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Message from the Mayor

The City of Cockburn RSL Sub Branch ANZAC Youth Parade and Service will be held on Wednesday 11 April. It will commence at 9.45am with a parade from the City's Administration Building in Spearwood, followed by the official service at the RSL Memorial Park – Field of Poppies, Spearwood Avenue at 10am. I encourage members of our community to attend this service and to hear the speeches made by students from schools across our district.

On ANZAC Day, Wednesday 25 April, the City of Cockburn RSL Sub Branch will be conducting a dawn service from 5.45am at the Hamilton Hill Memorial and a march and service commencing around 10am at the same venue. Members of the public are encouraged to attend each service in support of our veterans, their families and our serving men and women who are currently in war zones or providing peace-keeping services in various parts of the world. Plan early for both events as street closures are in place given the increasing numbers turning out for these services.

In addition, an ANZAC Day memorial service will be held at Banjup Memorial Park near the corner of Armadale and Warton roads at 8.30am. With the support of the Jandakot Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, Atwell Scout Group and the Banjup Residents Group, this event continues to grow in attendance and reflects the uniqueness of this memorial.

On behalf of the elected members and staff, I take this opportunity to convey our best wishes to your family and friends and trust that you have an enjoyable Easter. I remind drivers to be extra vigilant on the roads during the forthcoming school holiday period. A special message to our younger drivers to take care of themselves and their passengers in what can be hectic times on our roads.

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Ging Mo Chinese Lion Dancers will perform at this year's Cultural Fair, Saturday 7 April



The amigos from Muchos Mariachi

A Celebration of All Cultures

Get ready for an eclectic program of arts, music and hospitality at Harmony Oval, Atwell.

The Cultural Fair will celebrate the City's rich cultural tapestry with a vibrant display of costumes and music and will feature more than 20 groups from diverse backgrounds.

In 2016 20% of people in the City of Cockburn came from countries where English is not their first language.

Event and Cultural Coordinator Marie La Frenais says events such as the Cultural Fair celebrate Cockburn's

diversity and create a better appreciation and understanding of cultures through food and performance.

"Growing up in Cockburn with a mix of nationalities, I understand the important of keeping my heritage alive. But it's also important to learn about other nationalities and their cultures."

The Cultural Fair is the City's largest free cultural community festival and is proudly focused on accessibility and inclusivity.

Cockburn Cultural Fair presented by LiveLighter.



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Top Cultural Fair tips

- More than 4,000 people are expected to attend the Cultural Fair
- Walking, riding or using public transport will be the easiest way to get to the event
- Be sun smart and pack a hat and sunscreen
- A water bottle filling station will be available
- Activities are free, however bring cash on the day to use at the stalls!

Must-see Cultural Fair highlights

- Noted for their colourful and elaborate costuming, Selendang Sutra, Perth's original traditional Indonesian dance troupe, will perform dances reflecting the rich cultural diversity of Indonesia, with origins of some of the dances traced back centuries
- Get ready for an energetic performance from Ging Mo Lion Dancers, who will showcase their unique and flamboyant lion dancing ceremony
- Get into fiesta mode with the amigos from Muchos Mariachi with their spectacular and authentic mariachi performance!

Mud Pie, Anyone?

In our digital world where nature play is fundamental to children's development, the City is working with associations to encourage children to put down the smartphone and get their hands dirty.

This Mother's Day, Nature Play WA and the City are excited to present Mudder's Day, a day of free, messy, family fun. This enormously fun and interactive event provides families with the opportunity to spend time together in nature with muddy activities including mud kitchens, mud sculpting, muddy puddles, a mud-stacle course and slide, mud masks for mum or dad and a muddy treasure hunt.

Research suggests that mud offers many physical and psychological benefits for children such as an increase in brain activity through use of multiple senses and an increase in physical activity – plus much more.



Get muddy this Mother's Day, Sunday 13 May

Nature Play WA CEO Griffin Longley says, "Nature play is all about kids mucking around outside. It is as simple as that. But it is also fundamentally important to the health and wellbeing of every kid. It is as important as eating and sleeping well."

"When kids muck around outside it not only helps their fitness and coordination, it also helps build their immune system, social and emotional development, resilience, creativity and it protects them against mental health disorders. Our kids need time for free play outdoors and to be exposed to nature as much as possible to reach their full potential and most importantly to be happy."

Through outdoor unstructured play, children build strength in fitness and resilience, as well as social and emotional skills and creativity.

"Not only is mud fun, it's also good for you!" Griffin says.

"Exposure to mud is a great opportunity for kids to engage their senses and experience something new."

➤ Get muddy at Mudder's Day on Sunday 13 May! For more information, go to page 9, or to book, go to ticketbooth.com.au/CityofCockburn

Nature Time, Party Time!

Passionate environmental crusaders, Sustainability Officers Jennifer Harrison and Alana Austen are helping teach parents how to host children's parties that won't cost or hurt the earth.

"Kids birthdays are wonderful fun, but they can also generate a tonne of waste!" Jennifer says. "The vast quantity of single-use disposable plastic that gets thrown into the bin is bad news for the environment."

"Eco-friendly parties are about connecting back into the heart

of each celebration and cutting down on unnecessary waste."

The workshop is interactive and participants will learn how to design a beautiful party table and get a range of ideas for unique party favours, party food and games. Participants will also be given an eco-friendly checklist to take home.

The focus is on health, minimising plastic and reducing waste.

Alana says it is about being resourceful and creative while creating a memorable celebration.

As a core value, the City recognises that it has a responsibility to work for the wellbeing of our communities and the environment.

"It is about making decisions that consider both the current and future generations."

Learn more at the Eco-Friendly Kids Parties workshop on Saturday 26 May. For more information, go to page 9, or to book, go to ticketbooth.com.au/CityofCockburn



Grab Your Free Native Plant!

During the month of May, local native plants are available to City of Cockburn residents for their gardens at subsidised prices as part of the Native Plant Subsidy Scheme. Residents can purchase up to 20 plants per household.

The Apace Community Revegetation Nursery specialises in the supply of locally occurring species of the Swan Coastal Plain and Darling Range. The nursery currently produces more than half a million plants and provides a selection of 260 different species.

To redeem this offer, visit the Apace Community Revegetation Nursery at 1 Johannah St, North Fremantle with proof of address.

Find out more at cockburn.wa.gov.au/environment



5 Mins with Cr Chontelle Sands

How long have you lived in the City of Cockburn?

I have lived in the area for about 10 years. I wanted to raise my family close to schools, a house in a cul-de-sac with a big backyard and room to move. As an ex-country girl, I was also looking for something that was as close to natural bushlands as possible to give my kids a taste of the country lifestyle I had grown up in. I found all this and more in Yangebup, and am blessed to live on a wonderful street with fantastic neighbours.

How did you become involved in the community?

I joined the local P&C and school board at Yangebup to meet other

parents and help out the school. I realised that I really enjoy helping people, and wanted to assist residents not just in Yangebup but in the whole of Cockburn.

What do you love most about the City of Cockburn?

The thing I love most about Cockburn is the people, and our strong sense of community. We get so much support from Council: free tip passes, awesome amenities, free workshops and events, and assistance for our volunteer groups! Not every Council is as proactive with the investment of rates back into the community, we are very privileged to live in a such a progressive area.

Reno Rumble for Spearwood Library!

Check out the vibrant new Spearwood Library which has recently been renovated! As well as a fresh new interior, the library now has more training facilities, a dedicated quiet reading room, a fun space for children and more lounge and study areas.

Find out more at cockburnlibraries.com.au





An improved road network will help create a connected city

Building Our Future: A Connected City

As the City continues to grow, upgrading and developing new infrastructure is key to improving traffic flow, with some major projects underway to address safety and congestion.

The City's annual Community Scorecard Survey demonstrated that traffic remains the number one priority issue for residents and business. To address this, the City continues to prioritise investments in its road programs and advocate for improvements to public transport.

Russell Road - \$1.7m

With funding from the City and the State Government, the intersection of Russell Road and Hammond Road will be reconstructed to create a four-way roundabout.

Spearwood Avenue - \$3.7m

The City is widening Spearwood Avenue in Yangebup from two lanes to four lanes from Beelihar Drive to Yangebup Drive, including the reconstruction of several intersections.

Jandakot Road - \$180k

Under the Black Spot program, a second approach lane will be added on Jandakot Road near Warton Road to serve as a left-turn slip with a give way sign.

Spearwood Avenue - \$173k

Under the Black Spot program, right-turn arrows will be installed at the traffic lights at Spearwood Avenue and Rockingham Road to control right-turns from east and west approaches.

Armadale Road

Due for completion by late 2019, the State Government has started construction to upgrade a 6.9km section of Armadale Road from Tapper Road to Warton Road to a dual carriageway in each direction. Currently used by 27,000 vehicles a day, this will provide better access to new residential developments, Cockburn train station, Cockburn Gateway Shopping Centre and the Jandakot Industrial Area.

Murdoch Drive

The State Government has started construction on the Murdoch Drive Connection which extends Murdoch Drive south from Farrington Road to connect to the Roe Highway and Kwinana Freeway.

Find out more at mainroads.wa.gov.au

Find out more at cockburn.wa.gov.au/projects



The City has asked the State Government to investigate short-medium term reuse options for South Fremantle Power Station

More Realistic Plan Urged for Iconic Power Station

The City will ask the State Government to replace plans for full restoration of South Fremantle Power Station with a more financially affordable solution that would halt its deterioration and open it up to the public in the short to medium term.

Landcorp's 2014 redevelopment master plan for the iconic building includes total reconstruction and restoration to the standard of a substantial residential development, plus relocation of the adjacent electricity switching yard.

But the City says full realisation of coastal development in North Coogee between South Beach and Port Coogee will never be realised while the building remains a blight on the landscape because the master plan's financial viability may take several years to be feasible.

The City supports investigating adaptation of the building for use as public space that sensitively and authentically embraces its 34 years as a power station and the past 32 years as an abandoned ruin much-loved by the community which can only access it illegitimately.

A City planning report advocates for minimal intervention to the place including stabilisation of the structure and maintaining key sections without the burden of cost that full restoration would demand.

The building's significant fabric would be conserved while the degraded roof structure would be removed, creating flexible spaces to accommodate permanent and non-permanent structures for commercial use such as cafes and shops.

Restoration work would include lighting to showcase the building's cathedral-like spaces, austere interior, raw materials and design, and highlight the urban art for which it has become famous.

The redevelopment would recognise the distinctive landmark's industrial heritage, tracing its lifecycle from a power station to its abandonment and decay.

Green and hard landscaping would add recreational amenity and reflect the site's reclamation by nature and the community.

Some future uses could include playgrounds, outdoor cinema, art displays, BMX events, functions and performances.



Little Green Thumbs Up!

City funding is giving businesses a boost to help young children care for people and the environment.

Teddy Bear Corner has incorporated sustainable practices at its Hamilton Hill day care centre as a result of workshops held by Little Green Steps WA, including composting and worm farming, reducing the waste they produce and the energy they use and have also introduced a Reconciliation Action Plan.

Little Green Steps WA Education Officer Kylie Hosking said the funding had helped the centre offer workshops to local early childhood staff.

"We assist educators to run their service in a way that reduces their ecological footprint and increases their social handprint – including supporting child wellbeing, learning about and incorporating many cultures and contributing to their community."

Kylie said that working with the City has resulted in early childhood services implementing significant changes including reducing water use, introducing vegetable gardening, using 'green cleaning' methods and celebrating cultures.

For more information about grants and funding, visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/grants

Events Calendar

Find more great events and book at cockburn.wa.gov.au/events



19 April

Mums N Bubs Nature Hike

25 April

ANZAC Day

Saturday 7 April

Cockburn Cultural Fair

2-6pm, Harmony Oval, Atwell, Free
Bring the whole family and be inspired by the diversity of foods and culture right on our doorstep.

Saturday 7 April

Worm Farm Workshop

10.30am-12.30pm, Bibra Lake Community Centre, Bibra Lake, \$5
Worms are a great way to convert your kitchen food waste into fertiliser. Get the whole kit and caboodle of worm farming with a hands-on demo.

Bookings are essential at ticketbooth.com.au/CityofCockburn

Wednesday 11 April

ANZAC Youth Parade and Service

9.30am, Schools form up at City of Cockburn, Spearwood, Free
The march to RSL Memorial Park commences at 9.45am followed by a 10am Service at RSL Memorial Park, Spearwood Avenue.

Wednesday 11 April

Mums N Bubs Nature Hike

10am-12noon, Banksia Eucalypt Woodland Park, Aubin Grove, \$5
Get your boots on, strap on your baby carrier for this pram-friendly guided bushland adventure.
Bookings are essential at ticketbooth.com.au/CityofCockburn

Saturday 14 – Sunday 22 April

Show Off 14

10am-3pm, Memorial Hall, Hamilton Hill, Free
Explore the hidden and not-so-hidden talents of Cockburn artists in this free art exhibition.

Saturday 14 – Sunday 29 April

Youth Centre School Holiday Program

Various activities and times, Cockburn Youth Centre, Success
Make sure to check out all the cool things on offer these school holidays.

Monday 16 April

Healthy Teeth and Mouth

9.30am, Cockburn Seniors Centre, Spearwood, Free
Looking after your mouth is important, find out what you can do to keep your pearly whites shining and gums healthy. Bookings are essential on 08 9411 3444.

Monday 16 – Friday 27 April

Rocket into Space with Cockburn Libraries

All Cockburn Libraries, Free
Explore our solar system and beyond at Cockburn Libraries these school holidays. Build a rocket, discover planets, and more!
Registrations open 2 April at library.cockburn.wa.gov.au

Monday 16 – Friday 27 April

Get Wild About Wetlands (GWAW) and Native ARC

Various programs, times and cost, Hope Rd, Bibra Lake

GWAW bookings are essential at ticketbooth.com.au/CityofCockburn, to book Native ARC programs email education@nativearc.org.au

Wednesdays 18 and 25 April

Azelia Ley Museum School Holiday Activities

10am-1pm, Azelia Ley Museum, Hamilton Hill, \$2
Family fun for school age children, Seek & Find Activity sheets provided. Must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday 19 April

Regional Resource Recovery Centre Tour

1.30-4pm, Meet at City of Cockburn, Spearwood, Free
Our community bus will take you to visit the RRRRC in Canning Vale where you can see what happens to your waste and see first-hand how recycling works.
Bookings are essential at ticketbooth.com.au/CityofCockburn



Dawn Service and Parade



26 May

Eco-Friendly Kids Parties

Saturday 21 April

Creating Cockatoo-Friendly Spaces

Bibra Lake Community Centre, Bibra Lake, Free

Listen to Dr. Christine Groom as she shares her stories of her time studying these charismatic birds.

Bookings are essential at ticketbooth.com.au/CityofCockburn

Wednesday 25 April

ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Parade

Dawn Service 5.45am, Memorial Hall, Hamilton Hill followed by ANZAC Parade and Service at 10am, Free

Roads affected - Rockingham Road and Carrington Street in the area surrounding Memorial Hall and the RSL on Frederick Road, Hamilton Hill.

Sunday 29 April

Azalia Ley Museum Heritage Festival

10am-4.30pm Manning Park, Hamilton Hill, Free

Come and see where many locals and clubs come to display their working old machinery, cars, trucks and tractors in the Museum grounds.

Wednesday 2 May

Nature Story Time

9.30-11am Spearwood Library, 9 Coleville Cres. Spearwood, Free

Children and families are invited to enjoy stories and music about the Australian bush. Using natural materials you can recreate the story.

Bookings are essential at ticketbooth.com.au/CityofCockburn

Saturday 5 May

Feel Good Pop Up

10am-12noon, Cockburn Gateway Shopping City Amphitheatre, Success

Get all the latest information on how to get healthy and stay healthy including professional health advice from an onsite Dietician, kids physical health activities and more.

Sunday 13 May

Nature Play Mudder's Day

10am-3pm Manning Park, Hamilton Hill, Free

A free day of messy, family fun celebrating outdoor play on Mother's Day!

Bookings are essential at trybooking.com/SZSQ or call Nature Play WA on 08 9389 4056.

Wednesday 16 May

Healthy Lifestyles Expo for Over 50s

10am-2pm, Cockburn Health and Community Facility, Success, Free
Get all the information you need all under one roof including information on healthy living, retirement options, and you can even try out some yoga on the day.

Thursday 17 May

Worm Farm Workshop

6-8pm Atwell Community Centre, Atwell, \$5

This workshop is part of the 'Organic Cockburn' resident subsidy program. You can buy a subsidised worm farm!

Bookings are essential at ticketbooth.com.au/CityofCockburn

Friday 18 May

Family Dance Event

5.30-7.30pm, Len Packham Community Centre, Coolbellup, Free

Bring your favourite dance moves and enjoy a family night out at this well-loved dance event. Register on 08 9411 3444.

Saturday 26 May

Eco-Friendly Kids Parties

1-3pm Cockburn Health and Community Facility, Success, \$5

Learn how to create a beautiful, environmentally-friendly birthday party for your child.

Bookings are essential at ticketbooth.com.au/CityofCockburn

Cockburn Adopts Its Third Reconciliation Action Plan

The City of Cockburn has adopted its third Reconciliation Action Plan to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people achieve equality in all aspects of life.

The City of Cockburn was the first Perth metropolitan Local Government to have a Reconciliation Action Plan endorsed by Reconciliation Australia in 2011.

It is one of just three of WA's 138 local governments embarking on the third phase of developing a RAP, which aims to implement longer-term strategies that achieve equality by using measurable goals and targets.

Some of the actions in the 2018-2021 RAP include establishing an Aboriginal Cultural and Community Centre, developing a policy to increase Aboriginal employment at the City, Aboriginal cultural learning activities for City staff and elected members, and consideration of dual signage and naming of locations with an Aboriginal name.

The plan will also enable the City to

notify the Australian Government of the findings of the Council-endorsed consultation with the Cockburn Aboriginal Reference Group and the wider Aboriginal community about Australia Day activities.

The City will advise the Australian Government that the consultation findings represent the opinion of the Cockburn Aboriginal community, and not the City itself.

It will further advise it does not hold a position on or will debate changing the date of Australia Day until broader consultation with the local non-Aboriginal community on the issue has taken place.

The question of whether the date of the City of Cockburn's Coogee Beach Fest Event should change to a day other than 26 January, will be referred to the City's Community Events Committee for consideration and recommendation to a future Council meeting in the context of developing the City's annual Events Calendar.

Extraordinary Election

Residents in the City's east ward will have an Extraordinary Election (postal) on Wednesday 2 May to vote in a new councillor. The suburbs of the East Ward are:

- Atwell
- Aubin Grove
- Banjup
- Hammond Park
- Jandakot
- Leeming (south of Farrington Road)
- Success
- Treeby

Eligible residents are encouraged to take the time to vote for a candidate of their choice.

Candidate details and other information on the election are contained in the package recently sent to eligible electors by the WA Electoral Commission and on the City of Cockburn website.

cockburn.wa.gov.au/election

It's Your Move

Schools and workplaces can now join Your Move, an online network encouraging swapping just a few car trips a week for walking, cycling or catching public transport.

TravelSmart Officer Jillian Woolmer said the Your Move online community helped parents, teachers, students, workplaces and local government find parking, congestion, road safety and inactivity solutions by providing ideas and easy-to-follow examples.

Hamilton Hill resident, Kylie Murphy, is a Your Move advocate and rides 4km with her daughters to school.

"We ride to school occasionally. Our son Sam can't ride, so it involves a split drop off. We carpool twice a week with our neighbours so it's not as complex as it sounds. One adult takes the two younger ones in the car and the other adult rides with the two older ones."

Schools and workplaces that join Your Move in the City of Cockburn will also have access to free bike courses.

For more information, email cycling@cockburn.wa.gov.au and join Cockburn Bicycle User Group at facebook.com/groups/cobug

 It's your move! Join at yourmove.org.au



5 Mins with Cr Michael Separovich

How long have you lived in the City of Cockburn?

I have lived in Munster and Spearwood my entire life. My ‘baba’ (grandmother) and ‘dida’ (grandfather) moved to Cockburn in 1959.

What inspired you to become a Councillor?

I have never been consciously trying to be in or at the front of the community, merely being a part of it. I have spent the last decade working in retail and you can’t spend all day helping people and not end up community-minded!

It was pure chance that I was looking for a job at the time when I nominated back in the 2013 election. I stumbled across the electoral commission website and the nomination process intrigued me so I thought I would just give it a go. I am not driven by a political ideology or issue. I’m used to retail, Cockburn has people who want help, and that’s a job I can do.

What do you love most about the City of Cockburn?

Apart from the physical Cockburn, like Coogee beach, the market gardens or even the powerhouse, or the typical “I love the people” answer, I’d like to say I love that all this was possible at all.

Your Elected Members



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City of Cockburn Wards

● **Central**

Beliar, Bibra Lake, Cockburn Central, Coolbellup, Munster, North Lake, South Lake, Wattleup, Yangebup

● **East**

Atwell, Aubin Grove, Banjup, Hammond Park, Jandakot, Leeming, Success, Treeby

● **West**

Coogee, Hamilton Hill, Henderson, Munster, North Coogee, Spearwood

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SHOW OFF

An exhibition of Cockburn Artists

14 – 22 April

Memorial Hall, Cnr Carrington St & Rockingham Rd, Hamilton Hill

Open daily for public viewing 10am – 3pm

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