

# Cockburn Soundings

JANUARY 2009

## Pinakarri Community wins inaugural Sustainability Awards

The Pinakarri Community in Hamilton Hill has been awarded the Gold Award as the winner of the City of Cockburn's "A Better Tomorrow" Sustainability Awards for 2008.

In addition to solar passive housing, the Pinakarri community has installed a greywater reuse system, the first of its kind in Cockburn that sees waste water collected from the bathroom and laundry in underground tanks, treated with ozone, and used to irrigate the garden and community orchard.

The community has also installed rainwater tanks with a total holding capacity of 14,000 litres and estimates it saves about 800,000 litres of water consumption per year.

Congratulations to the category winners in the awards, including:

### Environmental Wellbeing

- Harmony Primary School
- The Gerlach Family
- Faye and Edward Arcaro

### Community Wellbeing

- The Pinakarri Community
- Kerry Street Community School
- Emmanuel Catholic College

### Economic wellbeing

- The Organic Collective
- St Vincent de Paul Society
- Snack Box

The awards will be relaunched in February and are sponsored by the Cockburn Gazette and Cockburn Gateway Shopping City.

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## Look at what we're doing in 2009

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We want to make the City of Cockburn an even better place to live, work and visit.

To help us achieve this, we have some exciting new projects for 2009 that will add to the outstanding developments that have taken place in recent years throughout the Cockburn community.

The City of Cockburn has set aside around \$18 million to fund development in the areas that you consider most important, like urban renewal, improving our parks, our gardens and providing facilities for both young people and our senior citizens.

During 2009, keep an eye out for:

- Regional Community & Recreational sporting facility at Success;
- Renovation of the old Civic building into our new interim Seniors' Centre;
- Relocating the Cockburn Lawn Bowls Club to Visko Park;
- Aubin Grove Sports Grounds - providing much needed recreational facilities for Hammond Park, Success and Aubin Grove – three of our fastest growing communities.

The City has planted thousands of native seedlings through school and community planting dates and has invested \$120,000 on natural resource management in the 2008-09 budget. We have made improvements to our 'green' initiatives, as well as developing new environmental programs that will help reduce the City of Cockburn's carbon footprint.

We think this is a sound investment decision for the future.

The Waste Transfer Station at Henderson Waste Recovery Park is now open. This allows all residents to participate more actively in recycling, with staff on hand at the Station to advise and assist.

We take great pride in the way in which we make decisions and get on with the business of developing the City of Cockburn to ensure that it's a place we all want to live and work.

So while there are some in neighbouring Councils that like to talk about development, here in the City of Cockburn – we are actually making it happen.

As always, we welcome any feedback you may have, please feel free to contact us with your views.

*Below: Councillors Julie Baker, Ian Whitfield, Helen Atrill, Deputy Mayor Kevin Allen, Val Oliver, Sue Limbert and Carol Reeve-Fowkes. Absent: Tony Romano.*





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## Message from the Deputy Mayor



In the City of Cockburn we know how to throw a good party and you're all invited to join us for the 2009 Summer of Fun Free Community Concerts and Events.

The free concerts, which are being held at public parks throughout Cockburn, are put on by the City for your enjoyment and I encourage all residents to bring your friends and family along for a great night out.

We're very excited to bring Australian sensation Shannon Noll to Cockburn this year for the Regional Concert on Saturday, March 7. Shannon will perform his first free concert in WA and we're thrilled that it will be at the City of Cockburn.

The Summer of Fun series will finish up with one of the City's most popular events, the Coogee Beach Festival on March 15. Each year this festival grows in scope and popularity and I hope to see another record attendance this year.

2009 is proving to be a dynamic year for the City as we celebrate our 30th anniversary. This milestone is a real coming-of-age for Cockburn as we reflect on the achievements that have been reached as we have grown into a diverse and thriving community.

Soon the City will reveal its plans for the anniversary celebrations and we want to hear your ideas on how we should acknowledge this milestone.

Details on the Summer of Fun series and the 30 Year Anniversary are contained in this publication. As always if you have anything you would like to discuss with myself or your Elected Members please do not hesitate to be in touch. Our details are on the back of this publication.

Kevin Allen  
Deputy Mayor

## Enjoy summer at the Cockburn Tennis Club

What better way to enjoy this summer than to play a game of tennis at the Cockburn Tennis club.

For a special membership fee of \$25 you can join existing club days or start

your own. Alternatively the courts are available for casual hire.

Contact the club on 9337 3814 for more information or to join.



# 2009 Summer of Fun Free Community Events



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.

### Peace Love & All That Stuff

Saturday, 17 January 2009

Tod Johnson 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.

### A Night with the Stars

Saturday, 7 February 2009

Sing along to Freddie Mercury, Cher, Robbie Williams, Rod Stewart and more as one man brings you a night with the stars. At mellor park, Bibra Lake.

### 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 youth 'Go Fish'

A group of young Cockburn men cast off their day-to-day concerns and hooked themselves some positive advice and guidance from the City of Cockburn Youth Service's 'Go Fish' program.

The program was run in conjunction with Burdiya Aboriginal Youth Services and included fishing trips to local beaches, a tackle training night, a three-day fishing camp and fishing charter in Busselton.

City of Cockburn Youth Development Officer Paul De Bruin said by engaging young people in recreation, such as fishing, the City is able to develop positive

relationships, offer support and opportunities' for young people to engage in positive recreational pursuits.

The young men involved in 'Go Fish' were referred by the City's Youth Outreach and Community Youth Work programs and by Burdiya Youth Service

The program was made possible through the support of Ranger Outdoors O'Connor, who supplied the fishing equipment as well as hosting the tackle evening. The program was also supported by 'Cape Crusaders' Fishing Charters Busselton.





## Feedback sought on plans for Coolbellup town centre



The City of Cockburn is seeking community feedback as it reconsiders the future of the Town Centre, including the Coolbellup Shopping Centre.

In response to community concerns, the City has embarked on a consultation process to establish whether there is public support for redevelopment options for the site, which currently hosts a tavern, shopping precinct, day care centre and commercial space.

Copies of the brochure detail four possible scenarios for the shopping centre, which range from making no change to making significant changes, are available from the City's website and administration building.

The community feedback period will close on 6 February, 2009, before a report is compiled and submitted to the Cockburn Council for consideration.

## Have your say on Bibra Lake Management Plan

The City of Cockburn has released a draft management plan for Bibra Lake and is seeking community comment on the document.

The draft plan proposes 38 draft recommendations which take into account the area's cultural, environmental, tourism and potential commercial qualities and looks at the long-term management of the lake and surrounds.

Community feedback on the draft plan is open until the end of February 2009 when the Cockburn Council will consider all recommendations before adopting a final management plan. Get involved and have your say: the draft plan is available for viewing in Cockburn libraries, the City's website and at the Council Administration building.





## New Junior Indoor Soccer League

Register your indoor soccer team now for the South Lake Leisure Centre's new junior league.

The competition will be held in the Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 divisions on each Friday of school term starting 6 February, 2009. Fixtures will start from 4.30pm.

To register or for more information phone 9417 3003.

## Junior Soccer Clinic

Enrolments are now open for a Junior Soccer Clinic being held at the South Lake Leisure Centre.

The clinic is open for girls and boys aged 5 to 10 years and will teach the skills and rules of soccer via training drills and practice matches.

The ten week course costs \$68 and will run each Thursday during term one (5 February to 9 April) from 4pm to 5pm.

Register now by calling 9417 3003.

## New Year & A New Body

### Join Now & Save \$100\* No Joining Fees

Purchase a Full 12 Month Membership and receive a \$100 discount.

Membership Includes:

- Fully equipped gym and personalised program
- Pool, spa, sauna & steam room
- Group Fitness Classes
- Aquarobics Classes

**By Appointment Only.** Call 9417 3003 to get started and mention this ad. Offer expires 31/01/2009.

*\*Conditions Apply. New Members Only.*





# Celebrating Ability 2008

The City of Cockburn celebrated people living with disability at its annual Celebrating Ability event at Manning Park on Friday, 5 December.

Thousands of people including local schools joined City staff for a day of activities, dancing, entertainment, rides and giveaways.

The event is hosted by the City as part of the annual Summer of Fun community events calendar. Check out more local events at [www.summeroffun.com.au](http://www.summeroffun.com.au).



# Cockburn's Beach Trekker available for hire

With the support of the Coogee Beach Surf Lifesaving Club the City of Cockburn's Beach Trekker Wheelchair has entered its third summer of service.

The chair is specially designed with all-terrain wheels that can cope with loose sand, curbing and other obstacles. It's non-buoyant and remains manoeuvrable in the water. This versatility allows access to the beach for people who have not previously have been able to enjoy this environment.

Users will need an adult friend to help them push the chair, jump in and check the conditions and watch out for their safety. The volunteer lifesavers can help users get the chair but are responsible for general beach supervision.

The chair can be booked in advance or approach the lifesavers on a patrol day. For chair bookings contact the City's Booking Officer on 9411 3432 or for more information contact the Disability Access and Inclusion Officer 9411 3502.

### Need transport to community events?

The City of Cockburn would like to get everybody who is interested along to our free community events, such as the Summer of Fun concerts. If lack of transport is a barrier for someone who would like to be at these events please contact the Disability Access and Inclusion Officer on 9411 3502.





## Environmental Services – Calendar of Events 2009

The City will be hosting a range of events early this year so look out for further advertisements on Great Gardens Workshops, the Living Smart Program, community Revegetation opportunities and many more. To book your place call Environmental Services on 9411 3444.

### Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) Tour – 29 January 9am-1pm

The City will be hosting a free tour of this facility for interested community members. Tour highlights include the viewing of the:

**Waste Composting Facility (WCF)** - where the culmination of the green top bins is turned into compost

**Green Waste Facility (GWF)** – where 100% of green waste is mulched

**Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)** – where the yellow top bins are sorted into recyclables

The RRRC is set in lovely bushland settings with recycled art around the landscape, and morning tea will be provided on site. Visitors to the site will need to wear fully enclosed shoes. The City will provide water to participants.

### Minimising Your Xmas Paper Wastage

The joy of giving at Christmas encourages us to surprise loved ones with cards and wrapped gifts. However post Christmas we are left with a surprise of our own with a stash of cards and bundles of paper. Remember these quick rules about your xmas wastage:

1. Recycle unwanted cards and paper in your City of Cockburn yellow topped recycling bin.
2. Reuse your cards from 2008 and turn them into xmas cards for 2009 or gift tags by cutting out the pictures.
3. Reduce your wastage next year by using recycled paper, make your own paper, use smaller cards, send e-cards via e-mail, wrap multiple gifts together or decorate an xmas box and put all your loved ones' gifts in the box unwrapped!

### Get Wild About Wetlands Program

Join the Friends of the Cockburn Wetlands Centre and the City of Cockburn for more wetland activities in January. A donation of your choice will get you and your children into an Interactive Reptile Workshop or on a Guided Bird Watching Walk. Contact Denise at the Wetlands Centre on 0412 081 540 or email [denise@cockburnwetlands.org.au](mailto:denise@cockburnwetlands.org.au) for more information.

### Locals Get “Seedy”

The City of Cockburn hosted a seed collection workshop for current residents involved in the Landowner Biodiversity Conservation Grant Program. Residents learnt everything from legal requirements to collection and processing of native seed. Workshops associated with the grant program educate rural properties owners and provide skills to assist them with bushland and wetland management on their property. The 2009 grant round has closed but interested rural properties owners are encouraged to visit the City's website and learn about the program for future years [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au) – go to Council Services then Environment.



## New Years Resolution 2009 – Be Active!

The Be Active Cockburn website will be online from 1 January 2009, in time to inspire those with active New Years Resolutions.

Be inspired, motivated and informed by logging onto [www.beactivecockburn.com.au](http://www.beactivecockburn.com.au).

The site will include information of community events, motivational tips and stories, walking maps of the Cockburn area, self assessment tools and physical activity programs available in your local area.

Health tips for both active and inactive people will be available.

Be Active Cockburn is supported by the Premier's Physical Activity Taskforce, Lotterywest, WA Local



Governments Association and South Metropolitan Public Health Unit.

The Be Active Cockburn team would like to hear from members of the public about all matters relating to physical activity in the City of Cockburn. For more information log onto the website or 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**



## Joan Anderson is the City of Cockburn's 2008 Inspirational Volunteer

Veteran volunteer Joan Anderson has been awarded the City of Cockburn's 2008 Inspirational Volunteer Award for her 26 year commitment to the Activ Foundation's 'Sitter Service'.

Ms Anderson received her award at a presentation evening held on Friday, December 5, which was hosted by the City and coincided with Thank A Volunteer Day.

In presenting the award Deputy Mayor Kevin Allen described Joan as "dependable, reliable and positive" and acknowledged the assistance she has given to 130 families through the 'Sitter Service' program which provides in-home respite for families that have a child with an intellectual disability.

The award evening, which featured performances by local circus acts, was opened by the Hon. Robyn McSweeney, Minister for Child Protection, Community Services, Seniors and Volunteering who acknowledged and thanked the 57 award nominees and their families for their contribution to the Cockburn community.

Eight other awards were presented in categories that reflected commitments, scope and impact of volunteering in Cockburn. The winners of these awards were: Dorothy and George Staton, Gwen Roberts, Maria Brucciani, Del Smith, Glynnis McCann, Sheila Loveland, Dave Knowles and Max Freeman.

Joan Anderson



## Meet the Team - Cockburn Community Care

Cockburn Community Care provides services for the aged and people with disabilities and their carers who reside in the City of Cockburn. Our services provide a wide range of support services with the emphasis on promoting and supporting independence. The centre's programs include a Centre Based Day Program, Kwobarup Aboriginal Program, Home Support, Community Aged Care Package and Carer Support Service.

Cockburn Community Care is located at the Jean Willis Centre on the corner of Healy Rd and Ingram Street, Hamilton Hill. If you or you know of someone who requires our support please phone us on 9314 6363 between 8am to 5pm. The centre is holding a open day for people to visit on 28 March, 2009 from 10.30am to 3pm. There will be activities, morning tea and a sausage sizzle; all are welcome.



## City wins National Environment Award



The City of Cockburn was recently awarded a commendation in the National Awards for Local Government for its sustainability and greenhouse action programs.

Deputy Mayor Kevin Allen and Director of Engineering Michael Littleton accepted the award on behalf of the City, and praised the work of City staff and members of the Cockburn community for their efforts to reduce greenhouse emissions and commit to a sustainable future.

Deputy Mayor Kevin Allen said: "The City of Cockburn is committed towards a more sustainable future for Cockburn."

"We have a great team of environment, parks, sustainability and community service officers working in the community, spreading the sustainability message and implementing policies and programs supported by Council."



# Your Cockburn Library

<http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au>



## Kids @ the Library

Cockburn Libraries invite you to a year of fun! We have a varied and exciting range of children's activities at the Spearwood, Coolbellup and Success Libraries.



For 0 - 18 month old babies you can join in the clapping, tapping and wriggling fun at Pram Jams. Pram Jams is held once a month at each library.

Storytime is for 3 - 5 year olds. Enjoy storytelling, rhymes, songs and craft activities and meeting other mums! Storytime is on twice weekly at Spearwood and Success libraries and once a week at Coolbellup library.

For school age children there is BookStars Club. Fun meetings every month with craft activities, games, special guests and cool prizes up for grabs! BookStars is held at the Spearwood and Coolbellup Libraries.

And don't forget our wicked school holiday programs and Summer Reading clubs!

Something for everyone @ your Cockburn Library!



## Don't be left on the shelf on Valentine's Day

You've heard of blind dates, double dates, internet dating, speed dating - and now here's the very latest in the dating game: read dating! Meet other interesting people, engage in a conversation with them for four minutes about your favourite books, answer questions and when the buzzer sounds move onto the next person.

We are looking for 10 single men and women (aged 21 - 35) to participate in Cockburn Libraries' first read dating event! Are you sick of meeting people in crowded pubs and clubs, where you can never hear the conversation? Do you find it difficult to meet like-minded people? Do you want to meet your own book-lover? Free refreshments and win great prizes.

**Saturday, 14 February, 7.30pm** at Spearwood Library, 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood.

Register for this event online at:  
<http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au>

## Do you have Health Issues?

The Health and Wellness Resource Centre is a comprehensive online resource that is provided by Cockburn Libraries to its members. As a library member you have access to up-to-date medical, health and wellness information through our web pages at <http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au>. All you need is your library card!

## Cockburn celebrates 30 years

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In 2009 the City of Cockburn will celebrate its 30th anniversary and we want your input on how we can celebrate.

The City is keen to hear from any resident or community group with suggestions on events or ideas that we can implement to make sure our 30th anniversary is one to remember.

In coming months the City will launch a grants scheme that will provide funding opportunities for some of your suggestions to become a reality.

To share your ideas phone the City on 9411 3551 or email [ttruscott@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:ttruscott@cockburn.wa.gov.au).



## Hello Baby 2009

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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



*Cr Ian Whitfield hosting the 2008 Bibra Lake Fun Run*

## Cr Ian Whitfield

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

I had always been an active community person and as my children grew older and no longer needed to be driven around to their sporting and club commitments I thought there was no better time to be involved with Council.

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

It is so uplifting to see so many hard working volunteers in our great City. From the person who collects seeds around Bibra Lake to the young volunteers at the Cockburn Youth Centre.

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

I'm excited to continue to get it right. There is still a lot of development (land clearing) to occur through Cockburn and we have to keep the balance right. Issues of land clearing at Jandakot Airport, Muriel Court and the Bush forever sites must be managed for our future generations.

### Describe yourself in three words.

Friendly positive and a tall Dockers supporter.

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

Gardening and house painting under the watchful eye of my wife Faye. I'll also be seeing my beautiful granddaughter in Collie and plenty of visits to the beach with my wife and dog.

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