

# COCKBURN

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# SOUNDINGS

## City's New Jetty a Landmark



Cockburn residents can soon look forward to enjoying a new jetty at Coogee Beach.

The old Coogee Jetty was demolished just before Christmas and will be replaced with a T-shaped jetty with lower swimming platforms, and access for the disabled to the lower jetty.

Construction of the new jetty will commence by March 1999 and is expected to be completed by August.

"The new jetty will be a lot higher than the old jetty so that damage caused by the wind and waves will be minimised," City of Cockburn Manager of Engineering, John Radaich said.

The higher jetty will also allow for easier walk-through access under the jetty on the beachfront.

The new jetty will extend to the same distance out to sea as the old one, which will mean the total length of the jetty will be 98 metres, and will include lighting along the length of the jetty.

There will be a high viewing platform at the end of the jetty for people to enjoy fishing and WA's beautiful sunsets over the Indian Ocean.

The timber deck jetty will be supported by 50 steel piles and will also feature handrails for safety purposes.

The lower level jetty will include stainless steel ladders to climb out of the water.

"This jetty will become a focal recreation point for people from not only Coogee, but also the rest of the southern metropolitan area," Mr Radaich said.

"The new jetty will also maintain Coogee Beach as a major coastal attraction south of the river.

"The new design will ensure that the jetty will be a landmark in Cockburn for many years to come." ■

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1999

Calendar of Events?

If not please contact the City Office on 9411 3444

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# NEW LOOK MAGAZINE Soundings – Your Magazine

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I am pleased to introduce the first edition of the 'new-look' Cockburn Soundings for 1999.

The most obvious change is that the Cockburn Soundings is now printed in full-colour. To offer a more consistent high-quality service to you, the Soundings will be produced every two months, giving you six editions each year. Council is also pleased to announce that the Cockburn Soundings will be distributed via Australia Post, offering guaranteed distribution to your door with your mail. I wish to thank Australia Post for their cooperation and service while negotiating the delivery of the Cockburn Soundings, which is an important publication in keeping customers informed of City information and developments.

The Cockburn Soundings is your newsletter. It is the City of Cockburn's official Council newsletter to residents. It has come a long way since its first edition off the press in February 1991 and looks a great deal more appealing. However its aims, principles and priorities to the community and readers have remained the same.

Our aim is to provide the community with a high quality, informative, and professionally designed community news magazine that is relevant and interesting for readers.

To help make the Soundings a cost-effective community magazine, the new-look Cockburn Soundings do have advertisements however we have taken the liberty of limiting the number of advertisements to three per edition. This ensures quality control of advertising and also means that the Soundings remains eight pages and avoids turning into a long-winded magazine cluttered with ads.

I welcome your thoughts on the new-look Cockburn Soundings. You can let us know what you think of the Soundings by phoning us, or via e-mail, fax or a letter with your feedback and suggestions on how to improve the Soundings, as well as how often you would like to receive it. I hope you enjoy the new Cockburn Soundings ■

*Michelle Finucane*  
Editor

## Have your say on Cockburn's Coast

The City has recently released a Draft Integrated Coastal Management Plan for public comment.

The Draft Plan deals with the long term planning and management of the coastal areas of the City and will be used to assist Council in managing and making decisions about our beaches and coast, according to City of Cockburn's Environmental Services Manager Darren Walsh.

"The Draft Plan deals with recreational use, community facilities, environmental management and improvement, landuse planning, water quality, tourism, cultural and heritage aspects, beach maintenance and community involvement."

Public comment on the Draft Plan is sought by Council in order to gain community views on the proposals and recommendations of the Report. Copies of the document or a summary version are available by contacting Council's Environmental Services Section on 9411 3505 ■

## Youth Festival planned for March

If you're young, don't mind checking out the latest bands, local talent and performers, and enjoy casting your eye over young, local artists works, then the City of Cockburn Youth Festival is for you!

The City of Cockburn's Youth Services will be holding it's inaugural Youth Festival on Saturday, March 27th 1999 at Manning Park.

The festival will include a program of live bands, performance, artwork, recreation, youth specific service information and representation from the various cultural communities within City.

"We really want to try to involve as many young people in our local area as possible in the planning and organising of this event," City of Cockburn Youth Mayor Jenna Andrews said.

Preliminary discussions with high schools in the City have been very favourable.

"We are hoping to involve students in a series of workshops leading up to the festival, and encourage high schools to organise demonstrations and specific activities for the festival," City of Cockburn's Youth Services Coordinator Pamela Parkin said ■

An open invitation is extended to any young person aged between 12 and 20 to join the festival working party. All you have to do is be brave and come along to meetings every Wednesday afternoon 4 - 5pm at Council. Any local community group, which involves young people, is also invited to participate in the festival.

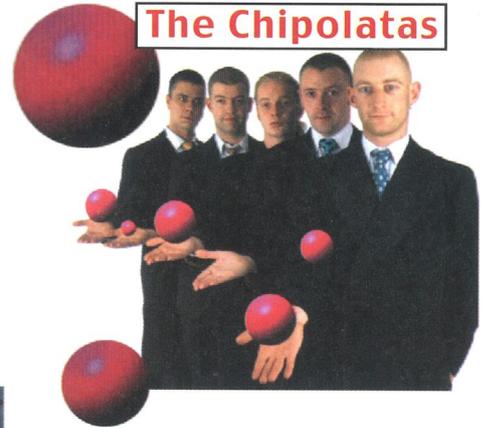
If you would like to be part of the planning for this exciting event, or your group has not been contacted and you would like any further information please contact Pamela Parkin on 9411 3447. Look out for the posters giving more info about the Youth Festival around the City in March.

# FREE Sunset Concerts

## Manning Park Music Shell

The City of Cockburn is hosting its second year of free family oriented concerts at the Music Shell in Manning Park, Spearwood. Last year the City trialed the Sunset Concert program which was a resounding success.

You are invited to bring family and friends along to enjoy evening performances in the beautiful surrounds of Manning Park. This year's concerts feature a wide selection of music from wild and funky dance tunes from the UK, light classical, passionate Latin American rhythms and divine jazz. Something for everyone.



### Sunday February 7th

International entertainers extraordinaire – direct from the UK – **The Chipolatas** have astounded crowds around the globe – from London, Hong Kong, New Orleans, Jordan, Australia and New Zealand.

Describing the indescribable goes something like “ A youthful fivesome of movers and shakers at the cutting edge of British roots music, playing funky folk with fresh tunes and energy soaked passion. Driving and funky percussion and bass, pumping squeezebox and soaring fiddle set the tone for a full and frenzied night on the dance floor. Unrelenting Exuberance, An Adrenalin Injector of Music, Magic & Mayhem. The Chipolatas put your faith into folk and your feet on the dance floor!!



### Sunday February 21st

Join the **WA Mandolin Orchestra** for an evening of bliss under the stars.

Unique in WA - the WA Mandolin Orchestra is made up of 28 musicians playing only stringed instruments that are plucked! Guitar, double bass, mandolin, mandola and acoustic bass guitar make for an unusual sound - many of the instruments have been crafted by WA's own talented instrument maker - Scott Wise. Catch the beautiful sounds of these finally crafted instruments in a relaxing concert featuring light classical music from the Renaissance to the contemporary.

### Sunday March 7th

Sunset Concerts venture to breathtaking heights with the evocative music from the Andes. **Los Chasquis** delights with the sounds of percussion and panpipes creating an upbeat and joyous celebration of traditional Latin American folk music. Things heat up

for the rest of the evening with hot Latin dance tunes from **LC Salsa**. Get ready for some passion, rhythm and groove as we dance the night away!

### Sunday March 21st

**The grand finale Sunset Concert – The Jazz Divas!**

Join Perth's top female singers for a sublime evening of jazz. **The Jazz Divas**, Helen Mathews, Sue Bluck, Anne Neil, Jenny Wren and Kerry Byrom-Carter make up this amazing vocal group. The Jazz Divas have gained a reputation for stunning performances covering a wide range of vocal territory from jazz, blues to pop. Backed by some of Perth's top jazz musicians, The Divas soar as soloists and as an extraordinary vocal ensemble.

**The Summer Concerts start at 5:30pm with local community performers, followed by the main act from 6 to 8 pm.**

**Watch out for further details in the New Year!**

Any queries - contact Susan Clarke, the Community Arts & Cultural Officer at the City of Cockburn on 9411 3433.

• 5.30pm Starts • With Main Act from 6 to 8pm •  
Bring a rug and a picnic and celebrate summer in Cockburn



# From the Mayor's Desk

On behalf of my wife Marie and I, and all the Councillors and staff at the City of Cockburn, I wish to extend a heartfelt welcome to the New Year and also to the first edition of the Cockburn Soundings for 1999. I hope Christmas and the festive season was a safe and enjoyable time for everyone.

In each edition of the Soundings I will present an article from the Mayor's Desk. In these articles I will discuss the latest issues and developments affecting the City and give my perspective as Mayor of the City. I trust you will find the Soundings an informative and community based magazine and hope you find "From the Mayor's Desk" a beneficial and informative section.

I am delighted to report the completion of the process of joining the City of Cockburn and the Chinese city of Yue Yang in a friendship city agreement.

It was a great honour for us to have been invited to join in a Friendship City arrangement with a Chinese city. The fact



that we have been able to achieve this result is due entirely to the work carried out by some extremely dedicated and determined people.

I am a great believer in the concept of a Friendship City relationship. If we are to grow as a city and as a community, both commercially and intellectually we must be outward looking.

We must be sensitive to the broadest spectrum of cultures and be prepared to learn from them.

We need to focus our mind as wide as possible so that we can capture the greatest amount of cultural diversity.

Saint Augustine, the first Archbishop of Canterbury described and characterised 'the City' as a living being.

If you accept this proposition, as I do, it must therefore follow that all the things that apply to an individual to allow them to grow also apply to the city.

If we are inward looking and isolated, we will end up moving backwards at great speed.

If on the other hand, we are outward looking and strive to see the world beyond the current limitations we will flourish and grow.

To remain static and uninspired must never be acceptable and is not an option.

The Friendship City relationship is an ideal way for us to achieve this strategic orientation, this strategic direction.

Such relationships guarantee an ongoing cultural exchange. They encourage the exchange of commercial, artistic and technological information that will ultimately prove beneficial.

There is an enormous amount that can be achieved on the person to person, community to community level of interaction, which is the principle aim of Friendship City Relationships ■

*Mayor John P. Grylbusich • JP*

## Coolbellup Library Briefs

### Jean Ryding Award

Congratulations to Coolbellup Librarian Natarsha Larment who won the prestigious Jean Ryding Award for WA in 1998. Each year the Public Libraries Section of the Australian Library and Information Association (A.L.I.A) presents an award to a librarian who has shown outstanding qualities while qualifying as a librarian within four years.

The award was presented at a breakfast and AGM held by the Public Libraries Section of A.L.I.A. at Jo Jo's River Restaurant ■



*Jean Ryding winner  
Natarsha Larment with Coolbellup  
Branch Librarian Diana Blackwood.*

### Adult Book Club

For the past year the Coolbellup Library has been running a very successful and well-attended Adult Book Club. Two groups meet on a monthly basis - a Tuesday night group and a Thursday morning group.

The books are selected and hired from the Kalamunda Community Learning Centre. "Discussions are lively, friendly and the group very sociable," Branch Librarian Diana Blackwood said. The free morning tea and supper are also extremely popular!

The Book Club's Christmas outing was a visit to the Fremantle Arts Centre for lunch and to listen to the Centre's courtyard music and was enjoyed by all. For information about joining either group please call Diana or Natarsha at Coolbellup Library on 931 4 1695 ■

# City's Bikeplan set to

# improve cycling in Cockburn



The City of Cockburn wants to improve conditions for cycling in your area and seeks your views and suggestions. The Cockburn Bikeplan, prepared in 1991, is being reviewed and updated.

"The new Bikeplan will identify improvements in the cycling network such as new paths, bike lanes and repairs to roads and paths, and bike racks," City of Cockburn Planning Officer Alan Gray said.

He said the aim of the Bikeplan is to create an improved cycling network, a better environment for everyone through reduced traffic congestion, reduced air pollution and a healthier lifestyle.

"We need people's views on how to encourage more people to cycle more frequently, and how the Council could provide better cycling facilities for the community," Mr Gray said.

There is a survey for everyone to fill out below.

As part of the information gathering process for the Bikeplan for the community, City of Cockburn's planning and recreation officers surveyed 300 students from South Fremantle, Hamilton Hill and Lakelands High Schools.

"We held workshops with years 8 to 10," Mr Gray said.

"We wanted to survey students to find out if they cycled, how often, and to establish where were the most popular recreational locations."

"The general feel was that not many of the students cycle. They felt that it was dangerous cycling on the roads and that more would cycle if there were designated cycle paths."

Mr Gray said the workshops were worthwhile and helpful in understanding students' outdoor leisure preferences.

"The results of the questionnaires are now being analysed and will be included in the Bikeplan, which is expected to be completed by mid 1999." ■

## Bicycle Survey

The City of Cockburn would like your input on what cycling facilities would encourage you to ride a bike more often, or to take up cycling. Simply fill in answers to the questions, fold the form, tape closed and post. Please do not use staples. No stamp is required.

The survey form should be completed by the person in your household who is most likely to ride a bicycle, or who cycles most often. ■

**Q1** Which suburb do you live in?

**Q2** Please list the three most visited destinations to which you currently travel by bike. These might include shops or local delis, schools and colleges, community and recreation centres, and work places. Please list them below:

1..... 2.....  
3.....

**Q3** Are there any barriers or obstacles you find annoying or dangerous riding a bike in your local area? Please list them below.

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**Q4** Please suggest 3 locations where bike parking rails or lockers should be placed.

1..... 2.....  
3.....

**Q5** What 3 improvements could be made to make cycling more convenient and/or safer in and around your suburb?

1..... 2.....  
3.....

**Q6** If you don't ride a bike, what could be done to encourage you (and other non-cyclists) to cycle to places within the City of Cockburn? Please list 3 suggestions.

1..... 2.....  
3.....

**Q7** Are there any special events or activities you think could be organised to encourage more cycling?

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**Q8** Do you have a good knowledge of cycling facilities (eg. dual use paths and quiet roads) in and around your suburb?  Yes  No

**Q9** How would you rate the level of cycling facilities in and around your suburb?  Poor  Fair  Good  Excellent

**Q10** How often do you usually ride a bicycle?

Every day  5 or 6 days per week  
 3 or 4 days per week  2 days per week  
 Once a week  Once every 2 - 3 weeks  
 About once a month  About once every 2 - 3 months  
 At least once a year  Never

**Q11** What is your age?

6 to 12 years  13 to 17 years  
 18 to 24 years  25 to 34 years  
 35 to 44 years  45 to 54 years  
 55 to 64 years  65 years and over

**Q12** Are you  Male  Female

If you would like to be involved in future consultations, please fill out your contact details below:

Name:.....

Street:.....

Suburb:..... Postcode:.....

Phone: (H)..... (W).....

# Subsidised Computer Training for Seniors

- Did you know that 1999 is the **Year Of The Older Person**? The City of Cockburn has come to the party with a variety of initiatives.
- First and foremost are Computer Introductory Courses for Seniors.
- Learn basic computer skills in a relaxed environment with other senior members of the community.

**WHAT** Learn basic computer skills in a relaxed environment with other senior members of the community. Programs being taught include Introduction to Personal Computers, Touch Typing, Introduction to Windows 97, Introduction to Microsoft Publisher, & Introduction to the Internet.

**WHERE** The Cockburn Vocational Centre,  
90 Cordelia Avenue, Coolbellup, (Next to Library)

**WHEN** Friday 12th February  
10.00am - 12 noon

**COST** Courses to run for four weeks  
**Special introductory offer - only \$25** for the whole course

**FREE TEA & COFFEE**  
If you need a lift to get there, ask about our **Transport Service.**  
**Book early as numbers are limited**

These courses will be located at and operated by fully qualified staff members. Each course runs over a four-week period with free tea and coffee provided. Courses are expected to fill up fast, so book early and contact

**Denise on 9314 1600**

Also keep an eye out for shopping centre displays and numerous events held within the City's two Libraries plus a whole lot more in the **Year of the Older Person.** So **BOOK NOW** on **9314 1600**

**A Joint project by the City of Cockburn and the Cockburn Vocational Centre**

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# Reporting on the state of Cockburn's Environment

A project is now being carried out by the City that aims to identify and document the state of Cockburn's environment. This will result in the development of a State of Environment Report for the City.

"The report will identify the condition of the various components of our local environment, including the wetlands and air quality, compared with environmental quality objectives," City of Cockburn's Environmental Services Manager Darren Walsh said.

The report will also compare the pressures on these environmental resources, existing documents, possible management responses, and develop measures for monitoring changes in the condition of our environment.

"When completed, this report will be used by Council to develop strategies to deal with the key environmental issues identified and will provide an important basis for Council's Agenda 21 Strategy," Mr Walsh said.

Workshops will be held in March to gain community input on the development of the State of the Environment Report.

"This is primarily to seek community views on what parts of the local environment are seen as important, concerns over impacts on environmental quality and suggestions for management responses."

These workshops will be advertised in local papers. **Further information on the Project can be gained from Council's Environmental Services Section on 9411 3444** ■



## Greening COCKBURN

An exciting new project has recently started which aims to develop a blueprint for the greening of Cockburn. Council's Arbourcultural Advisory Committee is working with consultants to prepare a Greening Plan for the City which will identify strategies for the protection of existing native vegetation and develop revegetation and landscape plans for road verges, reserves and other public land.

"Different landscape and streetscape themes will be developed for the various areas of the City based on factors such as different soil types, landforms, native vegetation communities and cultural considerations," the City's Environmental Services Manager Darren Walsh said.

"These plans will be used by Council to guide future revegetation and landscaping projects."

A high level of community involvement in the development of the plan is sought to gain community visions, ideas and input. Workshops will be conducted over the upcoming months, possibly on a Ward basis to facilitate this involvement.

Residents who are interested in being involved in the development of the Greening Plan are encouraged to **contact Council's Environmental Services Section on 9411 3505** ■

## \$50,000 of Community grants given - Focus on seniors for next \$30,000 of grants

The City of Cockburn has just finished giving 17 different community groups and organisations more than \$50,000 worth of community grants.

"The grants were given to community groups that could enhance opportunities for people within the City of Cockburn to participate in a range of cultural, recreational and other social activities," City of Cockburn Social Services Manager John Gregg said.

Council now wants applications from community groups and organisations or individuals to give out a second round of grants totalling \$30,000. Priority will be given to projects that focus on

benefiting seniors or families in this round of community grants

"The reason we're targeting seniors for grants is because 1999 is the Year of the Older Person, and Council wants to support activities for older members of the community," Mr Gregg said.

Applications can be posted out upon request or collected from the City of Cockburn Council Administration Building, located on the corner of Rockingham Road and Coleville Crescent, Spearwood.

People who wish to apply for these funds should telephone Council's Customer Service Officer Dee Dowd on 9411 3444 who will post out application forms and the criteria, or can collect forms from Council's Customer Service Desk, located on the ground floor.

The previous community grants covered a wide variety of groups in the City with heavy priority given to schools, children and arts and culture.

Listed below is a table outlining the different areas that received grants:

ISSUE/AREA	TOTAL FUNDS	NUMBER OF PROJECTS
Youth	\$4174	3
Sport	\$3590	2
Arts & Culture	\$6620	1
Children	\$8040	3
Schools	\$19,160	4
Other	\$9341	4

