

# Cockburn Soundings

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## COCKBURN SPRING FAIR A GREAT SUCCESS

The Cockburn Spring Fair, promoted on the cover of the last issue of Soundings, proved to be a roaring success.

Over 10,000 visitors enjoyed a host of amusements and entertainment provided at the Manning Park venue by the City of Cockburn and various sponsors.

Special thanks must go to Simsmetal Ltd for the amazing fireworks display, the Lotteries Commission for the evening concert and to all those people who offered their assistance in one form or another.

The Council Number Plate auction was held at the Fair with many of the traditionally popular numbers being sold. Several plates are still available and anyone wishing to purchase one should contact David Ashton at the Council for information.

The success of the 1995 Fair has prompted the organisers to hold the event again this year and those interested in participating as a sponsor or stall holder are asked to register their interest with the Council on 411 3444.

ABOVE:  
*Students from Spearwood Primary School try out one of the tractors at the Spring Fair held in November at Manning Park.*



COCKBURN NUMBER PLATES

**CAN STILL BE YOURS !**

Following their successful sales at the Community Fair, City of Cockburn number plates have been placed back on the market for just

**\$200 per set**

So if you would like to proudly display a set on your car, contact **DAVID ASHTON** at the City of Cockburn on telephone **411 3444** for more information.

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# NEWS PRESENTER DROPS IN FOR A CUPPA

There was some news being made at the Coolbellup library during Seniors Week recently.

Perth's Channel 10 news presenter Christine Parker, joined 38 seniors for a special morning tea hosted by the staff of the library.

Christine spoke of her work, family and graciously answered questions on some often contentious subjects.

After morning tea, City of Cockburn's Media and Public Relations Officer Mike Winchester, took some instant photographs of seniors with Christine, who as an added treat, signed them and included an individual message.

The Library and Information Service also presented sessions on nutrition and making a will, both of which were well attended.



*Local television presenter, Christine Parker catches up with all the news in Cockburn.*

# COCKBURN FLIES A KITE FOR THE CHILDREN

The term 'Go fly your kite' has taken on a new meaning in the City of Cockburn.

The Council recently joined the Princess Margaret Hospital's "Hug Club", which is part of the "Fly a kite for the kids" project.

The project aims to raise \$1 million during 1995/96 with the money being used to replace outdated equipment at the hospital, which last year cared for

more than 4,000 sick or injured children from the Cockburn area.

Cockburn Mayor, Ray Lees presented PMH's Events Co-ordinator, Melanie Webster with the City's \$500 membership fee recently.

"PMH has high hopes that the target of a million dollars will be met through the generous support of organisations such as the City of Cockburn," Ms Webster said.



*Mayor Ray Lees, hands over the membership fee to PMH's Events Co-ordinator, Melanie Webster.*



## COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Council held its annual Christmas party for the Voluntary Emergency Services in December at the Civic Centre Hall. It has become a custom that the City puts on this event in gratitude for the service that these people provide to our community. Over 250 members of the Cockburn State Emergency Service, Cockburn Sea Search and Rescue Group, South Coogee Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, Jandakot Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade and the Rottneest Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade were in attendance.

# MANY GO DOWN TO THE TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

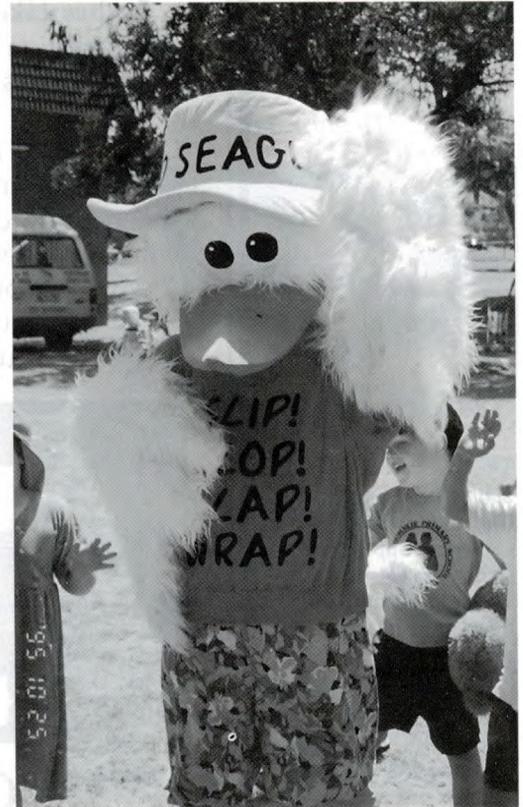
A lot of people of all ages went down to MacFaul Park in Spearwood for the Teddy Bear's Picnic held during October.

City of Cockburn hosted the special free event for all pre-school age children along with their parents, relatives and friends, as part of Children's Week celebrations.

Cockburn's busy Mayor Ray Lees, opened the picnic at 10 am and invited visitors to enjoy a huge program of activities and things to see.

Special guest Syd Seagull helped children to make badges and passed on the important sun safety message to everyone he met.

Also entertaining the crowd were Bananas the Clown, Betty Bear Aerobics, Buster the Fun Bus and a talented didgeridoo player.



ABOVE:

Syd Seagull spreads the word about being safe in the sun.

LEFT:

Part of the traditional entertainment on hand.

## BUDDING WRITERS ABOUND IN COCKBURN

If the results of a recent young writers competition are anything to go by, the City of Cockburn is full of budding professional authors.

The Nestle Write Around Australia program, sponsored by the confectionary giant, produced an amazing 20 finalists from schools within the Council's boundaries.

Deputy Mayor Cr John Grljusich, presented the eventual zone winners from Years 6 and 7 with prizes donated by Nestle.

Janelle van Sant representing Rehoboth Christian Primary School won the day in the Year 7 division and

Julie Pivac from Newton Primary School took out the honours among Year 6 students.



Deputy Mayor, Cr John Grljusich and Nestle Distribution Manager Christine Goss, present awards to Janelle van Sant (left) and Julie Pivac.

# ATWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THE WAY

The Atwell Community Centre has taken another step towards fruition with the finalising of design details.

Projects Architects Bateman, Grundmann and Wilson have been putting the finishing touches on plans for the building, to be located in Lombe Gardens next to the proposed Atwell Shopping Centre.

The Community Centre will be the first public building in the area and is

set to become the focus of community activity.

Among that activity will be playgroups, out of school hours care, a child health clinic, community hall and offices for a financial controller and family support worker.

Construction will commence shortly and the centre should be complete by August this year. The total cost will be approximately \$1 million with contributions from the Lotteries Commission, Family and Children's Services and the City of Cockburn which will have responsibility for ongoing maintenance.

## CONGRATULATIONS

*The Spearwood Dalmatinac Soccer Club took out the Dorsogna Cup for the second year last season and the City of Cockburn invited members along to congratulate them on their success.*



*Mayor Ray Lees (left), accepts a cheque from Hon Clive Griffiths*

# RECYCLING PROVES A WINNER

Hundreds of local residents, both young and young at heart, recently entered the City of Cockburn's recycling competitions, held at the Lakes Shopping Centre in South Lake.

Up for grabs were a worm farm and garden composting system, with lots of other planet-saving ideas at the week-long display conducted by the City's Environmental Services Department.

Local artist Cameron Allen created two special characters to promote recycling and residents were asked to come up with some appropriate

names. First prize was awarded to Meagan Taylor of Bibra Lake, for her clever suggestions of "Ally Minium" and "Eddie Torial".

Meagan won a garden composting system, two recycling crates and two day passes to Adventure World. Consolation prizes were also awarded to a couple of South Lake sisters and a lady from Hamilton Hill.

Another popular competition involved guessing the number of crushed cans in a compressed block. The closest estimate came from Mrs McKinlay of Munster, who was only two away from the actual total of 432.



*City of Cockburn's Manager of Environmental Health, Darren Walsh with "Eddie" and "Ally".*

# ILLEGAL TRAP WARNING TO BEACH GOERS

## PENSIONERS PLEASE NOTE

*If you hold a Pensioner Concession Card or State Concession Card and own the property you occupy within the City of Cockburn, you should be eligible to claim a concession under the Rates and Charges Act 1992. You must be registered with the City of Cockburn by the due date to claim this concession. For further information please contact the Rates Section on telephone 411 3475.*

A Coogee resident came across a grisly find recently that could have posed a considerable danger to others.

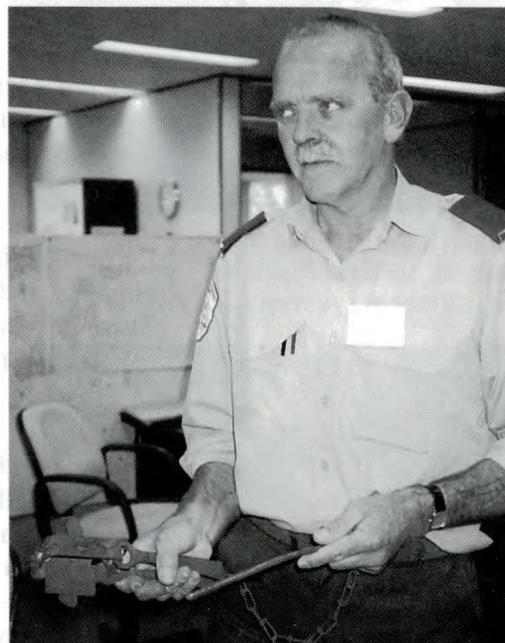
The keen-eyed resident contacted Dog Registration Officer Mal White and told him of a "spring jaws" type rabbit trap that had been set and placed in the area adjacent to the Old Power House near Coogee beach.

The trap, which still contained the carcass of a rabbit, could have just as easily clamped around the leg of a young child or family pet causing serious injury.

Setting of this type of trap in the metropolitan area is illegal and it can only be used in rural areas with the permission of the Chief Agricultural Protection Officer.

City of Cockburn Senior Ranger, Jim Johnson, warned residents using the beach area close to the Old Power House to keep to well worn paths and not to tamper with any trap they might find.

Any suspected dangerous item can be reported to the City's rangers on telephone 411 3444 or the Police Department on telephone 418 2409.



*City of Cockburn Ranger Matt Kaiser, demonstrates an illegal rabbit trap.*

## HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE "DO CARE" PROGRAM?

A wide variety of services are available to older residents in the City of Cockburn, however some seniors are unaware of some of these programs.

The Do Care Home Visiting Program is an example. This community-based scheme was established in the metropolitan area eight years ago and aims to combat social isolation by establishing friendships between lonely older people and volunteer visitors.

Volunteers are all over the age of 17 and come from a number of different backgrounds. They must undergo a specific training course and usually visit one older person for approximately one hour per week.

Seniors who would like a visitor are first spoken to by a program co-ordi-

nator in an effort to learn about their specific interests. This in turn assists in finding a compatible visitor.

Because each volunteer visits their own neighbourhood, they can put an isolated older person back in touch with the local community. Research has consistently shown that contact with others has a beneficial effect upon a person's well being and quality of life.

The volunteers also gain a tremendous amount from the program by sharing the life experiences of an older friend and learning about some fascinating insights.

If you believe the Do Care program may suit either yourself, a relative or a friend, please contact the south-west regional co-ordinator Judy Campbell, on telephone 339 8450.

# GREEN WASTE AND BULK RUBBISH COLLECTION

The City of Cockburn will be conducting six (6) Bulk Rubbish Collections over the next twelve months. In order to participate, householders must abide by the following rules:

## GREEN WASTE

- \* Tree branches /prunings trimmed to a maximum length of 1.5 metres  
Cut ends should face towards the street. OR
- \* Loose material such as lawn clippings and leaves etc...  
These items must be placed in weatherproof boxes or bags

## BULK JUNK RUBBISH

- \* Old furniture, stoves, wire, fridges (doors removed), iron, tin and general disused material.
- \* NOT motor vehicle body parts, builders rubble, inflammable chemical liquids (paint, oil etc), asbestos cement sheeting, car batteries or foodstuffs.

Please note that there will be a maximum of one trailer load per household. Residents should place all items neatly on the verge and endeavour to keep all rubbish clear of sprinkler systems and any footpaths. Your Green Waste and Bulk Junk Rubbish must be out for collection by 6 am on the Monday that your area's collection commences.

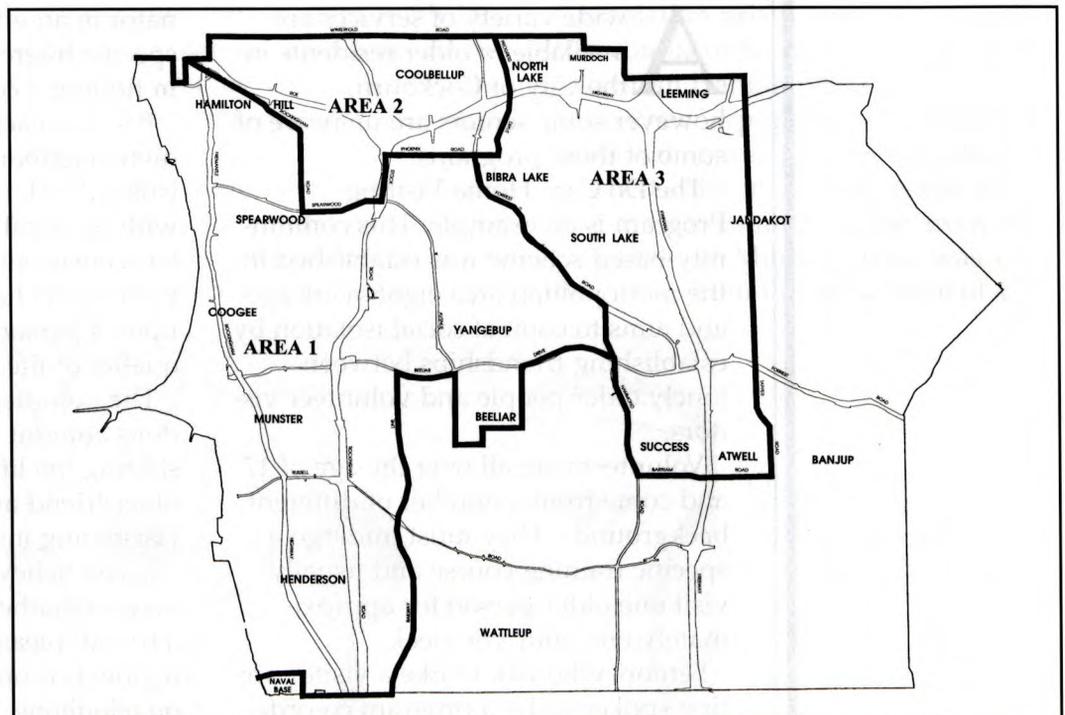
To assist with quick and clean pickup of items, the Council has divided the City into the three areas as indicated below. The following dates apply to each area:

## GREEN WASTE

Area 1	20.5.96
Area 2	5.2.96 and 3.6.96
Area 3	19.2.96 and 17.6.96

## BULK RUBBISH

Area 1	25.3.96
Area 2	9.4.96
Area 3	22.4.96



# COMMONHEALTH GAMES GETS A GOLD MEDAL

Also mentioned in our last issue were the Commonwealth Games that took place during October. Conducted at the Park Recreation Centre in Victoria Park and co-ordinated by the City's Dave McLaurin, the Games drew more than 1000 aged and disabled athletes from all over Perth.

The event was officially opened by Member of Parliament Dr Judith Watson, and as a special treat, the national anthem was sung by the lead singer of local rock band Natural Juice - Travis Beins. Travis (19), was joined by another local singer Bodie Huts (12), as a cloud of airborne balloons marked the start of proceedings.

Unlike a more famous namesake, the Commonwealth Games are held on an annual basis. Anyone wishing to participate or offer their services as an official at this year's event are invited to contact the City of Cockburn's Aged and Disabled Services on telephone 314 6363.



Travis Beins from the group Natural Juice, belts out the national anthem at the Commonwealth Games opening ceremony.



Member of Parliament Dr Judith Watson, enjoys the Games with Aged Services staff.

## A THANK YOU LUNCH FOR VOLUNTEERS

Last October it was the City of Cockburn's pleasure to host a lunch to say thank you to the many volunteers from the Cockburn/Melville Mobile Day Care Program.



Having an enjoyable thank you lunch were Peter Murley (left) of the Jean Willis Centre, Frank Taylor and Claire Green.

These wonderful people provide a valuable service to the frail aged and younger people with disabilities in our community.

Mayor Ray Lees welcomed guests to the eighth annual lunch of volunteers by noting the number of new faces that had taken up the challenge, alongside the stalwarts who have been with the program since its inception.

The Mayor also proudly pointed out that Cockburn will be Australia's first authority to develop a new respite house, situated at the existing Jean Willis Centre, later this year.

More than 40 people attended the lunch in the Council's Reception Room, with the City of Melville's Deputy Mayor and Senior Human Services Worker representing their respective staff.

### NEW MOBILE NUMBERS FOR COUNCILLORS

Mayor Lees  
0419-910662

Cr Grljusich  
0419-905545

Cr Waters  
0419-910658

Cr Greengrass  
0419-910659

Cr Howlett  
0419-910661

Cr McNair  
0419-910653

Cr Wegner  
0419-910655

Cr Battalis  
0419-910656

Cr Gianoli  
0419-910651

Cr Elpitelli  
0419-910654

Cr Ostojich  
0419-910657

Cr Lee  
0419-926360

Cr Wheatley  
0419-910652

# FUTURE PLAN COMMENTS SOUGHT

A draft of the City of Cockburn Strategic Plan is now available for public comment.

Council is keen to involve the community in its development and is inviting interested members of the public to obtain a copy of the Plan.

Copies are available from the:  
Administration Building  
Spearwood Public Library  
Coolbellup Public Library

Furthermore, Council will be hosting an information session on the Plan in the Council Chambers at a date to be determined. The session has the aim of enabling the public to input suggestions towards the final preparation of the Plan.

Comments on the draft will be accepted up until March 1, 1996 after which the final document will be produced incorporating any endorsed public suggestions.

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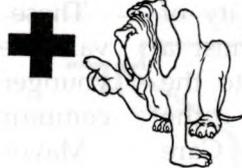
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## ***CITY GIVES A HELPING HAND TO THE "HOUND"***

On the 16th and the 17th of March, Australian Red Cross Volunteers will take to the streets throughout Cockburn collecting for the 1996 Doorknock Appeal. The Red Cross target in Cockburn is \$13,000 and to help them in the right direction, the City of Cockburn has pledged a \$5,000 donation to start the ball rolling, but they need your help too!

Volunteers are needed to door-knock in their suburb or street and once again Mr Wally Hagan is kindly acting as Co-ordinator of Volunteers. If you can give an hour of your time on either Saturday the 16th or Sunday the 17th of March, please contact **Wally on 337 9330** or the Australian Red Cross direct on 225 1954.

If you would like to show you care but can not collect, the City of Cockburn will pass on **your** donation to **Armstrong** the Blood-Hound at the Red Cross, if you would simply fill in the form below and send it along with your cheque or money order made payable to the "Red Cross Door Knock '96":



**RED CROSS DOOR KNOCK '96**

**REPLY PAID PERMIT: 2**

**c/- CITY OF COCKBURN**

**PO BOX 1215**

**BIBRA LAKE WA 6163**

**(A POSTAGE STAMP IS NOT NEEDED)**



*Yes* I would love to help the Red Cross meet their 1996 target !

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ (Amounts of \$2 and over are Tax Deductions)