

COCKBURN

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SOUNDINGS

Let the Games Begin



There is only one Games in the world where you can be sure everyone is on performance enhancing drugs. In fact it's encouraged at the CommonHealth Games, where teams of frail, aged, and/or disabled athletes compete in basketball, golf, target volley, quiz and shuffleboard. During the first week of October they gathered at the South Lake Leisure Centre to compete in the Games. According to games coordinator Jan Packham, the events objective is to, "enhance the quality of life through frail aged and disabled people in our community through participation and fun."

In all 1000 people took part in the Games over four days. This included the competitors, entertainers, former Olympians, state and local government representatives, and local media personalities.

The state Minister for Seniors June van de Klashorst opened the Games on the third day.

Nine teams took part in the CommonHealth Games. The overall winners for the week were the visiting team from Esperance, who took the shield home with them. Tuesday was won by the Wanneroo All Stars, Wednesday by Kon Kol

Katts from Kondinin, Thursday by East Fremantle Redbacks, and Friday's winners were our own Cockburn Dolphins.



EVENTS CALENDAR

18 NOVEMBER
Croatian Cultural Day

21 NOVEMBER
Council Meeting

24 NOVEMBER
Multi-Cultural Day

2 DECEMBER
Aboriginal Cultural Day

ELECTION CALENDAR

21 NOVEMBER
Election packages posted

3 DECEMBER
Post your vote

6 DECEMBER
6.00 PM
close of polls for
Council Elections

SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE

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What a feast of festivals we've had over the past couple of months and they continue right up until December and into the New Year. There have been several already celebrating the centenary of federation and our diverse ethnic origins but there are still more to come.

We have just celebrated Spring with the annual Cockburn Rotary Spring Fair. A great day was had by all and there are some pictures here to show it. This was our sixth Spring Fair and this year around 10,000 attended.

Our front page features a story about the Annual CommonHealth Games. These were especially significant this year as their timing coincided with the Olympics and it was the 10th anniversary of the games. This year there were over 1000 participants, making it a huge success.

Let's not forget also the Teddy Bear's Picnic. Once again over a thousand young one (and some not so young), joined with Fat Cat, Constable Care, Commissioner Smithson and others, all accompanied by their teddy, to make this an magic afternoon.

Our thanks go to the many people in our community who give so much of their time to make these events such a huge success.

As the election approaches our time with you is coming to an end. We would like to remind all electors that is very important for the future of your city that you participate in the elections. The postal voting process is very simple and is designed to encourage as many

people as possible to have their say in the future government of their city.

This election involves a postal vote and is being conducted by the Western Australian Electoral Commission. If you have enrolled to vote, sometime after 21 November you will receive your ballot papers in the mail.

You will be voting for a Mayor for the City. There will be seven names on the ballot paper and you are to tick the box next to the name of the person you think should be Mayor. Please do not mark more than one square as this will invalidate your vote.

Opposite there is a brief statement from each of the candidates for Mayor, together with their contact details. You will also have the opportunity to meet them in person and ask them questions at a forum at the Civic Centre on Monday 20 November at 7.30pm.

We have received enough nominations in each of our 3 wards to have an election. Details on the nominees for each ward are on pages 6 and 7.

Once you have made your vote, you should seal it in the reply-paid envelope. The envelope should be endorsed with your name, address, signature and the date. This is required so that you can be marked off on the electoral roll and to check that all votes are valid. The envelope should then be posted to arrive before 6.00pm on 6 December or alternatively you can lodge your envelope in a ballot box at the council offices.

You are not required to vote in person as has been the case in previous elections. Under the postal voting system there is no opportunity to cast a vote in person.

After the close of the polls at 6.00pm, your votes will be counted at the Civic Centre, by Officers from the Electoral Commission. The result of the Mayoral election should be announced shortly after 8.00pm.

Once the newly elected council has held its first formal council meeting, the commissioners role with the City of Cockburn will ceased and we will hand management of the city over to the new Council.

Julian Donaldson,
Chairman of the Joint Commissioners

Meet the Candidates

As a means of enabling Candidates to expand on their profiles, Council is facilitating a "Meet the Candidates" forum.

This will give Candidates the opportunity to publicly present their views, policies and ambitions for Cockburn, as well as give the public a chance to assess the credentials of each of the Candidates participating. It should be noted that this initiative places no compulsion on Candidates to participate and their involvement is totally voluntary.

While the public are encouraged to contact the Candidates by any means indicated in this publication, the forum also represents an excellent opportunity for the public to hear a diversity of opinion from a variety of people who share an interest in representing the community of Cockburn.

The timing of the forum has been specifically designed to relate to the timetable for the sending of election packages to all electors. In addition it is hoped that, by being conducted on a Monday night, when generally there are few competing events, the forum will attract a good attendance.

The forum will be held at the Cockburn Civic Centre, Coleville Crescent, Spearwood, on Monday 20 November from 7:30 PM till 9:30 PM. If you have any enquires contact Don Green at the Council Offices on 9411 3444.

Mayoral Candidates

Profiles in order in which candidates will appear on the blue ballot paper

Logan K Howlett

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Leadership, teamwork and accountability are the cornerstones of my campaign to become Mayor of the City of Cockburn. My extensive experience in senior management position in the State public sector, former roles as chair and director of various local, state and national organisations, my involvement within the community, including my nine years as a councillor, have provided me with the necessary business acumen to succeed in the position. As Mayor I will: provide leadership and guidance to the community; represent the interests of electors, ratepayers and residents; facilitate communication between the community and the Council; provide a forum for informed decision making; and ensure a professional working relationship with the Council, CEO and staff. My family has lived in Cockburn for 28 years and like you, I want a city that we can all be proud of and that future generations can always call home.

Mary Jenkins

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As your Mayor I hope to offer you a fresh approach to leadership with a new team. My aim is to cooperate with administration, local businesses, residents and the broader Local Government Association to turn "our place" into a thriving successful community. A mature Murdoch University Graduate (Urban Theory, history, Politics, Education), I've lived in Spearwood for 27 years as wife, mother, grandmother, migrant, student, lecture, businesswoman. Since playgroup 1975, I've been active in community affairs, organised special electors meetings and lobbied Council to improve residents' lifestyle and safety. Cockburn is home, "my place". As Mayor I'll pledge my time, knowledge, energy and enthusiasm during the next 4 years to serve this Community well. This election is a turning point - the future of Cockburn is entirely in your hands. Please take the time to vote for Mary Jenkins and Cockburn will be the winner! Thank you for your support.

John Grljusich

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I have lived and worked in the City of Cockburn all my life, and I therefore have an intimate understanding of the social fabric of the city. My wife Marie and I have raised a family in this city, that we call home. I have served the residents of the city as an elected member of the Council for the past 16 years. During that time I have held a variety of positions which have included a period as the Deputy Mayor as well as the position of Mayor for two years. The Council that I headed had few, if any, peers in Western Australia. It had a clear future direction and achieved a financial outcome that will be the cornerstone for the future development of the City of Cockburn. I am asking for your support so that we can continue to build a city for the future.

Laurie Humphreys

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The Inquiry found no adverse findings against me. My 18 years on Council include: 11 years as Chairman of Community Policing Committee; Delegate to Executive of Local government

Association; Founder and current President of Coobellup Community Association; Chairman of Cockburn Neighbourhood Watch; Member of Board of Management Volunteer Home Support (Seniors). This experience well qualifies me to take on the role of Mayor. I have been described as Strong and Resilient and will not take the easy way out. I am retired so loss of income as your Mayor will not be an issue. Strong representation will be needed for the FRIARS and Jervoise Bay issue, the Roe Freeway Extension and Coogee Beach coastal strip. Each suburb has it's own issues. My ability to work well with the staff of the City is important in solving these. Cockburn need the stability I can provide.

Stephen Lee

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I am married to Anna and we have three children. Joseph, Danielle and Christopher. We have lived within Cockburn for over 15 years. I am self employed and work in the building industry. When elected, I will rebuild and promote our City so that it achieves its true position as the number one City in our region, consequently adding value to all our homes. Our coastline is a priceless asset, and we need to maximise its value by selectively locating high quality environmentally manageable recreational developments, accessible to us all. These developments will act as a barrier to prevent further expansion of industry along our coastline. To ensure security for our homes and safety for our families, we need a 24 Hour Police presence in Cockburn. Our Council should also look at funding private security patrols. Ensure Cockburn is in "Safe Hands". By Supporting Stephen Lee for Mayor.

Ian Whitfield

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For honest hard working community representation I seek you nomination for Mayor of Cockburn. This newly elected council needs a full time leader who is articulate and able to lead it forward as a representative of all of Cockburn's rich heritage. I am married with two children and live in Success. A Primary teacher for 27 years presently at Coogee after 11 rewarding years at Jandakot. Have held the position of acting principal and deputy. My family and I have been actively involved in the local community. Roles undertaken. P+C president; Tee ball coach and umpire; baseball umpire; emergency foster family to 97 children (Wanslea); retired Apexian; president of Save Old Jandakot School Committee. My proven community involvement and well practised people skills will allow me to fulfil the role of Mayor representing all community interests and needs.

George Grljusich

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I was born in the Goldfields at Laverton on 15th January 1939 and have maintained a continuous association with the Cockburn district since my market gardening family moved to Spearwood in 1947. After attending CBC Fremantle I graduated as a Bachelor of Law (LL.B) from the University of Western Australia in 1960. I spent the next 36 years with the ABC Sports Department before moving to 6PR. During the period before the Douglas inquiry I gained a valuable insight into how a Council should work and made successful presentation to the Department of Local Government and the State Ombudsman. These played a part in a number of beneficial changes. I played league football with South Fremantle and last year was inducted into the Fremantle Foot Club 'Hall of Legends' for my fundraising efforts for Dockers HQ at Fremantle Oval. I am married to Judy with three children.

Cockburn Springs into Fair

Around 10,000 people enjoyed a day at the Cockburn Rotary Spring Fair on Sunday, 29 October, at Manning Park, Spearwood. The Fair is one of the Fun Coast's premiere annual events, and this year's did not disappoint. The City of Cockburn along with Rotary Club of Cockburn, Cockburn Electrical Company and Community Newspapers Cockburn Gazette proudly sponsor the event.

More than 60 stalls were set up with arts and crafts, community service displays and information, refreshments and lively activities. Fair goers were entertained by a variety of local performers, on the day stage, including school groups, community and multicultural groups, musical bands, dancers, and DJs. The entertainment lasted from morning till night ending in a fireworks show that thrilled everyone.

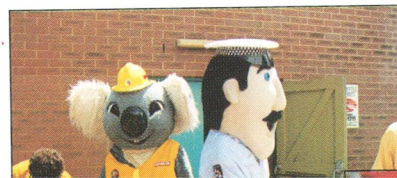
The Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Games were a major highlight of the day. Crews competed in various events, including an alarm race, and vehicle and crew inspection. While it's all in fun there is a serious side to everything.

According to Jim Johnson, Chief Bush Fire Controll Officer for the City of Cockburn, "these games ensure readiness for the up coming bush fire season, and allows the teams to network for the up coming season".

Overall winners in the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Games were Gosnells 2 and Cockburn's own South Coogee Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade. The most popular event at the Games was the foam slide at the end of the competition.



Teddy Bears' Big Day Out



A beautiful day at MacFaul Park provided the perfect setting for this year's City of Cockburn Teddy Bear's Picnic. An estimated 1,000 people took part in this year's annual event celebrating Children's Week. According to Children's Services Coordinator, Jill Zumach, "the aim of the picnic is to recognise and

Cultural Days and Photo Comp Important Part of Centenary Celebrations

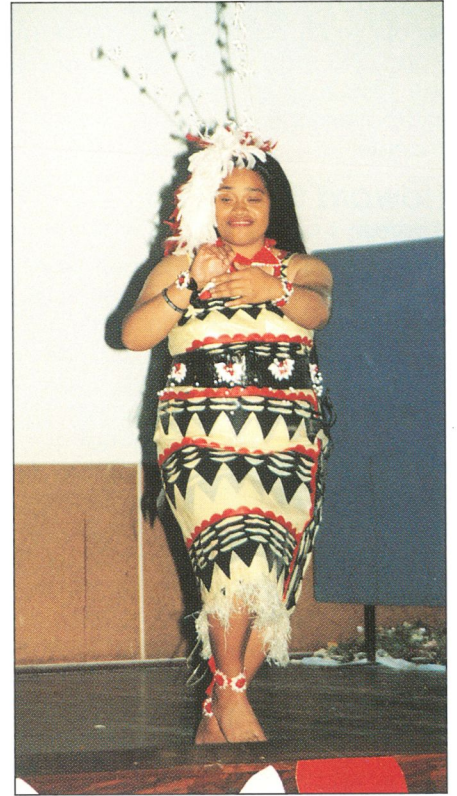
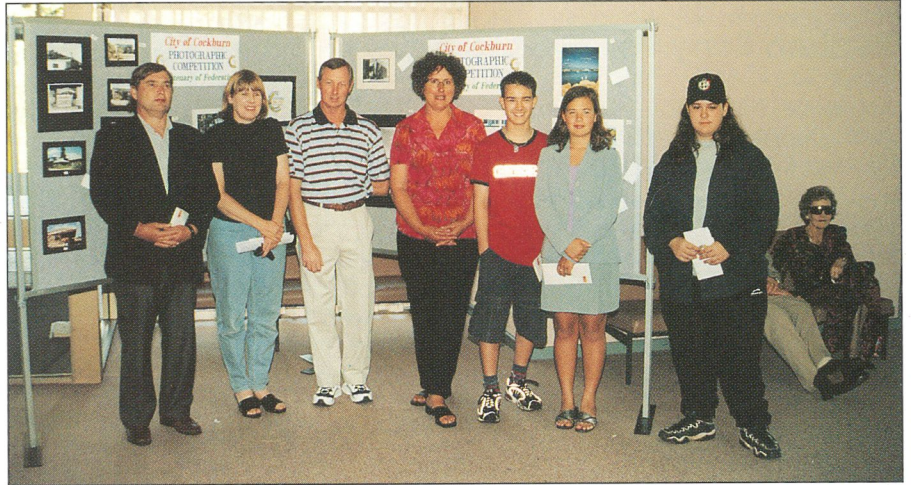
In the City of Cockburn we are fortunate to live in a diverse multicultural community. Various community groups are organising Cultural Days as a part of the City's Centenary of Federation celebrations. So far this Spring, there has been the Jeans Carnival, South Pacific Cultural Day and Dia Nacional de Espana.

The sights, sounds and tastes of Latin America came to the Manning Park music shell for the Jeans Carnival. It was a lively celebration of the music, dance and food of El Salvador, with members of the Salvadorean Cultural Centre of WA performing traditional dances and serving Salvadorean cuisine to the over 200 people who attended.

Imagine travelling around the islands of the South Pacific, experiencing the sights, sounds and flavours that make up the many communities which call the region home. Sounds like quite a holiday. On Saturday, 14 October, the cultures of Hawaii, Samoa, Tonga, New Zealand and other islands came Memorial Hall in Hamilton Hill. South Pacific Cultural Day brought the islands to Cockburn. The crowd at the Hall enjoyed a full day of South Pacific food and entertainment.

Another of the Centenary celebrations in Cockburn was a recent photo competition held in conjunction with the Cockburn Community & Cultural Council's Year 2000 Arts and Crafts Exhibition. The City of Cockburn Photographic Awards were given out on Sunday October 15. Local shutter bugs, Jakica Zaknic, Neil Kacowicz, Robert Hylander, Justine Bond, Mark Bond, Lyn Finch and Cara Fortino were honoured for their work capturing images of Cockburn.

These cultural days and competitions along with the up coming Aboriginal Cultural Day and Croatian Cultural Day are activities which celebrate the Centenary of Federation and the rich multicultural community Australia is today. In the lead up to the Australia wide celebrations in 2001 the City of Cockburn is involved in a number of community projects.



Candidates for Council

Profiles in order in which candidates will appear on the green ballot paper

East Ward

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My wife, Kathryn, our two teenage children and I have been residents of North Lake for the past ten years. Since 1989: Lecturer, Hospitality, South Metropolitan College of TAFE. 1986 to 1989: Licensee/ Owner of the Geraldton hotel. 1970 to 1986: A Manager in the Hospitality Industry with Transit Inn Perth, Sebel Town House Sydney, Sydney Hilton, Travelodge Sydney, Adelaide and Albury, Fremantle Esplanade Hotel. I have been an active member of service clubs in Adelaide, Albury, Melville and now Cockburn. As your elected councillor I will provide strong responsible mature leadership, commercial experience and accountable management of your council. Like all residents of Cockburn I have concerns for our youth, our aged, the crime rate, the environment, our parks and roadways. I aim to ensure that our council uses the resources at their disposal for the betterment of the ratepayers and community of Cockburn in the best possible manner.

Howard Shepherd

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I have been a resident of East Ward for 8 years and have a long history of being involved in, an honorary capacity, on the Committee of Management of Community Groups such as Co-Scope Job Link (Inc.), an employment assistance project in Hamilton Hill; The South West Corridor Development and Employment Foundation (Inc.) for the areas of Fremantle to Rockingham, for 16 years; Past Club President and Member of Rotary for 20 years; Local Drug Action Group; Fremantle Skillshare Project for 12 years; Immediate Past Vice President of the Fremantle Chamber of Commerce (Inc.). My concern is for a City that develops under a well thought out Plan while protecting our wetlands, the needs of people, and the needs of commerce that service out needs, and provide employment. I am a Self-Employed Certified Practising Accountant, a father of 4 with 8 grand children.

Ian Whitfield

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For honest hard working community representation I seek your nomination for Cockburn Council East Ward. This mainly residential area needs a community minded local who is articulate and able to see Cockburn growing as a vibrant family centred area. I am married, a resident of Yangebup for 10 years and now residing in Success for six years. Primary teacher for 27 years presently at Coogee after 11 rewarding years at Jandakot. Have held the positions of acting principal and deputy. My family and I have been actively involved in the local community. Roles undertaken; P+C president; Tee ball coach and umpire; baseball umpire; emergency foster family to 97 children (Wanslea); present president of Save Old Jandakot School Committee. My proven community involvement and well practised people skills will allow me to be one of the new Cockburn Council reflecting community interests and needs.

Richard Graham

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As a long-time resident, I believe the City of Cockburn is a great place to live. Previously, I have worked in the public service, and owned and operated a small business. At present, I work as a Research Officer and study a Law degree at UWA. I support; the development of a major City Centre, similar to Joondalup, in the Thomsons Lake locality; a Cockburn-wide beautification project, with improved street and landscaping; targeted council security patrols in crime 'hotspots'; additional services for young people; improved midge and mosquito control; better road maintenance and traffic control; improved community consultation on planning issues. Having observed Local Government at council meetings over the last 3 years I believe our Council requires new people who have a vision for the City of Cockburn. I need your support. Your choice in voting for me is a decision for a new vision.

Susan Rennie

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I am thirty-six year old mother of two children and in my final year of studying a Leisure Science degree with a Sports Science supporting major. I have lived in Cockburn for seven years and have been active within the community through leisure provision for all age groups. I wish to encourage the use of our natural land for future generations to enjoy and appreciate and to: See an improvement in children's play facilities; Implement the inclusion of proper play surfaces in all areas; Protect better services for seniors and people with disabilities in all areas; Encourage increased leisure opportunities and facilities for our youth; Look towards combined community awareness; Ensure any new developments do not encroach upon the natural resources of the area; Increase Cultural awareness within East Ward and to Promote local small business.

Central Ward

Val Oliver

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Having lived in Coolbellup for thirty-two years, I regularly attend Council Meetings and Community Forums, lobbied Council for improvements to Coolbellup and supporting neighbouring areas, while holding a number of voluntary positions. Development in our City is happening at a fast rate and every effort must be made for community consultation with developers and Council to achieve a sustainable lifestyle for the people of Cockburn. Our youth need a safe activity areas in local parks with modern affordable recreation facilities providing a healthy social environment for families. The public need easy access to community services, with provision for Seniors to have community bus links throughout Cockburn. Protection of our beaches, wetlands and wildlife are important. Working towards employment with development and provision for industry, Cockburn needs sensible planning to create a healthy social environment for this and future generations. I seek your support to be elected Councillor for Central Ward.

Central Ward (continued)

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I am married to Carol and we have three young sons. We have lived in Yangebup for the last eight years. I updated my Degree with a Graduate Diploma in Environmental Science in 1993 and when elected, I will use my qualifications to ensure a balance between Economic and Environmental issues. Better Community facilities for our Young people and Seniors are a priority for me. The Safety and Security of our families and homes is crucial and I would push for a 24 hour manned Police Station in Cockburn. I believe Cockburn should attract more "clean, Clever, Industry, and less dirty polluting industry". I want to ensure the Wetland ecosystems remain protected for future generations. Ratepayer Tip Passes must be ensured, to help prevent increased illegal tipping in the bush. Guarantee a positive future for us all. Keep Cockburn in Safe Hands! Support Martin Reeve-Fowkes for Central Ward.

Stephen Lee

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I am married to Anna and we have three children. Joseph, Danielle and Christopher. We have lived in Cockburn for over 15 years. I am self employed and work in the building industry. We need to ensure safety and security for our home and families. When elected I will push for a 24 hour police station in Cockburn and I will also push for Council to look at the funding of private security patrols in our City. Our youth need to be catered for, we need facilities to occupy them and burn up their boundless energies in a positive and constructive not destructive way. The bush adjacent to Amcor should be allowed to remain in its natural state for us all to admire. We do not need Quarries and industrial development so close to residents. Ensure Cockburn is in safe hands by supporting Stephen Lee as your Central Ward Councillor.

Nola Waters

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I have lived in Cockburn with my husband and four children for over thirty years. My work in local primary school as a teacher assistant has kept me in touch with the many issues affecting the families in our community. I am a member of The Library Board of Western Australia and Secretary of the Advisory Committee for Bridging The Gap. I will work to ensure that: The voice of the residents will once more be heard through wider community consultation; Our coastal environment is protected against the expansion of industry; Maintain a sustainable balance between development and conservation; facilities and programmes for our young people are developed; The library service is extended to provide better access to our newer communities. With the reduction of numbers of councillors and the redistribution of boundaries I look forward to the challenge of representing a larger portion of the City of Cockburn.

West Ward

Alistair Edwards

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As a resident of Coogee, I am strongly committed and dedicated to the further development of out community. I am 32 years of age and happily married with three young children. Currently I am vice-captain of the Perth Glory Soccer Club and have played representative soccer for

Western Australia and Australia. I am completing a Masters Degree in Business Administration (MBA) at Edith Cowan University. My previous academic qualifications include a Graduate Diploma in Business, Graduate Certificate in Sports Management and the Chartered Institute of Marketing Certificate (CIM, UK). My broad experience both locally and overseas has given me the background and a strong desire to participate in Local Government initiatives, focusing on the development and encouragement of programs that will enhance our community, with particular attention to the needs of our youth and crime prevention.

Alf Turner

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I am a retired teacher, married, with grown-up children. More than 30 years ago, I chose Spearwood as the place to raise my then young family. In the ensuing years I involved myself in my community through many organisations. Those who know me will attest to the fact that I did so enthusiastically and faithfully.

Later, my teaching career took me north. On returning, we settled in East Fremantle, where I stood for and was elected to Council, serving on several committees. I have repurchased in the West Ward. On my retirement from full-time teaching, I became a Crisis Care Volunteer Counsellor. That experience made me acutely aware of the needs of young people in particular and those of the aged and families in general. I pledge that I will use all my skills and experience to listen to and convey the needs and concerns of all citizens, if elected.

Laurie Humphreys

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The Inquiry found no adverse findings against me. In my 18 years on Council I have served on all Committees and represented Cockburn on numerous external committees. My experience will enable me to tackle any issue which may affect your Ward. I have always worked with the staff and this is extremely important. Part of West Ward are listed for redevelopment and my involvement with the redevelopment of Coolbellup will be a benefit in this regard. Preserving the past and planning for the future should not be driven by the State Government but by your Council with community consultation and input. This will be essential when planning for the coastal strip. We've had the inquiry. We've had complete Ward restructuring. We've had Councillor numbers reduced from 14 to 9. We now need to have a period of stability. With my experience I can offer that.

Kevin Allen

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I have been a resident of Cockburn with my schoolteacher wife Debbie & family for over 20 years. I am employed in private industry as a State Manager & operate my own business overseas. Not new to fighting for community issues, since 1992/93 I have been President of the Coogee Beach progress Association and community representative on the State Government's Coogee Master Plan committee. My concerns are: Mobile phone tower sites, their effects on residents and provision of state of the art home theft preventative tools. I am concerned that the views of the average person are not being heard on major issues. Vote for a candidate who likes to listen, has a business background and has the ability to communicate and negotiate at all levels. Vote for a new vision and not the old. Ensure Cockburn is in safe hands by supporting Kevin Allen as your West Ward Councillor.

Postal Voting and You

Election Packages for the upcoming council elections will be posted to eligible voters on 21 November. The Western Australian Electoral Commission is sending out 42,000 election packages to voters in the City of Cockburn.

For the December 6 council elections, voters will be selecting three councillors for their ward and everyone will be voting for mayor. It is vital that as many people who are eligible to vote take part in this election. A high voter participation in the election is the best way to ensure the people of Cockburn have a truly representative Council. "We would like everyone to complete their election package and send it in," says Returning Officer Ken Bird.

Completed ballot papers must be returned to the Commission or the Council offices in the envelope provided endorsed with your name, address, signature and date by 6 PM on 6 December. This is a postal vote; there will be no voting in person on the day (i.e. 6 December).

The green ballot paper is for ward councillors, tick no more than three candidates. The blue ballot paper is for mayor, tick only one candidate. If you tick more than three candidates on the green ballot paper or more than one candidate on the blue ballot paper your ballot may be informal.

You must use a tick to indicate which candidate you are voting for. Any other mark, such as underlining, a cross, letters or numbers, will not be counted and your ballot will be invalid.

If you do not receive an election package and feel you are entitled to vote contact the Western Australian Electoral Commission on 9214 0400. According to Mr Bird, "if you believe you are entitled to vote in this election for the City of Cockburn, ask us."

Similarly, if you are uncertain on any aspect of this voting process, please contact Mr Bird, or the Council Office on 9411 3444 for advice.

Students Keeping Oz Beaut

Keep Australia Beautiful Week was held during September and the students from two local primary schools got involved by removing rubbish from some local bushland sites.

The weather was ideal and this allowed the students to enjoy the sunshine while wandering in and around some of our wonderful natural areas. Beeliar Primary School tackled a piece of nearby bushland and managed to fill a number of large rubbish bags with accumulated litter.

The students from Newton Primary School also removed a large amount of litter from Market Garden Swamp. The students were rewarded for their hard labour by enjoying a sausage sizzle at the site.

These areas are now looking much tidier and the city would like to thank them for their hard work and effort.

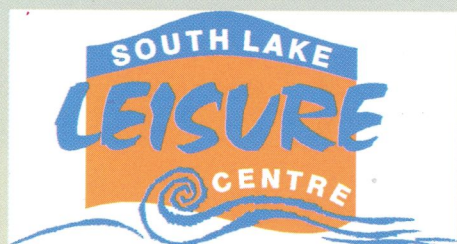


Life Saving Skills Easy to Learn

As the weather warms up and summer approaches, no doubt parents and children will start spending more time in, near or around water. It's sad to say but every year many young people drown in swimming pools, lakes, dams and rivers throughout the country. However just two hours spent in a resuscitation class can give you the skills needed to save a life, and now is the time to enrol in such a course. "It's too late after the event to do anything," according to South Lake Leisure Centre Swim School Coordinator Lari McDonald.

The Swim School at the South Lake Leisure Centre offers resuscitation classes for ages 8 and up. The courses can be taken at the centre or it can be conducted at your house, work or club. Family groups and social clubs often take part in the resuscitation class. In the class you will learn expired air resuscitation (EAR) and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and you will learn how to resuscitate adults, children and infants. Sound complicated? It's not. "It's not hard to learn, there's no exam," explains Ms. McDonald.

You may have taken a resuscitation course before, maybe in high school. If this is the case it's time to take another course. Ideally you need to take a class every year. To arrange a resuscitation class or find out more call the South Lake Leisure Centre on 9417 3003 and ask for the Swim School.



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What You Need to Know Before You Swim with Baby

Increasingly, new parents want to teach their babies to swim. The South Lake Leisure Centre offers courses for parents and babies that teach the little ones water familiarisation, breath control, submerging, independent swimming, climbing out of the pool and serve as important bonding time between parent and child. However before you and your baby show up at a course there are some important things you should know. The SLLC Swim School offers regular parent information sessions for mums and dads before they start the swimming course in the evenings.

The program is endorsed by the Royal Life Saving Society and Swim Australia, and is recognised and accredited nationally. The information evening will cover what you need to bring to the swim class, what to leave at home, and how the classes are structured. During the parent and baby swim course songs and games are used to teach swimming and water safety skills. Some of the activities covered in the swim classes include teaching your baby to back float, climb the stairs out of the pool, and walking in the wall to guide them back to the stairs. According to SLLC Swim School Coordinator Lari McDonald, aquatic activities need to be done with your child, not to your child.

"The parents who do (the Parent Information Evening) have much better experiences in the class," according to Ms. McDonald. The next information evening meets on Thursday, 23 November, call the SLLC Swim School, 9417 3003.

ENVIRONMENT

The Great Weed Escape: From Garden to Bush

Weeds are a threat to our natural heritage; they take over bushland, smothering native plants and inhibiting natural regeneration. The result is degradation and we are all the poorer for this loss of diversity.

Thirty percent of our weeds are garden escapes. Plants that look great in a garden can have a devastating impact on our bush. Some examples of these are:

Arum Lily (shown here). Seed is spread by birds and has become a problem in all our wetlands.

Gazania. A very tough plant that has in the past been used in street scaping but is now known to invade bushland particularly coastal dunes.

Pampas Grass. Each flower plume produces thousands of seeds that are spread by the wind. This plant has become a major problem around Lake Coogee and Market Garden Swamp.

If you have these plants growing in your garden, you might like to consider cutting the seed heads each year to prevent their spread or replacing them with another plant. Any queries, please contact Dave Bright in Environmental Services on 9411 3584.



Doing Your Part for a Greener Home, Not as Hard as It Sounds

So you have been reading the Cockburn Soundings for the last four months thinking that LA21 sounds big, and you're not sure how you can make a difference or get involved. Here are some ideas you can apply around the home that will help you to a more sustainable way of life. Some of these things you may already be doing.

Reducing your household output of Carbon dioxide (CO₂) will help to reduce greenhouse gases. The average household emits 7075 kg's of Carbon Dioxide a year. If you reduce this figure your household would be doing its part in reducing global warming.

"How, how," I hear you say.

One of the big emitters of CO₂ is the family car. By keeping it tuned and having the correct tyre pressure you can get better mileage while reducing CO₂ emissions. The faster you go means you burn more fuel and hence produce more carbon dioxide, another good reason not to speed.

"Easy," you say. Even better try taking public transport or now that the weather is warming use your legs.

Insulate your home and save on both heating and cooling energy requirements.

Remember to turn the lights off when not needed and think about installing energy saving light bulbs.

We all like to have hot showers but it takes energy to

heat the water (more CO₂ emissions). Try and shorten your hot water showers.

Speaking of water, it's one of our most precious resources and yet we tend to forget its value when we have it at our fingertips. By installing water saving devices on your shower and taps you can save litres of water and don't forget to turn the tap off when cleaning your teeth or shaving.

No one likes to talk about toilets but did you know that you could save water here as well. If you don't have a dual flush system you can purchase a water saving device that only uses water when your finger is on the button instead of using the entire volume of the system every time you flush.

There are many more handy household hints to becoming sustainable like composting and worm farms. The best thing is that not only will you be contributing to sustainability you can also save money. There are numerous books on sustainable development and being sustainable and a very long list of web sites you can look at or you can hire Planet Arks video "Do Something" (available free at Video Ezy shops).

If you are interested in setting the vision for Cockburn and would like to be added to the LA21 mailing list, then ring City of Cockburn Environmental Officer Kirsty Stratford on 9411 3441.

Children Seen and Heard at Cockburn's Libraries



When you think of the library what comes to mind? Perhaps an image from childhood of a stern librarian telling the youngsters to keep quiet forms in your mind's eye. The place of young children in public libraries has changed over the years. From an expectation that children were to be seen but not heard, now many public libraries provide special programs for pre-school children.

Luba Kambourakis, the Youth Services Librarian for the City of Cockburn says that it is important that children are made welcome in libraries and introduced to books at an early age. "Reading to children develops their ability to acquire new sounds and enriches their vocabularies. In addition, it helps children build new concepts and exercises the imagination," she said.

Storytime programs provided by the City of Cockburn comprise of 30-45 minutes sessions where picture books are read aloud to children, followed by a simple craft activity. These are conducted at Spearwood Library on Tuesdays at 10.30 am, Fridays at 2.00 p.m. and Saturdays at 10.00 am. At Coolbellup Library they're held on Wednesdays at 10.30 am.

Sessions provide children with an exposure to a wide range of quality books that promote language development. To vary the program, children are sometimes introduced to finger rhymes, songs, story telling, felt board stories and puppets.

Mrs Nadilo of Spearwood attends the Storytime sessions at Spearwood Library with her children, Katie (5), Sarah (4) and Rene(?)(2). "The family has participated since Katie was two and a half "she said. "They really enjoy listening to good stories and doing the activities. Afterwards, they love taking their activities home and displaying them in the cubby house. Throughout the week they always look forward to the day."

Mrs Nadilo said that not only had her children made lots of friends at the sessions but also she had an opportunity to meet other parents. "Best of all," Mrs Nadilo added, "the children feel part of the library now."

"The test of
real literature
is that it will
bear repetition.
We read over
the same pages
again and again,
and always with
fresh delight"

*-Samual McChord
Crothers*

**Some authors who
pass the test**

*Jane Austen
Gorge Orwell
Charles Dickens
D.H. Lawrence
Ernest Hemingway
J.R.R. Tolkien
William S. Burroughs
F. Scott Fitzgerald
James Joyce*

**Literary Classics
available from**

**City of Cockburn
Public Library
& Information
Service**



Spearwood Library
Coleville Crescent
9411 3491

Coolbellup Library
90 Cordelia Avenue
9314 1695

Stop the Presses

The latest issue of Regenerate is out now. A publication for young people written by young people. Some of the hot topics covered in latest issue are safe sex, the environment, plus competitions to enter. Regenerate is always on the look out for contributing writers, if you want to submit an article for publication e-mail regenerate@cockburn.wa.gov.au. Regenerate is available from youth advisers and at shopping centres around the city.



Skate Park Opens



The new Skate Park Facility at South Lake opened on Saturday 14 October with an enthusiastic crowd of young people making use of the ramps and jumps on hand. The crowd took advantage of the beautiful spring day to watch demonstrations by skater boarders, BMX bike riders and in-line skaters.

The Skate Park Facility is part of the South Lake Leisure Centre and is located on land partly provide by Lakelands Senior High School. It is open all afternoon and into the night with skating under lights. For three dollars skaters get a three-hour session at the facility plus use of the pool.

Safety is of key importance at the Skate Park. Staff members are on hand at all times and have been trained in first aid. For people without their own protective headgear, helmets are provided on site.

Battle of the Bands Finale at FROSH



Coinciding with the Cockburn Rotary Spring Fair was the 'Frosh' Youth Festival, held at the Manning Park music shell. According to Youth Development Officer Brian Riley, the Youth Festival is important because it, "provides a link between young people and the community, telling the young people there are opportunities and resources in the community available for them."

Over 1,500 young people enjoyed a number of activities including, the climbing wall, mad cow, sumo wrestling, electronic games and the interactive information tents. Throughout the afternoon the finale of the Battle of the Bands took place. Twenty-five local young musicians played original music for the crowd over the course of the day. The Battle of the Bands provides an important opportunity for local music talent to be a part of an outdoor concert. The bands were judged by record industry professionals from Seeing Ear Records. Flipside finished on top and will soon be enjoying their prize, some valuable studio recording time.



The Skate Park was created for young people, and local young people have been very instrumental in its design and management. In 1998 a Council report identified a low cost youth facility as one of the City's needs. The need was also defined as a safety issue because young people need a place to go after school or work. The Skate Park is not something that adults have built on their own.

Local young people have been involved in the creation of the facility since the beginning. Council consulted with kids at school around the City during the design stage. A group of 20 young people continue to be involved as a management committee for the facility. This involvement is vital to the facility according to Recreation Services Coordinator Andrew Ward, "having the kids involved is hugely important. I would not have know what to do without the kids."

Lakelands SHS Reaching for the Stars



Cockburn once again leads the way with Food Safety. The Lakelands Senior High School Canteen has recently been accredited with a 4 star STARCAP rating from the WA School Canteen Association. What does this mean for the students? It means that the food being prepared and served to the young people is of a very high standard. Lakelands is the first school in the district to reach this high standard.

To meet the high standards of the STARCAP, the canteen staff at Lakelands has been fully educated in food safety. In other canteens inspectors check the food preparation procedures, at Lakelands the canteen staff carry out this important work everyday. It's as if the canteen is being inspected continuously.

The Star Canteen Accreditation Program (STARCAP) awards schools operating healthy canteens by using a star-rating basis of 3, 4 or 5 stars, similar to the rating standard used in other areas of hospitality and tourism. It recognises and rewards those schools operating healthy, profitable canteens and also provides incentive for others to work towards star status.

STARCAP is an initiative of the WA School Canteen Association (Inc), in partnership with the Heart Foundation of Australia (WA Division) and the Nutrition Program of the Health Department of WA, and is funded by Healthway.

Accredited school canteens are required to meet defined criteria in four key areas:

- Canteen policy
- School community involvement
- Canteen menu
- Hygiene and food safety

To satisfy the hygiene and food safety aspects of STARCAP, Lakelands Senior High School Canteen have successfully completed the FoodSafe Plus program. This makes them the first food premises in the City of Cockburn to follow the FoodSafe program to its highest level.

FoodSafe Plus is a food safety program for food premises based on hazard analysis critical control point principles (HACCP). HACCP requires a business to identify each stage of its food processing, identify what can go wrong at each stage, and put in place actions that prevent problems occurring.

Lakelands High School Canteen should be congratulated on their star performance and we can only hope that other food premises will aim as high as they have. Congratulations also go out to all the staff at Emmanuel Catholic College Canteen. They have successfully completed the FoodSafe food handler training and quality assurance program which is the forerunner of FoodSafe Plus.

For more information about STARCAP you can contact Robin Bromley from the WA School Canteen Association on 9244 1992. For more information regarding FoodSafe and FoodSafe Plus you can contact City of Cockburn's Environmental Health Services on 9411 3444.



Community Chat

Join the Family, Become a Citizen

Are you thinking about becoming an Australian citizen and do you live in the City of Cockburn? It's easy!

We carry out a number of private and public ceremonies throughout the year for people to receive full Australian Citizenships, on behalf of the Commonwealth Department of Immigration.

Need More info?

Ph: 9411 3401 or 9261 2297

E-mail: sue@cockburn.wa.gov.au

Volunteers Honoured

It has been a long-standing tradition at Cockburn, that the Council shows its appreciation to the many members of the various volunteer emergency service groups in the area. The Commissioners were proud to continue that tradition again this year by hosting a function thanking emergency service volunteers on the 6th October.

All active members of the Cockburn Sea, Search & Rescue Group, Cockburn Volunteer State Emergency Service, Jandakot Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade and South Coogee Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade were invited.

As well as passing on the City's gratitude for their commitment to the safety and wellbeing of Cockburn, its residents and their possessions, Cmr Donaldson also had the pleasure of presenting Service Badges to those who had given 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and even 30 years of voluntary service to the community.

Cmr Donaldson said "it was an honour to be able to say thank you to so many people who voluntarily give of their time over and over again to help others."

Anyone, who is interested in the activities of these organisations or in becoming a volunteer, should ask the Council for contact details.



Meet Some of Our "Old Timers"

The City of Cockburn must be a pretty good place to work judging by the number of staff who have been with us for many years. This year saw a number of staff achieving milestones including 20 years of service by Tony Farac, June Barton, Bevis Greay, Duncan Furphy and Julie Mann. Council also said farewell to Roy Beresford who retired after 16 1/2 years and Aussie Hart after 32 years.

Pre-Loved Toys Wanted

The Atwell Toy Library organising committee is looking for pre-loved toys in good condition.

Yvonne Coyne, Community Development Officer says that the group has been very busy fundraising and getting organised. It hoped they will be up and operational before Christmas.

"They have been successful in gaining Lotteries Commission funding for the purchase of new toys and City of Cockburn has supported them in getting established as well. However, the more toys there are available, the more members that they can accomodate."

Anyone having pre-loved toys to donate can contact either Michelle Dunlop on 9414 6253, Peta Barrett on 9414 5394 or Jennifer Stefansen on 9414 6254.

PLAYCLUB

With the change in the entry age for 4 Year Old Kindergarten set to take effect in 2001, there have been requests from parents looking for alternatives.

"Playgroups are a wonderful and important way for parents and children to get to know each other in their local communities, however some parents are looking for something a little more when their child reaches the age they would previously have been entering Kindy," says Yvonne Coyne, Community Development Officer.

Playclub's are an option to parents to fill that gap. A Playleader provides an interactive fun session including books, puzzles, music, movement, stories indoor and outdoor activities. Parents or caregivers stay with their child and help them with the semi-structured activities and routines. The PlayClub is for children who are aged 3 or 4 and their parents/caregivers.

"A step up from Family Playgroup and a step down from structured Kindergarten," is a good way of describing the group, says Yvonne.

Expressions of interest and enrolments are now being taken for 2001.

Yangebup Family Centre - 9417 9995

South Lake Otley Centre - 9417 2372

Atwell Community Centre - 9411 3432

Turn Cockburn upside down to find the next Australian of the Year and Community of the Year

Commissioner Julian Donaldson is calling on the people of Cockburn to turn the district upside down to find the 2001 Australian of the Year and Community of the Year.

"We have a tremendous talent of people within our community who deserve to be acknowledged for their contributions to our well being, whether they are working solo or as part of a group", said Commissioner Donaldson.

The Australian of the Year Award recognises an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to Australian society, either at a local or wider level. The Young Australian of the Year Award recognises similar achievements by young people up to 25 years of age.

The Community of the Year Award recognises the achievements of an entire community or group, such as a specific community project, the work of a particular group or organisation or a record of achievement by a suburb or area.

"I urge the community to look around and encourage the efforts of our fellow Australians by nominating a person or group for the Australian of the Year and Community of the Year", said Mr Donaldson.

The winners of the awards will be announced by the newly elected Mayor on 26th January 2001. They are drawn from are based on nominations solely received from the public, and judged by a Board of Representatives of the City of Cockburn.

Nomination forms are available in this issue or from the Council office, by phoning the Council on 9411 3458.

Nominees for Australian of the Year must be Australian citizens and, other than in exceptional circumstances, should reside in Cockburn. Nominations must be received by Thursday 4th January 2001. For Further information contact Communications Manager, Chuck Ellis on 9411 3551.

Nomination Form for the City of Cockburn's 2001 Australia Day Citizen of the Year

(Fill out, cut off, put in an envelope and post. No stamp required.)

I would like to nominate _____

☐ Citizen of the Year ☐ Young Citizen of the Year ☐ Community of the Year

My reason for this nomination (attach details if space is insufficient) _____

Address To:

City of Cockburn
Reply Paid 1215
Bibra Lake DC WA 6965
(No postage stamp required)

Nominator's name _____

Address _____

Suburb _____ State _____

Postcode _____ Telephone _____

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