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NESTLE WRITE AROUND AUSTRALIA

The City of Cockburn Public Library and Information Service has been selected to be the 'pilot' in Western Australia for the Nestle Write Around Australia literacy program.

The program for year 6 and 7 students has two aspects. One will be a writing competition available to anyone who lives or goes to school in the Cockburn area. The other will be a week of writer's workshops conducted by a Western Australian author.

Nestle will approach the primary schools in the Cockburn district early in the school year. Details will also be available at Spearwood and Coolbellup Public Libraries. The program has been a great success in New South Wales and Victoria.

In 1996 the program will be offered throughout Western Australia. As the 'pilot' centre, Cockburn will be supported by Nestle to run the program again in 1996.

RESIDENTS' KEY ROLE IN COMMUNITY SERVICES

COUNCIL is keen to see a comprehensive and well coordinated range of community services established in new residential areas. The City of Cockburn has a long term record of pressing for the preservation of natural areas. In particular, the Council wants the sensitive wetland areas within the city managed appropriately.

With funds from the Commonwealth Government, developers Gold Estates and Landcorp, Town of Kwinana and its own sources, Council has been able to appoint community architects and planners CommArc Australia to carry out a detailed study on community service provision and conservation.

The study area is the new and planned residential areas south of Forrest Road/ Beelihar Drive on either side of the freeway/highway south to Hope Valley Road.

The study will involve comprehensive consultation with a wide variety of stakeholders, including existing residents. If you would like to be involved contact Carolyn Ozturk from CommArc on 227 9591.

As part of the consultation program, a family day will be held on or around Sunday, April 2 (at a venue to be announced later). Activities will include Reg Bolton's Suitcase Circus. As well, there will be lots of opportunities to indicate your preferences for the "ideal community".

Also, Council has recently employed consultants to prepare a Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places located within the City of



■ *A chance for you to help create a better community.*

Cockburn. This is a list of places that we as a community consider to be important as evidence of our history.

Included will be both natural features and man-made items that we would like to keep for future generations. If you would like to help in compiling this list, please contact Council's Planning Dept.



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GREENWASTE SUCCESS AT HENDERSON TIP

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The greenwaste shredding at the Henderson waste disposal site is a huge success. Thirty percent of waste going to landfill sites is estimated to be greenwaste.

At Henderson a separate area has been established for the receipt of greenwaste, mostly treeclippings. This greenwaste is being shredded on a fortnightly basis by a contractor and carted away to be processed into mulch.

Ratepayers have been very cooperative in separating their waste. It is essential that the green waste is not contaminated with plastics etc. as it cannot be processed.

Also this year for the first time Council ran a kerbside collection for greenwaste. This was also received very favourably and again reduced significantly the amount of material being dumped at the tip.

These initiatives are aimed at reducing the amount of material going to landfill.

Computer Control

The City of Cockburn has approximately 140 hectares of reserves and street verges under irrigation. Due to Council's investment over recent years, nearly all of these are reticulated automatically from ground water bores. The water from the bores is not needed for public water supply purposes.

Some small reserves and garden beds, totalling less than one hectare, are reticulated from scheme water, but these are controlled by automatic systems.

Council complies fully with government water restrictions. All reserves are watered overnight. The one exception is the watering of the screening bund along Beeliar Drive. In Yangebup this is operated manually during the day. The water is supplied from the groundwater bore in Milgun Reserve.

All watering is carried out between 9.00pm and 7.00am. Occasionally systems are tested for maintenance purposes during the day and faults may occur with the timing system. Control of watering will be further improved and monitored following Council's recent commitment to purchase a computer controlled irrigation monitoring system.

Management Plan

An Environmental Management Plan for the Market Garden Swamps and Public Open Space areas in the Packham subdivision is to be prepared during the next few months.

The goal of the Management Plan is to maintain and improve where possible the conservation values of the Swamp and at the same time incorporate opportunities for passive recreation for the local community.

Issues relating to the protection of bird habitat areas, water quality, midge and mosquito control, vegetation protection and enhancement and weed control will be addressed by the plan.

Consultation with the local community to gain residents views on the management of the area and provision of recreational facilities will also be carried out.

Any residents who wish to gain further information on the plan are invited to contact the Council's manager Environmental Services, Darren Walsh, on 411 3441.

Public comment

A Draft Management Plan for Yangebup and Little Rush Lake has been released for public comment.

The plan, was prepared on behalf of Council and the Department of Planning and Urban Development by Ecoscope environmental consultants.

A Community Consultative Committee of local residents and representatives of local interest

groups assisted in the development of the plan by providing valuable community input, ideas and local information.

The plan addresses a broad range of issues including weed control, water levels, water quality management, midge and mosquito control, fire control, feral animal control, bushland restoration, education and recreational opportunities.

Comments on the draft are sought by council prior to the plan becoming finalised. Interested residents can obtain copies of the draft plan from Council's Environmental Service or view the document at the Spearwood Library.



NEW MONUMENT

A monument dedicated to veterans who served in all conflicts since World War II has been erected in Spearwood Avenue, near Beale Park. The monument was opened by Mayor Ray Lees.

ECO-TOURISM PROJECT FOR RESERVE

Council is hoping to develop an eco-tourism project on the Harry Waring Marsupial Reserve. A committee, which includes a representative of the Department of Conservation and

Land Management, has been set up to prepare a feasibility report. The move comes after a delegation recently visited the Wurrarong Wildlife Reserve in South Australia.

EARLY BIRDS BANK A BONUS



Winners in Council's annual rate incentive draw heard news of their success in a telephone call from John Kiely (pictured left), manager of National Australia Bank's Spearwood branch. The first three winners were given bank accounts.

The names of all those who pay their rates before the required date go into a draw for prizes donated by National Australia Bank, Adventure World, Greyhound Pioneer Australia, Esplanade Hotel Fremantle and Cable Water Ski Park. Congratulations to all the winners — and thanks to all the sponsors.

TOM'S LANDMARK

Tom Greengrass (North Ward) celebrated 15 years as a Councillor of the City of Cockburn at a Council reception attended by his family. A Certificate of Service from the Local Government Department was presented to Cllr Greengrass by Mayor Ray Lees.

COME ON, COCKBURN – THE LIONS NEED YOUR HELP

Most people in Australia volunteer for something. These days, some like to jump in, get the job done, then jump right out again. That's fine, because many organisations need short term help.

But if you're ready to become truly involved in your community, why not consider membership of a service club?

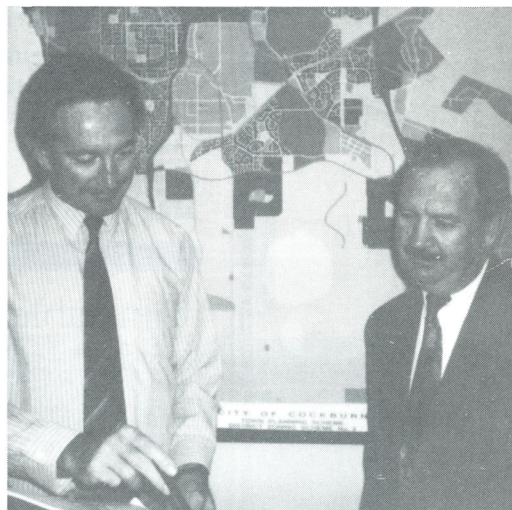
We're the Lions, and we're here to stay.

Seventy seven years young, Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service organisation with around 1.4 million members in 42,000 clubs, covering 180 countries.

Sadly, the City of Cockburn doesn't have one Lions Club.

- Lions Clubs International, with the support of the City Of Cockburn, wishes to form at least two new clubs in the City, possibly centred on the Spearwood and Bibra Lake and South Lake — North Lake localities. We would like to offer you the opportunity to experience the satisfaction that serving others can bring — and have lots of fun along the way. Membership is open to men and women — Lions is truly an equal opportunity organisation.
- Lions will hold an information evening at the Cockburn Civic Centre, Coleville Crescent, Spearwood on Monday, February 27 at 7.30 pm. Why not come along, enjoy a light supper and find out what it is all about. For your invitation, and to enable us to arrange catering etc, please fill in the form below and post it now! You don't even need a stamp!

Send to: Free post, Lions Club International, P.O. Box 1150, Bibra Lake, WA 6163



■ Cockburn Deputy City Manager, Don Green, discusses possible Lions Clubs sites with Lions District Chairman Les Donald (right).

I would like to know more about Lions Clubs International and the new clubs to be formed in the City of Cockburn. Please invite me to your information night at the Cockburn Civic Centre on February 27 at 7.30 pm.

Name(s)

Address

Phone number

Facsimile number (if applicable)

BY-LAW MOVE

A new section of the Local Government Act empowers councils to make by-laws to regulate conduct on unlicensed premises which is considered to be offensive or indecent.

The Midge Menace and How You Can Help - Centre Pages

MIDGES: LET'S WORK TO GET THEM TO BUZZ OFF!

Nuisance problems with midges are a symptom of a larger environmental problem, that of degradation of our wetlands. In general, high densities of midges occur around wetlands such as North, Bibra and Yangebup Lakes that are nutrient enriched.

The Problem

High concentrations of nutrients in these lakes encourages the growth of blue-green algae. When the algae dies it settles on the bottom of the lake and provides a rich food source for the midge larvae.

Warm spring and summer temperatures and abundant food supply creates ideal conditions for the growth of midge larvae. Under these conditions, the midge life cycle can be completed in less than three weeks.

This rapid growth, together with the midges' reproductive capacity, means that midge populations can quickly rise to nuisance levels.

Short Term Measures

Council currently treats North, Bibra and Yangebup Lakes with a larvicide called Abate (temephos) during the spring and summer months in an effort to control midge numbers. Treatment of this nature is short-term or a stop-gap measure because midge larvae can develop resistance to the larvicide.

Wetland Restoration

Long-term midge control requires that the water quality of wetlands be considerably improved.

Nutrients (mainly nitrogen and phosphorus) enter the wetlands either through the groundwater or via surface run-off, eg stormwater drains from agricultural and urban run-off, leakage from septic tanks and abandoned tip sites, often located in or near wetland sites in the past.

A long-term solution will require an integrated approach involving improved management of wetland catchment areas.

You Can Help

Much of the nutrient from urban areas comes from fertilisers and detergents which are either washed down drains or seep into the groundwater.

Householders can contribute significantly to the restoration process by:

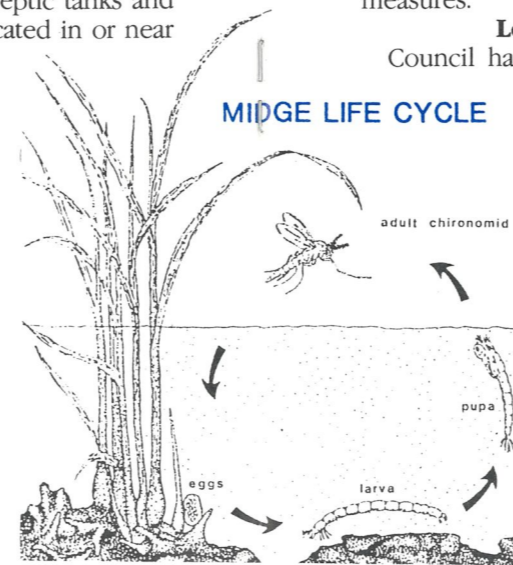
- using slow release fertilisers or planting gardens that require minimal fertilisation and water (eg native gardens)
- using phosphate-free detergents, particularly for washing cars
- washing the car on the lawn so that the grass can utilise the phosphorus, rather than on the road or paving which in many cases drain directly to the wetlands.

- reducing run-off by sensible consumption of water

Do your bit for the environment and help reduce midges by practising these simple measures.

Long-term Strategy

Council has employed a technical officer



HOW TO MINIMISE MIDGE NUISANCE

The following steps can be taken by residents to reduce the extent of midge nuisance problems.

- Reduce the number of outside lights and replace large (100 watt) incandescent light bulbs around entrance ways with small (25 or 40 watt) bulbs (preferably yellow). Where practicable, move these away from doorways and direct light towards the entry way. Lower wattage bulbs are also cheaper to run.
- Screen lights from the wetland by using hedges, shrubs and light shades outside the house, and curtains or blinds inside.
- Consider painting white surfaces around doorways with darker blue or green colours to reduce reflection.
- Keep windows and doors closed, or install fine-mesh insect screens to reduce the

for the rest of the financial year to introduce a long-term strategy for midge control.

This longer term wetland restoration approach will lead to an overall enhancement of the wetlands, and will alleviate the midge problem.

problem. Seal any gaps around doorways, windows and skylights.

- Where affordable, replace ordinary incandescent bulbs or fluorescent tubes with high pressure sodium vapour lamps. These are expensive, but they produce minimal amounts of both UV light and heat.
- Commercially available electrocuting light traps may also help. These units have a "black light" (mercury vapour, high UV) to attract midges to an electric grid, which kills them. These devices may also help to deal with other flying insect problems.
- Some residents have found a pyrethroid insecticide useful. It is marketed as Coopex and is approved for use by the Health Department. It may be purchased in 25g sachets, mixed with water, and sprayed on walls, and under eaves, with a garden sprayer. Midges settle on sprayed surfaces and die. A white residue is left so test a small area first.

Please contact Council's Environmental Service on 411 3444 for further information.

Timetable for City Elections

The 1995 Local Government Elections are to be held on Saturday, May 6. Vacancies in four(4) Wards will occur this year and are detailed as follows:

Ward	Election	Term	Retiring Clr
West	1 Clr	3 years	McNair
North	1 Clr	3 years	Waters
Coastal	1 Clr	3 years	Ostojich
South	1 Clr	3 years	Battalis

The Following important dates in the electoral cycle should be noted:

Date	Procedure
15/02/1995	Notice in the "West Australian" calling for registration on roll of electors.
24/02/1995	Last date for receipt of registration on roll of electors.
08/03/1995	Notice in the "West Australian" calling for nominations for the four councillor vacancies.
23/03/1995	Nominations for Councillor vacancies open.
06/04/1995	Nominations for councillor vacancies close at 4 p.m. Candidates announced and, if two or more nominations per vacancy received, lots drawn for position on ballot paper.
06/05/1995	Annual election day

BOOST FOR NORTH COOGEE BEACH



The North Coogee area is being re-developed by the State Government. The area is bounded by the railway line to the south and Rollinson Road to the north. The government is retaining the area as industrial and has allocated \$1million over the next year to landscape the area.

A private consulting firm Ecoscape has been appointed to plan and oversee the implementation of the work.

One of their prime objectives will be to provide better access to the under-utilised beach adjacent to this area. It is planned for the old power station to be demolished. The initial development will concentrate on parking and improvements to the beachfront, and further work will be carried out on the remaining areas as new industries are established.

COUNCIL OPTION TO SWITCH TO NEW ELECTION SYSTEM

Councils in Western Australia may now change to the biennial election system. Those wishing to do so in time for the May 1995 elections must elect to do so by an absolute majority before February 17.

There will be three options for Councils:

- members with two year terms remaining in 1995 will continue, those expiring in 1996 will lose one year (this is automatic in the Act)
- a complete spill of all positions (by absolute majority decision), or
- request Minister's approval to allow members retiring in 1996 to complete their terms, thus requiring further elections in 1996 (by absolute majority decision).



Bookworms making Christmas cards.

BOOK WORMS' FUN

Library clients were entertained by Book Worms at Spearwood Public Library before Christmas. Mark and Justine Bond, Martin and Aidene English, Rebecca and Alexia Meakin and Prue Worthington presented a Reader's Theatre production of 'Jesus' Christmas Party'.

Storyteller Vasanti Sunderland then told Christmas stories 'old and new'. The audience, and performers, then enjoyed fruit cake and punch.

DON'T KEEP YOUR WASTE: TAKE IT TO OUR CENTRE

COMMUNITY FAIR IS ON AGAIN

The popular Cockburn Community Fair will again be held at Manning Park in late October or early November. Keep an eye out for more information. If you are interested in having a stall or have an idea that could be suitable for the fair, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Sue Ellis at the Council on 411 3444. If your business would like to advertise or become a sponsor of the fair, we would be delighted to hear from you. The 1994 Community Fair was such a great occasion enjoyed by 15,000 plus visitors. Council is keen to make it an annual event and will continue to do so as long as public interest is high.

A new receival centre for household hazardous waste was opened in December, at the Henderson Waste Disposal Site.

All residents are encouraged to deposit their unwanted waste at the receival centre by seeing the gatekeeper at the entry to the site. Materials that residents may want to deposit are poisons, pills, solvents and any other substance that should not be put in mobile bins.

This is the initiative of the South-West Regional Waste Management Council comprising the municipalities of Cockburn, Fremantle, East Fremantle, Kwinana, Melville and Rockingham. Residents of Cockburn can also use a similar facility at the Canning site in Ranford Road or the Rockingham site in Millar Road.

Future options for the City's recycling service are currently being reviewed by officers of Council's Environmental and Engineering Services.

The tender for the current service expires in February. Interim arrangements have been made to continue the service.

It is hoped the review will be completed by April, to allow Council to decide on the most suitable option. As part of the review a survey of residents will contribute community views on the current and future service.

Comments from interested residents can be made to Council's Environmental Service.

NOVEL IDEA

Radio personality and science fiction enthusiast, Grant Stone, launched new collections of graphic novels at the City of Cockburn library in December.

Graphic novels are longer and more sophisticated versions of comic books and are produced in a book format. The text and artwork are visually exciting and the stories fast-paced and challenging. These are the first new format collections at the libraries since compact discs were introduced and are proving extremely popular with library clients.

PENSIONERS' RATES CONCESSION

ELIGIBLE pensioners may be entitled to a rebate on their Council rates (but not other charges) of up to 50 per cent.

To be entitled to a rates concession for any particular rating year you must, at the 1st of July of that rating year, have:

- been the holder of a Pensioner Concession Card
- occupied the property as your ordinary place of residence; and
- been the owner of the property or have had a relevant interest in the property.

Your land may be considered to be the ordinary place of residence notwithstanding that you no longer reside there due to ill-health, frailty or other causes not within your control.

Although you may not be an owner of the property, nor have a relevant interest in the land, you may receive a rebate (deferment option not available) if your spouse or ex-spouse is the sole owner of the land and deserted the family, leaving you responsible for payment of rates.

Please note that you will have to provide full details of the circumstances in each of the above three situations if Council is to allow you to register.

The concession available is:

- A 50 per cent rebate on rates or deferment of rates (but not other charges) to eligible pensioners who solely own their residence and occupy the premises with other people.
- a proportionate rebate up to 50 per cent to eligible pensioners who partly own the residence they occupy.

To receive the concession you must register with Council or the Water Authority by:

- completing and lodging an application form with Council (forms are available from Council offices and Water Authority)
- produce with the application form your Pensioner Concession Card.

It is important to note that you can only receive a rates concession in a rating year if you have registered at the "registration date". This date is thirty five (35) days from the issue of the rate notice ie the date shown as the "Last day to pay" on your rate notice.

In other words, you can pay your rates then register for a concession and still qualify for a rates rebate provided that you were registered before the registration date and were an eligible pensioner as set out above on July 1 of the rating year.

However, if you register after the "registration date" you will not be able to obtain a concession until the following rating year.

After registration you are required to notify Council:

- if you cease to hold a pensioner concession card
- if you cease to occupy the property as your ordinary place of residence
- if your interest or proportion of ownership in the land changes; or
- if the land ceases to belong to you.

This requirement also applies to pensioners already registered with Council. If you have any queries please contact Council's rates section.

BOUNDARY CHANGES SEE NEW SEATS EMERGE

Final boundary amendments applying to the next State Government elections affect the City of Cockburn in the following way:

Current Boundaries — North

Winterfold Road, Farrington Road

New Boundaries — North

Fairbairn Road, Cockburn Road, Amity Boulevard, Hamilton Road, Forrest Road, Progress Drive, Farrington Road

Current Boundaries — East

Kwinana Freeway

New Boundaries — East

Kwinana Freeway

Current Boundaries — South

Forrest Road, Railway Road, Mayor Road, Carrington Street

New Boundaries — South

Hope Valley Road, Rockingham Road, Cockburn Road

Current Boundaries — West

Indian Ocean, Cockburn Road

New Boundaries — West

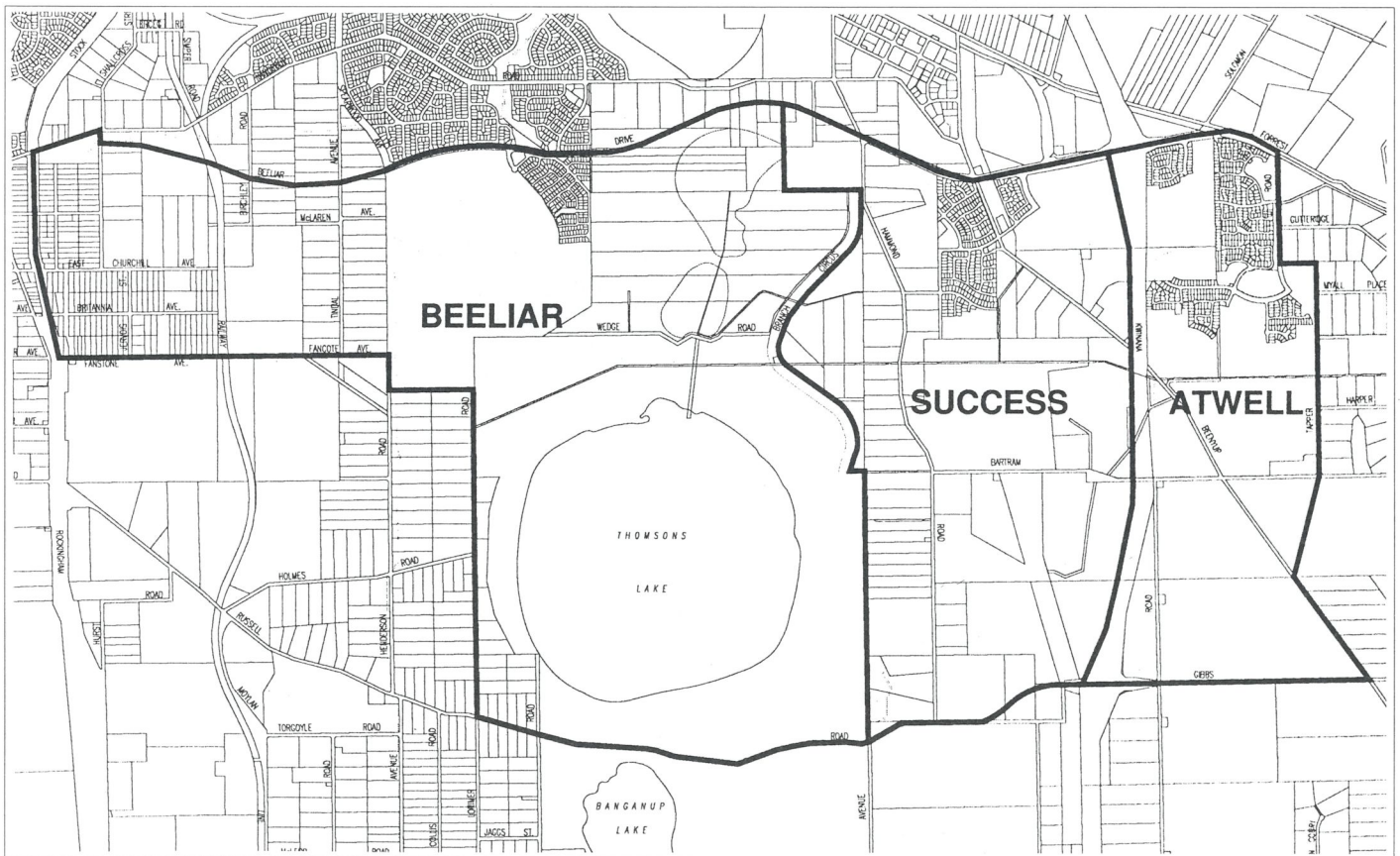
Cockburn Road providing western boundary to Peel Electorate

Hamilton Road providing western boundary to Fremantle Electorate
Indian Ocean

The WA Electoral Commission has abolished the seats of Jandakot (Mike Board) and Melville (Doug Shave) which previously had parts of Cockburn in their electorates. These have been replaced by new seats of Willagee, Murdoch and Southern River.

In addition, the southern boundary of the Electorate of Cockburn has been extended to Hope Valley Road. This means that the Electorate of Peel (represented by Norm Marlborough) will no longer have any interest in the City of Cockburn.

The new boundary changes means that the City of Cockburn is represented by five electorates instead of four: Fremantle, Willagee, Murdoch, Southern River and Cockburn. The locality of Coolbellup is no longer part of the Cockburn Electorate and has been absorbed into the new seat of Willagee.



WELCOME TO BEELIAR, SUCCESS AND ATWELL

The suburbs of Jandakot and Yangebup have been reduced in size, and new names have been given to reduce confusion and ensure that the areas are easily identified.

The new names are shown on the plan above. If you live in these areas, please ensure that you use the correct suburb name.

YOU'RE NEVER TOO YOUNG TO READ AT YOUR LIBRARY

To celebrate the Year of the Family, Council provided funding for the City of Cockburn Libraries to run a special program introducing parents and their young children to books and services available at the libraries. Forty five parents and 56 children enjoyed the sessions, which ranged from 'Babies need Books' to 'Storytelling and Puppets'.

Some parents had not realised that their babies can be members of the library service from birth. The libraries hold extensive collections of books, toys, puppets, games, puzzles, cassette tapes and videos for children from birth through to adulthood. All children are regarded as valuable library clients.



The Metropolitan Region Scheme has been amended, creating new road reserves, 2250 hectares of parks and 1675 hectares of urban land set aside for the subdivision of approximately 15,000 housing lots.

A new subdivision in Beeliam is being released by Homeswest. Future subdivisions are being planned.

Extensive earthworks and large retaining walls being constructed south of Beeliam Drive,

near Yangebup, will form the first stage of 35 hillside lots in a 1600-lot subdivision to be auctioned in March, or as soon as titles are available. The subdivision will be completed within two years.

The subdivision will include an innovative village centre with open space, a church, schools, shopping and community facilities, integrated for maximum convenience and economy.



Spearwood library has for a long time held a special Family History Collection, the purpose of which is to help clients carry out family history genealogical research. There is now also a similar small collection at Coolbellup.

The library has also published a small booklet called Tracing your Family History. This contains lists of the various materials available in Cockburn libraries. You can obtain a free copy from either branch.

Last October a family history seminar at Coolbellup Public Library was conducted by Anne Bussanich, a professional genealogist. Further seminars can be arranged in the future. Please let library staff know of your interest.



SOUTH LAKE LEISURE CENTRE

YOUR LOCAL MULTI-RECREATIONAL COMPLEX

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90 SOUTH LAKE DRIVE — CNR FREEWAY AND BERRIGAN DR

An indoor facility offering everyone fun, fitness and family entertainment.

INDOOR SPORTS

New Program — Ladies softball and mixed basketball

Current Program — Men's/Ladies basketball, Ladies/Mixed netball, Men's soccer, Ladies hockey, Mixed Volleyball, Social Badminton.

Junior Program — Basketball, Netball, Karate, Kindy Gym, Hockey u/11, u/13, u/15, u/17, Ballet, Swimming Lessons for all ages and ability.

Future Junior Program — T-ball, Soccer

General Interest:- Yoga, Smocking, Tai Chi, Variety of Martial Arts, Ballroom Dancing.

Future Activities — Indoor Bowls

HEALTH AND FITNESS PROGRAMS

Gymnasium program, aerobics (17 various courses), Club 50 Health Program. [Call Taiola, our Fitness Coordinator]

AQUATIC FACILITIES: — 25m — 6 lane heated pool; beach area for toddlers; slide pool; Outdoor Water Playground

All these activities are complemented by our fully equipped Creche and Kiosk.

RED CROSS

The annual Red Cross Doorknock Appeal will be held on the weekend of March 25 and 26.

Cockburn has been supporting this appeal for many years.

Please help out by doorknocking on one or both of these days.

If you are able to help this very worthy cause, or if you are

associated with a group or club that can help, please

contact Wally Hagan on 337 9330.

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