no doubt about the overwhelming community endorsement to remain within Cockburn.

Residents clearly stated they enjoyed the facilities and amenities that Cockburn provided and they doubted they could be replicated within Fremantle. Cockburn residents didn't want to lose their Family, Seniors and Children's Services, or their free tip passes, or potentially pay higher rates, nor did they want to lose their historical and family connections with Cockburn and so much more.

I want to say a very big thank you to all who turned out to the Public Meeting and also to everyone that took the time to make submissions on this very important issue.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and healthy 2017.

Cr Steve Portelli

There are many challenges for Councillors, one of which is to reflect the community's values and needs. We are merely residents who have developed support from various organisations. These contacts allow us an insight into what the community values, from fixing traffic congestion to increasing housing supply, whether it be high density or not, to putting in new roads and other types of infrastructure.

It is a balancing act in terms of the environment versus development. I urge everyone to have their say. From Roe 8 to dog exercise areas, there are some real challenges that need to be considered. I believe our community is hungry for information. Without it, you can't have an informed debate. If you want to have your say on what's happening in your community, speak to your local residents association or check out **comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au**

If you want to make a difference within our community, run for Council this October. Contact the City for more information on the process. New blood and new ideas are welcome.

CITY OF COCKBURN WARD BOUNDARIES

West Ward: Coogee, North Coogee, Hamilton Hill, Spearwood

East Ward: Atwell, Aubin Grove, Banjup, Cockburn Central, Hammond Park, Jandakot, Leeming, South Lake, Success, Treeby
Central Ward: Beeliar, Bibra Lake, Coolbellup, Henderson, Munster, North Lake, Wattleup, Yangebup



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