CITY OF COCKBURN OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER ISSN 1035 - 0956 No. 35 OCTOBER 2000



Welcome to Springtime in the City of Cockburn. The City will be host to many community events in the next few months and we hope you enjoy them all. Keep an eye on your events calendar and also on the half-page Cockburn Soundings ad in the Cockburn Herald each fortnight.

While these celebrations of our city and spring occur though, much more important events are unfolding in the lead-up to your election of your new council.

One of the most important dates to remember is 17 October - at 5.00 pm on that day the roll closes and if your name is not on it you won't be eligible to vote.

If your name is on the electoral roll to vote in state and national elections and you live in the City of Cockburn you will be eligible to vote. However if you own property in more than one ward or run a business in a different ward from where you live, you may be eligible to vote for that ward too. If you need advice on your eligibility contact the City's Rates Department on 9411 3475.

Local governments in Western Australia traditionally have a poor turnout at elections, probably because it is not compulsory. Only around 10% of those eligible to vote did so at the last City of Cockburn election but you can't blame those ten percent for the government you get; you should blame the 90 percent who didn't bother to vote. Hopefully now we have a postal vote more people will vote.

You will be voting to select the three councillors for your ward and everyone will be voting for the mayor. You can be sure there will be plenty of information around in the local newspapers but what about giving the candidates in your area a call to find out if they have the same values as you and work out if you think they will be honest and hardworking for our city.

The November issue of this magazine will carry a photo of all the nominees and a short profile on each of them with their contact details so you are able to talk to them personally. Take the opportunity to make your own opinion, don't rely on the word of others.

Hopefully the next Council will be truly representative of the entire population of our City of Cockburn.



EVENTS CALENDAR

1 OCTOBER Jean's Carnival

3-6 OCTOBER CommonHealth Games

6 OCTOBER Closing date for Photo Competition

14 OCTOBER Opening of Skate Park

14 & 15 OCTOBER Cockburn Arts and cultural Committee Annual Exhibition and Sale of Work

21 OCTOBER Spanish Cultural Day

25 OCTOBER TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

29 OCTOBER Spring Fair and Fresh

ELECTION CALENDAR

14 OCTOBER

Information Briefing Session for intending candidates for Council Election on 6 December

17 OCTOBER ELECTORAL ROLL FOR DECEMBER ELECTION CLOSES AT 5.00pm

23 OCTOBER NOMINATIONS OPEN for Council Election on 6 December

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au

FOR THOSE WITH **SPECIAL NEEDS** PLAYGROUP SESSION

A playgroup session has commenced at the Playfactory in Munster for young ones with special needs.

There is an enclosed outdoor area as well and the indoor area with lots of toys, activities and most importantly, additional support for the Mum's who are all facing similar challenges.

The playgroup meets on Mondays 9.30 to 11.30am.

For further details contact Mary at the Playfactory on 9418 5738

13TH ANNUAL COMMONHEALTH GAMES

They are on again!!! This popular event for the frail aged and disabled is in it's thirteenth year. It's on between 3 and 6 October at South Lake Leisure Centre. For details contact Jan at the Jean Willis Centre on 9314 6363.

SHOP MOBILITY

Whilst Garden City does not lie within the City of Cockburn it may become a preferred destination for shoppers with limited mobility.

Following a trend from the east of Australia, Garden City has introduced ShopMobility.

The service provides various mobility equipment such as, powered scooters, manual wheelchairs, rollators, walking frames, walking sticks and even crutches and special staff have been employed to demonstrate using the equipment.

For further details on this innovative new service, or to book equipment for your next visit to the centre ... call Garden City on 1800 111 187.

SOUTH LAKE OTTEY FAMILY & NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

2a South Lake Drive, South Lake WA 6164 Ph/Fax: 9417 2372

We are Community Neighbourhood Centre Our job is to welcome you here.

In our Centre, behind South Lake Shopping Centre, you can:

- Drop in for a shopping break
- Change you baby
- Read a magazine, have a cuppa See what's on offer
 - Meet others from the local Community

We also run course and we have a Creche

Art & Crafts

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- Time Out for Mums • Playgroups Parenting Children's Book Library
- Childbirth De-stress Group Aboriginal Family Support
 - Informal Counselling referred to other services
 - and the kettle's always boiling hot and ready...

ATTENTION! Potential Candidates for the City of Cockburn Election 6 December 2000

Are you thinking of nominating for the upcoming Council elections? If so, the following information will be of interest to you.

Council is hosting a free half-day seminar to give would be Mayors and/or Councillors an insight into what it be like to be an elected member for the City of Cockburn.

The seminar will cover the most important aspects of adapting to life in local government and will highlight a number of specific issues which relate to being an elected member of the City of Cockburn.

The programme will be facilitated by the WA Municipal Association Training and Development Unit and will feature and involve many well respected people with excellent credentials who have a long association with local government in this State.

Briefly, the details of the programme are as follows:

Date:	Saturday 14th October
Time:	10am – 3pm
Venue:	City of Cockburn Training Room

Course presenters will include:

- Stephanie Smith Ex Chief Executive Officer -
 - Town of Bassendean
- Steve Cole Department of Local Government
- Roger Stubbs Mayor City of Armadale
- Ken Bird
 WA Electoral Commission

A more comprehensive programme, including a registration form, is available by contacting Council's Customer Service Desk on 9411 3458.

For further details, please contact Don Green at the Council Offices.

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Community

Success in Success

The Success Licensed Post Office in the Gateways Centre at Success has been awarded an Australia Post State Achievement Award for outstanding community and customer service.



Pictured here is the successful team (from left) Fleur, Kevin, Greer, Gwen and Roger.

Following their state win they will now have the opportunity to win the national award.

I am sure all who use this Post Office and have met the staff will wish them well in the For further information or national competition, and a win would surely be most deserved.

Rationalisation of Council's Community **Immunisation** Services

Thirty years ago, Council was virtually the only provider of these days most people seem to prefer to use their local family doctor. In view of declining numbers Council will close three of the immunisation clinics from 1 January 2001.

THE CLINICS CLOSING ARE: Civic Centre. 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood

South Lake Child Health Centre, South Lake Drive, South Lake

Yangebup Child Health Centre, Dunraven Drive, Yangebup.

The Atwell Clinic will continue to operate until a local doctor has established in that area.

details of doctors in your area contact Council's Health Services on 9411 3589.

30 Years of Loyal and Compassionate Service

Dr David Haultain supported and assisted the City of Cockburn when the immunisation services but community immunisation program commenced 30 years ago, and he is still at the Civic Centre immunisation clinic (Spearwood) every Friday.

> Dr Haultain dispenses care and advice to parents and not just the vaccine to the children.

> The City would like to thank Dr Haultain and his fellow practitioners at the Lakes

> Medical Group for their professional and continued service over the past 30 years.



Fire Season is just around the corner

It's coming up to that time of the year when fire restrictions apply and people on larger properties need to get their firebreaks in place.

Permits are required for fires of any kind between October 1 and November 30 and between 1 April and 31 May. The Prohibited Burning Period is from 1 December to March 31.

It is a good idea to always check with Council before burning off by phoning 9411 3444

Development Officer Moves

Community

below) has moved from the Atwell Community centre to the City's administration centre in Spearwood. Yvonne is available to assist in the setting up of community groups within the City of Cockburn.

7-9.30pm at the City of Cockburn Bowling Cockburn's Meeting Room. Book on 9411 3432

Yvonne Coyne (pictured Yvonne can be contacted on 9411 3583

Art and Craft **Exhibition and Sale** of Work

Featuring in the main hall



force behind the "Promoting Excellence" Workshops which hall. the City has been running with funding from the Displays from the Celebrate Lotteries Commission.

"These workshops are designed to give people involved in community groups additional skills to enhance their commitment," said Yvonne. "We have experts in

the relevant fields as guest speakers at each workshop. The value to the groups is inestimable."

The final workshop in the Sunday afternoons. is second series on "Recruiting and Retaining Opening times are from Volunteers" and takes place 12.30 – 4.30pm Saturday on Tuesday 10 October, and 9.30 – 4.30pm Sunday.

She has also been the driving A variety of Art & Craft stalls will also be set up in the main Cockburn 2001 - Centenary of Federation Projects 6 x Community Banners - in Main Hall & "From the Beginning" Photographic Display – in the fover.

Presentations of Prizes and awards will be at 3.30pm on Sunday

Afternoon Tea will be available on Saturday &





"Aspects of Cockburn - the old and the new" City of Cockburn Acquisition Award Exhibition of Painting, Photography, China Painting, Woodwork, Lacemaking, Needlework, Hand & Machine Knitting and more. Many of these are for

and Recreational **Club Open Day**

ls having an Open Bowls Day for the public on the 22nd October 2000 between 8.45am - 1.30pm.

Men, women and children (over 15 years) are invited to this free introductory morning of Bowls, followed by a sausage sizzle lunch.

Dress: Casual and flat soled shoes.

RSVP by 20th October 2000 to the Club 9418 1102 or Ron 9227 2368.

300 Rockingham Rd, Spearwood (next to Cockburn City Council).

Come along for a fun filled day the Bowls WA Club of the vear 2000!

ADD/AHDD Group in Yangebup

Meetina will be held at the address below on the following dates:

- 9th October 1-2.30pm
- 6th November 1-2.30pm
- 4th December 1-2.30pm

Yangebup Family Centre, 11 Dunraven Drive, Yangebup WA 6164. Ph 9417 9995



Children's Book Week

(21-25th August, 2000)

The theme for Children's Book this year was "Edge of Tomorrow". This theme was reflected by many of the performers and guests who attended sessions at both Spearwood and Cockburn libraries.

Owen Bell, an illustrator who worked on Thomas the Tank and recently completed the artwork for "Punkie ICQ", showed the traditional tools of his trade such as the airbrush, kneadable eraser (putty), coloured pencils and french curves. He went on to describe the graphics tablet he now uses which is so sensitive that it responds in intensity to the amount of pressure applied to it.

Elizabeth Honey, the illustrator and writer invited by the Children's Book Council talked about her craft and discussed e-books. She said she was looking forward to them because they would be compact and as she grew older she could enlarge the print size.

Zappo the Clown from the Future, brought in his robot "Rusty" and Gretel bugs "Oobie, Scoobie and Doobie" to entertain the children with his madcap humour.

As well as looking at technological change, the theme prompted discussion of how we could preserve our natural environment and history. This was demonstrated to the children in an educational

and enjoyable manner by David McReady, "The Birdman", from POWER (Preservation of Wildlife Education Rehabilitation). The children were introduced to Pirate the kestrel, Phantom, the masked owl and Warlock, the wedge tail eagle. As well as learning about Raptors, the children were privileged to witness the loving relationship between David and the birds.



Another hit of Children's Book Week was the storytelling sessions by Don Smith. Not only did he include children from the audience as characters in his multicultural storytelling, but he also used magic to enthrall and capture the crowd.



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Alwyn Evans, a local writer and editor talked about the writing and editing process. She held the children's attention with her story of killing the carpet snake at the beach shack and how this became material for one of her books.

Children's Book Week provided children from fifteen local primary schools with opportunities to learn about books, information and

processes. It was a way for children to broaden their horizons and to meet writers, artists, performers and other interesting people from the community and to learn about their lives and stories.

The sponsors of Children's Book Week this year were Healthway Smarter than Smoking, Arts WA, the Children's Book Council of Australia (WA Branch) and the City of Cockburn. The City of Cockburn's Public Libraries serve up a smorgasbord of great CDs for your aural pleasure

Rock Jazz Blues Classical World Country Easy Listening and much more!

Come in and browse through our collection.

Music for all tastes



Spearwood Library Coleville Crescent 9411 3491

Coolbellup Library 90 Cordelia Avenue 9314 1695

Apathy Appalling

"I was disappointed with the attendance at the Local Agenda 21 Meeting in August," said Kirsty Stratford, the City of Cockburn Environmental Officer responsible for the meeting.

But then she went on to say, "No, it was more than disappointing, it was appalling to think that so few people are interested in this opportunity to be involved in creating our vision for the future."

"Local Agenda 21 is an opportunity that is not just about the environment: it's a focus for dealing with all the issues confronting our local community, and for that matter the world, but for dealing with them in a community based fashion."

Issues include:

- Economic development
- Social development
- Employment
- Environmental protection and management

and others

Kirsty continued, "The idea is to create a unified local vision with more accountability to local communities and better information sharing. Sustainability cannot be achieved by government without real community and individual's involvement, consultation and participation. And this needs to be from the beginning of creating the vision for the future, the planning, the implementation and then the review."

Kirsty by this time was sounding very animated about it all and when asked whether she felt passionate, she replied, "I am very passionate about this and so should everyone in the community be passionate about it. Everyone out there should get involved on this one project, if in no others."

Her final words were, "Help create a council/community partnership and contribute to the Cockburn Vision".

Greening Plan

A draft Greening Plan for the City of Cockburn has been submitted to Council officers and will be considered by Council for adoption.

The objective of the plan is to :

"Develop a long-term strategic plan for the maintenance and enhancement of remnant vegetation within the City of Cockburn, the revegetation of previously cleared areas, road reserves, public land and the enhancement of ecological, landscape and streetscape values and community amenity."

An audit of our bushland revealed that approximately 30% of the City's area of 4,760ha is bushland and that 50% of that bushland is in good condition. Much of that area lies in the two chains of wetlands that run throughout the city and in already developed areas but a significant amount lies in the area which is zoned either Urban or Urban Deferred and is proposed for future residential development.

For further information contact Sue in Planning on 9411 3573

6 WEEK SUMMER SHAPE UP!

Here is the ultimate way to Shape Up for Summer.

By combining exercise with a new understanding of what you need to do to look and feel great from summer. You will be surprised what you can achieve in just six weeks.

Every hour and half session will consist of a half hour lecture and group discussion followed by one hour Exercise program.

Hurry! Our Summer Shape Up plan is only available to the first 15 people, so you need to book early!

Shape up for just \$65 for six weeks. Pay an extra \$50 and receive unlimited access to the South Lake Leisure Centre for 6 weeks, including all Aerobic/Aquarobic classes, pool, gym, spas and sauna.

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Friday October 20 - November 24, 2000 1.00pm - 2.30pm

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN..

- Toning and Tightening
- Reshaping your figure
- Having unlimited energy
- Increased wellbeing



90 South Lake Drive SOUTH LAKE 6164 Ph 9417 3003

> **Registrations** Close October 16, 2000

JUNIOR PROGRAMS

NEW

YOUTH NETBALL

Thursday: 4.30-5.30pm Ages: 12-15 Specialised coaching by and Ex State player Term Fee: \$33.00 Starts: Thursday 12th October

TOUCH FOOTBALL



Tuesdays: 4.30-6.00pm Ages: Under 12s Coaching and games Boys and Girls Term Fee: \$33.00 Starts: Tuesday 10th October

FEATURES AT THE SOUTH LAKE LEISURE CENTRE



ADULT PROGRAMS

EVENING YOGA CLASSES

The Centre is now offering evening Yoga classes on Wednesday nights Time: 6.00-7.30pm NEW Term Fee: \$60.50 Starts: 11th October Relax and stretch with this soothing form of exercise.

SKATE PARK

Opening for the school holidays Entry Charges: Per Session Student: (student card required) \$3.00 Adult: \$4.00 Discount cards of 10, 20 and 30 entries are available Great idea for Birthdays or Xmas presents.

NEWLY ELECTED YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Back Row: Anita Smith, Danny Cregan, Rebecca Gabrielson, Joel Baker-Clements (Deputy Youth Mayor), Linda Goncalves, Luke Ramshaw, Sarah Corbyn

Front Row: Daniel Milne, Tracey Lowrey, Jenna Andrews (Youth Mayor), Rebecca Mellowship, Emma Livesey

Missing from photo: Katherine Browne, John Egan, Sarah Willey, Farren Kickett

Competition for Youth Mag Logo

The winner of Regenerate logo competition is Damien Capone.

New Youth Advisory Council Logo

The winner of the YAC logo competition was designed by Danny Cregan who declined to accept the prize, since he is a YAC member.



LOCAL BOY WINS GOLD for the second consecutive year...

12 year old Leigh Edwards of Yangebup has just become the first figure skater in Western Australia to achieve back to back Gold Medals at the Australian Figure Skating Championships.

Leigh won the gold medal in the Novice Men's Division of the Australian Figure Skating Championships held here in Perth at the Cockburn Ice Arena from the 29 July 2000 to the 5 August 2000. This was the second gold medal for Leigh as he also won a gold medal in the Primary Men's Division at the Championships held in Adelaide

in 1999.

Leigh is at present undefeated in Men's competition in Australia for each of the divisions that he has competed in including 3 other interstate competitions over the last 3 years and is a recipient of the City of Cockburn Travel sponsorship. His next goals are to skate in the Junior Division at the next Championships and represent Australia internationally.

Russian coaches Valentin Kadzevitch and Irina Stavroskiai are Leigh's coaches and have made a remarkable impact on figure skating in WA passing on their knowledge and experience to their students having successfully coached 2 Australian Champions (gold medallists) from Cockburn and a bronze medallist in this years championships.

Leighs comments were, "I just love to skate. People think it's hard but more people should try it because it doesn't take long and you're not falling over anymore - or if you do the falls are not as bad and they don't hurt as much."

Other successful local skaters at this years Championships were:

Portia Jones - 13 years old - South Lakes - 1st Place, Novice Ladies Division

Tessa Black - 10 years old - St. Pauls, Bibra Lake - 2nd Place, Novice Ladies Division

Duncan Savage & Kylie Burrows - St. Pauls, Bibra Lake - 2nd Place, Primary Dance Division

Other successful WA Skaters from outside Cockburn:

Gillian Richards - 15 years old - Willetton - 2nd Place, Intermediate Ladies Division Robert Lockwood - 14 years old - Mullaloo - 2nd Place, Intermediate Men's Division

Laura Downing - 12 years old - Wandi - 2nd Place, Primary Ladies Division

Sarah Tugby and Sean Murray - 1st Place, Primary Dance Division

Western Australia received the highest number of medals it has ever had in the history of Figure Skating in WA. All of the WA skaters who were successful at the Australian Championships train at the Cockburn Ice Arena.



(PART OF THE SPRING FAIR)

29TH OCTOBER 2000 10AM - 8PM

MANNING PARK, SPEARWOOD





DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

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CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENARY OF FEDERATION

Cockburn has joined councils across Australia in preparing celebrations for the centenary of the traditional birth of our nation. 1901 was the year we had our first elected government and virtually came of age. Come 2001 we will have been governing ourselves for 100 years!

LOGO COMPETITION

We have had a logo competition to design a logo specifically for the City of Cockburn. This attracted many entries and the winner (left) is featured here with several of the other finalists.

First Prize of \$500 went to 14 year old Justine Bond of Yangebup Second Prize: Miepie E Capone (3 month membership to SLLC) Third Prize: Esme Keenan (book of Adult Pool Entries)





LITERARY COMPETITION

There was also a literary competition, which attracted a number of entries and the winners were.

Open Prose: 1st Julie Raffael, 2nd Tony Costello Open Poetry: 1st Neil Kacowicz, 2nd June Caunt Youth Poetry: 1st Nicole Bond, 2nd Mark Bond Junior Prose: 1st Sarah Locke, 2nd Nicole Davies

Highly Commemded: Michael Whittaker Certificate of Commendation to: Atwell Primary School and Jandakot Primary School

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Currently open is a photographic competition. The subject is Cockburn's diverse history and heritage from settlement to today.

but you'll have to hurry with entries because they close on Friday 6 October.

Photos will be displayed at the Cockburn Cultural Committees Annual Arts and Crafts Exhibition in the civic Centre on the weekend of 14/15 October.

Prizewinners will be announced at around 3.30pm on the Sunday.

At this exhibition there will also be a display of all the banners prepared by the various schools in the area to celebrate the centenary.

FESTIVAL OF CULTURAL DAYS

Now with the arrival of spring we are about to commence the Celebrations with a festival of fun and celebration of our unique multicultural population blend. EVERYONE is encouraged to attend these free festivals and get a feel for the different cultures. Food of the celebrating nation will be on sale to complete the day.

The first of these Festivals was a Salvadorean Festival on 1 October at Manning Park. (pictures of this event will appear next issue!)

FESTIVALS COMING UP IN OCTOBER

SOUTH PACIFIC CULTURAL DAY **14 OCTOBER**

Memorial Hall Hamilton Hill 1 - 9.00pm

SPANISH CULTURAL DAY **21 OCTOBER**

Spanish Club, Bibra Lake

Phone Lisa on 94113415 for all Centenary Events









Bibra Lake Fun Run RESULTS:

Open Males: Open Womens: Under 16 Male: Under 16 Female: Under 12 Male: Under 12 Female:

PRIZES

Winner: Daniel Fitzgerald Winner: Christine Kolle Winner: Patrick Fitzgerald Winner: Kelly Pedester Winner: Shane Looselby Winner: Catherine Swan

Runner Up: Norman Thomas Runner Up: Merse Keating Runner Up: Robbie O'Sullivan Runner Up: Kate Dwyer Runner Up: Thomas Archer Runner Up: Gordana Grgjunovic





LIVE BANDS & DJ

Saturday 14th October 11am – 5pm

Open Day

SKATE PARK FACILIT South Lake Drive, South Lake

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Manning Park Reserve Spearwood

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Sunday October 29th 2000

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COCKBURN

Cockburn Rotary Spring Fair

City of Cockburn's Annual

CHILDREN Teddy Bear's Picnic

"A caring world shares"

MacFaull Park, Pomfret Road Wednesday 25th October at 10am - 1.30pm



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- Merry Go Round,
- Animal Farm, Face Painting,
- Roving Puppet Theatre,
- Buster the Fun Bus,
- Teddy Bear Hospital, Clowns,

• Family & Children Services Info and Balloons and much more!

PROGRAM 10am Welcome and **Opening – Comm** Jenny Smithson 10.10am Pepper the Clown presents – The Magical Forest, Teddy Bears' Song & Parade 10.40am Fat Cat & Mandy on Stage

DON'T MISS FAT CAT

For Further Information Phone Jill on 9411 3431