

# Cockburn Soundings

## COCKBURN NAMED WA'S MOST SUSTAINABLE CITY



(L-R) City of Cockburn staff Barbara Freeman, Vicky Hartill, Jennifer Harrison, Ben Tanoa, Ruth Gatland and Linda Metz.

The City was named Western Australia's most Sustainable City for 2012.

The Keep Australia Beautiful Award honours the City's active role in the community and its significant contributions towards sustainability.

The City also won awards for:

Young Legends Category: Sustainable Cockburn Youth Initiatives and Environmental Education.

Environmental Innovation and Protection Category: Flora and Fauna Protection Program.

Some of the many programs and initiatives the City dedicates to sustainability include:

- Living Smart courses
- Sustainable September events
- Get Wild About Wetlands Program
- Sustainable Living Home online
- Sustainability and Landowner Biodiversity Conservation Grants
- Deadly Tucker Program

The City's passionate staff are assisted by an extensive volunteer base that create and drive enthusiasm for sustainability.

For more information visit:  
[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/environment](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/environment)

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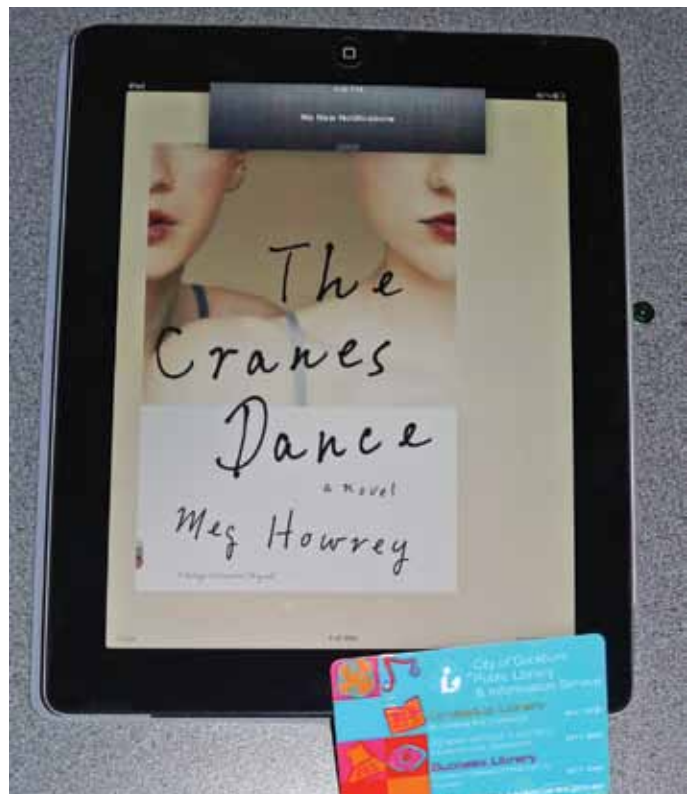


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All the databases are FREE with your Cockburn library card. You can access these and many more databases from home through the library website: <http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au>

## MAYORS MESSAGE



The City's Strategic Community Plan 2012 –2022 has been developed in consultation with the community and will guide the Council in its deliberations and decision-making over the next 10 years.

It will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that the emphasis is on meeting the needs and expectations of our growing community.

The recent opening of the Cockburn Emergency Services Building at Cockburn Central West provides a state-of-the-art home for our State Emergency Services and the South Coogee Volunteer Bushfire Brigade. Together with the Jandakot Volunteer Bushfire Brigade's facilities at Banjup, it will meet the demands of our community well into the future.

The construction of the GP Super Clinic, allied health facilities and the new Success library and the new Coogee Beach Surf Lifesaving Club demonstrates the City's proactive approach to providing facilities of the highest standard for our community.

The City is aware that the South Lake Leisure Centre (SLLC) is rapidly reaching the end of its life and needs replacing. A concept design is being progressed for the Cockburn Central West aquatic and recreational facility that sees a 50m pool, 25m pool, learn-to-swim pool, hydrotherapy pool and spas, together with an adventure water playground, gymnasium, indoor high-ball courts and playing fields being placed on the drawing board for consideration.

Current users of the South Lake Leisure Centre have long signalled the need for new facilities and approaches from other sporting clubs have encouraged the City to look at how best to develop the site to maximise its potential.

Exciting times ahead for Cockburn – a great place to live, work, visit and invest and recently named Western Australia's most Sustainable City for 2012.

**Logan K Howlett, JP**

**Mayor**

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## CALLING CHILDREN IN COCKBURN

In November the City is starting a Children's Reference Group so children (Kindy to Year 7) can tell us what they want in Cockburn.

Some fun projects are planned and the group will meet at different times and locations to make it easy for your child to be involved.

We would love your child to join us and share their ideas! For more information contact the Children's Development Officer on **9411 3444**.

\*Parental permission required



## WASTE WARRIORS



The City's Waste Collection Drivers with Nigel Abrahams top centre with grey cap.

The City's enthusiastic waste collection drivers empty an average of 61,000 bins a week – that's more than three million a year.

They travel all 2,100 roads twice a week, once with the composting truck and once with the recycle truck, amounting to travelling 786 kilometres of roads, four times a week.

Nigel Abrahams has worked for the City as a driver for 24 years and says he recalls how they used to run behind the trucks lifting up the bins by hand.

"Everything went in the one truck and was only put in the ground, as opposed to being turned into compost or sent to the recycling plant," said Nigel.

He says he enjoys being out on the road, as well as waving to regular kids and residents who he has known for years.

Nigel won 'Employee of the Year' in 2010 and two waste truck drivers were recently nominated as high achievers.

Want to know what to recycle?:  
[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/waste](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/waste)

## HISTORY WITH LUBA – BIBRA LAKE



Bibra Lake was first reported by the surveyor A C Gregory in May 1842 when he recorded its Aboriginal name, "Walubup". This was traditional land for the Swan River Aborigines who had many campsites around the lake because of its abundant wild-fowl, fresh water and good vegetation.

The following year, Benedict Von Bibra, recorded the name as "Walliabup" when he acquired 320 acres in the area. Although this name was used exclusively on maps for more than half a century, locals still referred to the feature as "Bibra's Lake". This alternative name was added to plans and eventually in 1967, was adopted instead of the Aboriginal name.

Land in the area was cleared by families like the Tapper's, Meller's and Currie's and homesteads, market gardens and dairies were established on the excellent grazing land where lucerne, maize and oats were also grown. A substantial colony of Chinese market gardeners also began around the lake in 1897. Because the land laws prohibited Chinese from owning land in Western Australia, they leased their plots. They lived in meagre tin shacks and grew tomatoes, celery and spring onions and were respected by the community for their hard work and honesty.

In the 1960s, when the State Government established a green belt in the area, Tappers dairy and homestead were demolished. The Moreton Bay fig trees, which are over 100 years old, still remain. The Aboriginal people still maintain strong links with this area of significant Aboriginal heritage and participate in educational activities at the Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre on Hope Road.

## CITY RECEIVES RESILIENT AUSTRALIANS AWARD FOR 2012

The City recently won the Local Government State Highly Recommended Resilient Awards for 2012 as a result of being nominated as a finalist for the 'Can U do 72 – Are you prepared' initiative. The project comprises of two distinct parts both focused on building resilience and individual self-reliance.

**Part 1** - involves a fire awareness training trailer fitted with assorted fire fighting equipment, which is taken out into the community by Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade members to assist residents (within bush fire prone areas) on how best to prepare their property for the bush fire season.

**Part 2** - focuses on personal preparedness particularly for the initial 72 hour post-disaster period. It involves a series of disaster preparedness workshops promoting the need for an emergency essential supply bag (3 day/72 hour kit), 14 day family emergency kit, family disaster communication plan and how and where to access emergency information.



(L-R Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett, Emergency Management Coordinator Shirley Elliott and Chief Bushfire Control Officer Don Johnston)

The Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) provided funds to purchase 350 survival kits which will be given as prizes and incentives for residents to host a workshop within their homes with family, friends and neighbours attending.

## ARE YOU PREPARED?



As summer approaches all residents within the City are reminded of the effects fires can have on their community. All residents need to ensure that their properties are clear of flammable material and all firebreaks, if required, are established and maintained throughout the summer period.

To assist residents in rural areas within Cockburn in preparing their properties for the bushfire season, the City in conjunction with Cockburn's Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades, offer onsite fire safety advice and demonstrations.

Bookings are essential and are subject to demands placed on volunteer brigades at the time.

Details of Fire Control Regulations and penalties for not complying were sent out with rates notices. It can also be found at:

[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/fire](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/fire)

or by calling **9411 3444** or email:

[customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

The City is planning a series of disaster preparedness workshops 'Can you do 72 - Are you prepared?' for the Cockburn community. If you would be interested in any of the above please register your interest with Shirley Elliott on **9411 3444** or email: [selliott@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:selliott@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ THE COCKBURN SENIORS CENTRE

### Information morning teas on housing for over 55s

If you missed out on the last series of 'housing options for seniors,' there is still time to attend the next series this month!

#### Monday 15 October - Low Cost Housing Options 10am to 11am

This seminar looks at some of the options available to seniors seeking low-cost housing solutions, ranging from community and affordable housing, to residential parks, boarding and lodging and forming new sharing agreements.

#### Monday 19 November – Modifying Your Home 10am to 11am

An overview of the range of services aimed at helping seniors stay in their homes for longer, ranging from home modifications and improvements, accessing carers and helpers and new technology.

These morning teas are presented by the Seniors Housing Centre. If you would like to attend any of them please RSVP on **9411 3877** or email: [csc@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:csc@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

For more information:  
[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/SeniorsCentre](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/SeniorsCentre)



### Melbourne Cup Lunch

Wear your best hat and outfit for 'fashions of the field'.

Three-course meal and the race on the big screen.

When: Tuesday 6 November

Time: 11am to 2pm

Cost \$20 for members.

### Christmas Lunches

Exquisite three-course meal and entertainment.

When: Tuesday 11 & Wednesday 19 December

Time: 12 noon to 2.30pm

Cost: \$20 for members.

Bookings essential for both events.

Cockburn Seniors Centre 9 Coleville Crescent  
Spearwood. T: **9411 3877**.

## COCKBURN YOUTH SERVICES

Cockburn Youth Centre | 25 Wentworth Parade, Success | T: 9411 3888  
[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/youthservices](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/youthservices)

### Compulsory FREE memberships at the Cockburn Youth Centre

The Cockburn Youth Centre has just started compulsory free memberships for all young people who come in to hang out or participate in our extensive range of programs. This is to ensure we have important details such as emergency contacts or any other information parents and guardians feel we should know. All personal information is strictly confidential.

The membership form clearly outlines the rules of the Youth Centre, which all people accessing the Youth Centre must agree to and abide by and what the consequences for breaching them are. Collecting this information ensures we know who to contact in an emergency or when young people can't remember who is picking them up at the end of the day. The Cockburn Youth Centre aims to be a safe, friendly and welcoming place for young people to call their own.

If you have any questions please give us a call on 9411 3888 or drop in for a chat.



## COCKBURN CENTRAL TOWN SQUARE

The reality of a thriving town centre just got a step closer with works having started on the beautifying of the town square. New features will include more trees and planter beds, water feature, additional shade, more informal street furniture and a sea container coffee shop.

The square is expected to be ready for Christmas. The works will be carried out from 7am to 5pm Monday to Friday, and all efforts are being made to ensure minimal disruption to surrounding areas.

If you wish to be updated as the project progresses, visit Landcorp's website

[www.cockburncentral.com.au](http://www.cockburncentral.com.au)

To receive email updates follow the link and click on 'Stay in Touch'.

If you would like to speak to a member of the project team regarding the works contact LandCorp Project Manager Carole Stevens on **9482 7499** or [carole.stevens@landcorp.com.au](mailto:carole.stevens@landcorp.com.au)



Image courtesy of Landcorp –  
Basic concept of town square design

## PLANNING BEGINS FOR NEW REGIONAL SPORTS AND AQUATIC CENTRE

The City has commenced detailed planning for a state-of-the-art Aquatic and Recreation Centre to be located at Cockburn Central. The facility will provide for recreation and competition sports, servicing a variety of needs for all sectors of our community. For families it will include a learn-to-swim pool, a water playground, waterslides, crèche and café. For the sports clubs and schools there will be a 50m outdoor heated competition pool that can also be used for water polo, a 25m heated indoor pool and clubrooms. For the health conscious it will have a large gymnasium, fitness rooms and a cycling 'spin' room. The centre will also have a Wellness Clinic that is linked to the hydrotherapy pool, sauna, steam room and spa. The centre is being designed to achieve high levels of energy and water efficiency and be fully accessible to all of our community.

The City has undertaken consultation with key user groups, community associations and families that use the current facilities at the South Lakes Leisure Centre. We also want your input, so look out in the Cockburn Gazette, on Facebook, in our e-newsletter and on our website over the coming months.

The centre will be the largest investment the City has undertaken in community facilities. It will be funded from municipal funds, with grant funding also being sought from the Federal and State Governments.



Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre  
in Melbourne. What do we want?

This annual survey provides an insight into how the City of Cockburn's services are perceived by you. The City uses these results to evaluate and adjust its

programs. The survey is conducted by an independent consultant, using a random representative sample of residents across all Cockburn suburbs.

### WHAT YOU SAY WE DO WELL

Overall resident satisfaction has increased to 86% this year. Compared to similar growth councils, the City of Cockburn is leading the field.

You told us you were very satisfied with the following services:

- Cockburn Soundings – Council's newsletter
- Council's website
- Customer Service
- Rubbish collection including weekly recycling and verge-side pick up
- Parks, reserves and ovals - General appearance of the local area
- Graffiti removal
- Street lighting
- Sport and Recreation facilities
- Services and facilities for families and children
- Conservation and Environmental Management



### WHAT RESIDENTS RATE AS MOST IMPORTANT

- Management and control of traffic
- Safety and security
- Roads maintenance
- Street lighting
- Footpaths and cycle ways
- Mosquito control
- Streetscapes
- Maintenance of local roads

### WHAT YOU THOUGHT HAD IMPROVED THE MOST

- CoSafe and mobile security patrols
- Sport and recreation facilities
- Conservation and environmental management



## WHAT WE NEED TO IMPROVE

The community has clearly identified three areas for improvement

- Management and control of traffic
- Safety and security
- Roads maintenance and street lighting
- How we are planning coastal developments
- Issues related to noise, dust, pollution and emissions.



Artist Impression of Coogee Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Visit the City's website

[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/perceptions](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/perceptions)  
to see the full report.

## WHAT WE WILL DO TO IMPROVE

- This year the City will spend \$17.5 million on major road projects including Franklin Ave (Roper to Gaebler), Hammond Road Duplication and Beeliar Drive/Hammond Road intersection (plus land acquisition) to ease congestion and increase traffic flow.
- The Coogee Beach CCTV pilot program will commence operation the month and upgraded street lighting will be installed to enhance the security of the area at a cost of approx \$0.5 million. We will also look at running additional CoSafe patrols over summer, as we have in previous years.
- All new infrastructure and buildings, such as Coogee Beach Surf Lifesaving Club, will incorporate best practice crime prevention through sustainable design measures taking into account lighting, landscape design etc.
- The City will spend \$11.4 million on maintaining and continually improving existing roads.
- We will also continue to work with the State Government on their commitment to improve major roads, with lobbying for construction of the proposed bridge at North Lake Road; as well as improvement to public transport with construction of a new train station at Atwell.



## RATES ROUND UP

### Have you received your 2012-13 Rate Notice?

If not, you should contact the City of Cockburn immediately as payment, either in full or the first of four instalments, was due on 4 September, 2012. If your choice was an instalment option, then a reminder notice will be received shortly as the next payment is due 30 October, 2012.

Council is obliged to offer ratepayers the option of paying rates by four instalments. However, if this is not suitable and your account is still outstanding, ratepayers need to call the City to discuss a special payment arrangement.

It should be noted that all previous arrangements made prior to the 30 June, 2012 have now been cancelled as new rates and charges apply and your circumstances may have changed.

Please keep your notice in a safe place, especially if the property is held for investment purposes, as a fee of \$20 may apply for replacement copies of your notice and/or rates certificates.

Seniors and pensioners (including those with deferred rates) are reminded that all service charges, arrears and current, were payable by the due date on the Rate Notice. There is no concession applicable and these charges cannot be deferred.

It is recommended that pensioners, who can't pay the lump sum of their service charges, set up a Centrepay Option by completing a form available at Centrelink, the Centrelink website or the City of Cockburn. Pensioners can arrange for a minimum of \$20 per fortnight to be deducted from their pension payment and paid directly to the City.

The Centrepay option is also available for those who wish to manage their account in general and pay their rates in full via a fortnightly pension deduction payment system. If no attempt is made to clear the outstanding service charges, the City may have to take action to recover the debt.

For information on any of the above please contact the City of Cockburn on **9411 3444** or email: [customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

## COCKBURN BY NUMBERS

**73%** The number of staff at the City of Cockburn who live in or around the City's boundaries.

**1000** The number of hectares of coastal, wetland and bushland locations managed by the City.

**1300kg** The amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions saved by City staff who took public transport and the shuttle bus in 6 weeks.

The number of people that participated in Community, School and Corporate Planting days this year. **900**

**3500** The number of plants purchased through the Residential Native Plant Subsidy Scheme.

**795** The number of tonnes of items diverted from the City's landfill in Henderson and sold in the Recycle Shop.



### IS YOUR POOL/ SPA COMPLIANT WITH LEGISLATION AND REGISTERED WITH THE CITY OF COCKBURN?

Any water source used for swimming or wading, holding more than 300mm of water is classified as a pool. Cockburn pool and spa owners must ensure their pool and spa is compliant with state legislation. Failure to do so may result in legal action.

As part of the City's ongoing customer support, our Swimming Pool Officers can attend to your pool/spa to provide any information on whether you comply or if any adjustments are required. Ensuring your pool and spa is within safety regulations may reduce the risk of accidental drowning.

For more information call **9411 3444**.

## COUNCIL DECISIONS



Bravery Garden concept design

### Bravery Garden

Council has approved the concept design and endorsed the cost for the construction of a Bravery Garden at Manning Park, Hamilton Hill, in conjunction with the Bravery Association of WA. Mayor Logan Howlett put forward the idea of a Bravery Garden last year as a place to reflect on

those who are recipients of Bravery Awards and the circumstances surrounding their acts of bravery.

The design of the Bravery Garden will incorporate the design of Southern Cross, a pavilion seating around 40 people for ceremonies and a memorial retaining wall to honour Western Australian Bravery Award recipients.

## BUILDING COCKBURN

### Bibra Lake Upgrades

You may have noticed that the City has been making considerable upgrades in and around Bibra Lake to improve the precinct and make it an even better place to visit. This is part of the City's five-year Bibra Lake Management Plan.

Two of the most recent upgrades include:

#### The boardwalk - \$605,000

Due to open on 13 October, the name of the new boardwalk is "Narma Kullarck", a Noongar term meaning 'family place'. The boardwalk is a 70-metre long floating pontoon and forms the shape of a tortoise. The head of the 'tortoise' forms a bird hide comprising a wide deck for better viewing. The boardwalk provides disabled access to the water's edge.

#### Bibra Lake picnic area - \$750,000

Upgrade of the picnic area on Progress Drive (between Hope Road and Gwilliam Drive) includes a new lakeside footpath, BBQ shelters, benches and tables, drinking fountains, bike racks, and paper bark trees have been planted to subdivide the area. More developments are planned in this area next year.

Web: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/bibralake](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/bibralake)



### Trails Master Plan

The City of Cockburn is seeking comment on the Trails Master Plan 2012. The plan recommends a range of new trails and trail improvements throughout the City.

The plan sets out a schedule for further improvements and extensions to the existing trails network, which will be available to all residents and visitors to the City. Copies are available for review at the City's Administration Office and at Spearwood, Coolbellup and Success libraries or online at [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/environment](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/environment)

Submissions deadline: 4pm, 24 October 2012.

Written submissions can be posted to:

City of Cockburn  
PO Box 1215  
Bibra Lake DC WA 6965

Online:  
[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/OnlineSubmissions](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/OnlineSubmissions)

For more information call **9411 3444** or email:  
[EnvironmentalManagement@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:EnvironmentalManagement@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

### Men's Shed

A community meeting will be held to share your ideas about a Men's Shed in the City of Cockburn area.

Men's Sheds are springing up all around Australia. If you looked inside one you might see a number of men restoring furniture, perhaps restoring bicycles for a local school, or making a kids cubby house for Camp Quality to raffle. You might also see a few young men working with older men learning new skills and maybe also learning something about life from the men they work with.

The Men's Shed movement is one of the most powerful tools in helping men to continue to be valuable members of our community. Come along and have your say!

Where: Cockburn Seniors Centre  
When: Thursday, 18 October 2012  
Time: 6pm - 7.30pm

Contact: Senior Centre Coordinator **9411 3444**

Or complete a simple survey available at your local library or download at [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/notices](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/notices)

## THE MAGIC OF WIND

What is the large steel structure that has appeared on the roof of the City's Administration Building?

Answer: the largest Windpods turbine system in the southern hemisphere.

The Windpods system is the latest addition to the City's Renewable Energy Program and will generate approximately 4,500 units of energy each year (equivalent to installing 40 thin film solar panels).

The 10 kilowatt turbine system comprises 20 small-scale wind turbines, which convert kinetic energy from the wind into mechanical power to drive the turbine. The result is regular generation of electricity available to the Administration Building 24/7.

*"When the wind of change blows, some build walls, others build windmills"*  
Chinese Proverb



For more information go to:  
[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/environment](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/environment)

SUMMER OF FUN - YOUR GUIDE TO ALL CITY OF COCKBURN EVENTS

2012



Wed 24 Oct  
10am - 12.30pm

Teddy Bears' Picnic - FREE

Manning Park, Hamilton Hill

Sun 28 Oct  
11am - 8pm

Cockburn-Rotary Spring Fair

Manning Park, Hamilton Hill

Sat 17 Nov  
6pm - 11pm

Seniors Social Evening

Tickets on sale from 17 Oct 2012  
Dalmatinac Club  
Hamilton Hill



Sun 25 Nov  
1pm - 5pm

Wattleup Reunion

Ten Mile Well Tavern  
M: 0407 389 955

Fri 7 Dec  
10am - 1pm

Celebrate Ability

Manning Park, Hamilton Hill

Sat 15 Dec  
5pm - 8pm

Cockburn Xmas Concert

Council Grounds



- Medieval fun & games
- Fireworks
- Maypole Dancing
- Birds of prey
- Bush Wisdom
- Animal farm
- Blacksmithing
- Archery
- Entertainment
- Refreshments
- Jousting
- Scitech
- Heaps more....

# COCKBURN ROTARY Spring Fair

Manning Park, Azelia Road, Hamilton Hill

Tel: 9411 3444

[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au)



## Want more than just a gym?

Get more options on your membership at SLLC for FREE!

Take out any 12 month gym membership and we'll give you a FREE facility upgrade and FREE personal training sessions. Plus no joining fees!

Upgrade options include: Pool/Spa/Sauna/Steam Room, Fitness Classes and Aquarobics.

Offer valid 16 Oct - 6 Nov 2012, for new members only.



## MOSQUITO UPDATE

As we're approaching the warmer weather, residents should be mindful about mosquitoes and protecting themselves and their families. The City of Cockburn's Health Services has completed extensive investigations into potential mosquito breeding sites within the City.

- The investigations have identified more than 460 City and privately owned properties as potential mosquito breeding grounds.
- Improvements/modifications will be made to stormwater infrastructure. Where an engineering solution cannot be implemented, routine chemical treatment (environmentally sensitive) will take place.
- Private landowners will be required to manage mosquitoes on their properties.

As a result an Integrated Mosquito Management Plan and Standard Operational Procedures have been developed. The past season (July 2011 – June 2012) witnessed the City's highest ever number of Ross River Virus (RRV)/Barmah Forest Virus (BFV) 113 notifications from the Department of Health WA.

- Interviews with patients would suggest that 68% of those interviewed believed the most likely place of acquisition of RRV/BFV was within the City.
- Areas to the East of Thomsons Lake were hardest hit with RRV/BFV notifications.



Aerial surveying of unmaintained swimming pools was limited as updates to aerial images occurred late January. Approximately 10 unmaintained pools were identified through customer complaints over the past season. The City now has a web page dedicated to Mosquito Management including a Mosquito Alert indicator. Visit: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/mosquitomanagement](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/mosquitomanagement)

For further information please contact the City on **9411 3444** or email: [customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

## HEALTHY FAMILIES WORKSHOP

The Co-Health Healthy Lifestyles Fortnight at the end of October/beginning of November will offer free health screening at the Cockburn Rotary Spring Fair, slinky apples at Teddy Bears Picnic and another fantastic Healthy Families Workshop.

In May 40 people enjoyed creative tips about feeding families, shopping on a budget and living with fussy eaters at the first of the bi-annual Healthy Families Workshops.

The second workshop will be held on 7 November at

the Salvation Army Hall, Hamilton Hill. Special guest, entertainer and dietician Glenn Cardwell will dispel many nutrition myths and misinformation and have you laughing your way to better health following a free lunch and a fun, interactive, hands-on workshop run by the Co-Health team for up to 80 parents and carers, with 15 crèche places available.

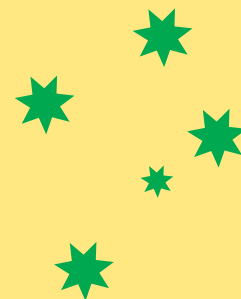
Bookings are essential by 5pm Thursday, 1 November to [beactive@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:beactive@cockburn.wa.gov.au) or call **9411 3444**.

More information: [www.beactivecockburn.com.au](http://www.beactivecockburn.com.au)



(L-R) : Nutritionist David Payne, Janice Burdinat, Denis Burdinat and Tracy Grant.

# Local Heros wanted for Oz Awards



We'd like you to nominate an outstanding individual or group for one of this year's Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards. These Awards celebrate the contribution that active people make to our community. These contributions can come in many forms – they are for ordinary people who make an extraordinary difference to our community.

## How it works:

There are three categories of Award you can nominate:

**Outstanding contribution by a local citizen aged 25 or over**

**Outstanding contribution by a local citizen under 25 years of age**

**Outstanding contribution by a local group or community event**

Complete the nomination form that can be found at:

[www.australiaday.org.au/wa/awards/premiers-australia-day-awards.aspx](http://www.australiaday.org.au/wa/awards/premiers-australia-day-awards.aspx)

and post it to:

City of Cockburn  
Australia Day Awards  
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## COUNCILLORS' CORNER



### Carol Reeve-Fowkes

There's much to look forward to in Cockburn! The Cockburn Coast Plan is rapidly taking shape. It will offer beachside and cafe lifestyle living, with excellent transport networks. As Councils

representative on the Cockburn Coast Steering Committee, I'm committed to ensuring a light rail corridor is planned into the concept. It is estimated some 10,000 people will live in the area, which will take about 15-20 years to fully develop and is located between South Beach and the old power station.

I've also requested a feasibility report on locating an ocean pool along the Cockburn Coast to ensure a safe swimming environment. An ocean pool will attract families and encourage swimmers safely back into the water, to cater for Cockburn's rapidly growing population. They are popular in other states, so why not here in Coogee? The report should come to Council in the coming months.



### Tony Romano

Last year you told us that safety and security were your top priorities and something the City needed to focus more on. We listened and I'm delighted to say that there have been significant

improvements this year. These include a dramatic increase in the awareness of the City's mobile security service, CoSafe. Satisfaction with the control of graffiti, vandalism and anti-social behaviour is increasing and the City's graffiti removal services yet again rated highly as one of our top services.

We know that traffic is your main concern. Council has lobbied hard to get an additional railway station, which is now committed to and I'm also hopeful the State Government will commit to constructing the North Lake Road freeway overpass, which will greatly improve traffic issues. I look forward to the continuing improvement of services to our community this year.

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