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celebrate spring at cockburn's annual spring fair

The City of Cockburn is holding its annual Spring Fair on Sunday, October 28 at Manning Park in Spearwood.

Each year, as part of the Spring Fair we will be celebrating our relationship with one of our Sister Cities, which this year will be Split, Croatia. The fair will have a Croatian flavour celebrating the culture through food, music and dance.

There will be arts and craft stalls, entertainment from around the world, rides, activities, cultural displays, international food and fireworks to finish the evening off with a bang.

Bring your family along to watch the popular Bush Fire Brigade games and the annual Mayoral Petanque Cup.

There will also be numerous free activities for all the community to enjoy, so make sure you mark the date in your calendar!



community development in cockburn

walking school bus

A group of parents at Jandakot Primary School have been successfully running a Walking School Bus programme since last year with the support of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

Children walk to and from school along a safe and enjoyable set route, supervised by at least two parents.

It works like a motorised bus picking up 'passengers' along the way at designated 'bus stops'. Local children are collected from pick up points within walking distance of schools and parents who live in more outlying areas are encouraged to drive their children to nominated start points.

The walk to school takes place every Friday morning to encourage children to become more active.

The City of Cockburn is offering support to parents interested in starting a Walking School Bus Programme at their children's school. For more information phone 9411 3524.

crossing guards

The City of Cockburn is looking for community-minded people interested in volunteering as an Honorary Traffic Warden at Children's Crossings in school areas.

This is a volunteer position under the new Cockburn Community Crossings programme.

Volunteers need to be available:

- School days Monday to Friday, and
- Morning and/or afternoon shifts (one hour)



Full training, equipment and uniforms are provided.

Register your interest with the Cockburn Volunteer Resource Centre on 9411 3490 or email volunteering@cockburn.wa.gov.au.

volunteers wanted

Have you ever thought about becoming a volunteer? The Cockburn Volunteer Resource Centre can help get you started. The VRC will match your skills and interests with a corresponding need in one of our registered not-for-profit agencies. Volunteering provides an opportunity to pass on your knowledge and skills, and help make a difference in our community.

So why not do your bit and contact the Volunteer Resource Centre on 9411 3490 or email lgallagher@cockburn.wa.gov.au to get some more information.

City of
Cockburn

Wetlands



to waves

mail

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mayor's message

With the end of the financial year now behind us, Council's new budget for 07-08 has come into force.

I am thrilled to say that \$12.6 million will be spent on community infrastructure projects including the construction of the Youth Centre at Cockburn Central, the Memorial Hall Upgrade and the final design and tender of the new Cockburn Regional Senior Citizens Centre; projects which will greatly benefit our entire community.

I would also like to commend Cockburn's Community Security Service (CSS) and Cockburn Police, who are delivering excellent results in lowering crime in our area and keeping our community safe. Since their increased security presence in hot-spot areas, crime rates are starting to fall.

In a continuing effort to reduce crime in the district, the City of Cockburn also recently completed an operation manual for its Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design initiative, which outlines ways we can diminish crime in the initial design stages of public spaces such as parks, shopping centres and pathways.

We are on our way to fulfilling our future vision for the City, and we hope to set a standard that no other council in WA will be able to match.

As always, if there is any way that you think we can help improve our City, please do not hesitate to contact myself or one of your local ward Councillors.

Stephen Lee
Mayor



paying your rates

Council's annual rate notices were issued on August 7, 2007 and are due for payment on September 11, 2007.

If you have not yet received your notice, please contact the City's Rates Department on 9411 3475 so that a replacement notice can be issued.

You must give notice in writing if you change your mailing address, sell, or dispose of any rateable land. Please quote the property number and/or property address. If you are intending to pay your rates by instalments, your first instalment should have been received by September 11, 2007 and your second instalment is due by November 13, 2007.

If the instalment options available are not suitable for your circumstances, a written application may be made to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into an alternative agreement. An administration fee of \$20.00 will be incurred.

Please note, penalty interest at the rate of 11% will be charged on overdue rates and charges. If you hold a pension/concession card or seniors' card, you may be eligible to register for a concession on your rates.

For all enquiries you can contact the Rates Department on 9411 3475.

dob in a dumper

Cockburn's Rangers answer more than 500 call-outs each month for incidents as diverse as littering, illegal off-road vehicles to lost pets, dog attacks, cats stuck down drains and the odd wandering sheep.

You'd be hard-pressed to find a job as diverse as that of a Ranger.

The City of Cockburn employs seven rangers, working in shifts from 7am to 7pm, seven days a week. They work across the City's 148 square kilometre area, and most of them know every metre of the City's 650km length of roads.

Ranger's Manager Bob Leaver says that of all the things that his Rangers deal with, they hate illegal dumping the most.

"The Henderson Landfill is just down the road, I don't see why people dump their garbage in the bushland or on vacant blocks - it's disgusting."

Illegal dumping hot spots presently exist near little Coogee Lake, just off Mayor and Hamilton Roads, Coogee and similar development sites. Mr Leaver says that it is difficult to catch offenders. "Cockburn Rangers dealt with over 360 incidents of serious littering or dumping last year, and were only able to issue fines to 25 offenders."

"We can only issue fines if there's a witness, or if they are dumb enough to leave their name and address with the rubbish."

Illegal dumping is difficult to prove, however, Council is investigating reward programmes for dobbing in a dumper. So stay tuned And contact the City's Ranger's if you have information regarding illegal dumping activities on 9411 3402.



city of cockburn - junk and whitegoods bulk verge collection

3 September 07	Area 1 - Hamilton Hill
10 September 07	Area 2 - Bibra Lake, Coolbellup, Leeming, North Lake
17 September 07	Area 3 - Atwell, Aubin Grove, Jandakot, South Lake, Cockburn Central
24 September 07	Area 4 - Coogee, Munster, Spearwood, Wattleup (west of railway line)
1 October 07	Area 5 - Beeliar, Success, Yangebup, Hammond Park (north of Gaebler Rd)

An information leaflet will be delivered with junk mail about two weeks prior to each area's collection commencing. Junk should be placed neatly on the verge by 6am on the first day of your collection, but no earlier than ten days before.

Please note that any junk placed on the verge more than ten days before the area collection is due to commence is considered illegally dumped and could result in a fine.



greening cockburn

Cockburn businesses thinking green

A survey and inspection was conducted in June 2006 and again in May 2007 to identify the most effective ways to improve environmental management practices amongst light-industrial small and medium businesses in Cockburn.

The programme is in collaboration between the City of Cockburn, the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare (SERCUL) and the State Government.

As part of this programme, the City of Cockburn works with businesses to adopt environmental measures in the workplace, rather than take a prosecution approach.

One such business, Fortress Manufacturing, in Bibra Lake has moved beyond basic compliance with standard environmental legislation.

Fortress manufactures industrial components for the mining and agricultural industry. Manufacturing these components can be a messy task, however Fortress owner Paul Brown takes every step possible to make sure no oil or sludge gets into stormwater drains. Utilising an innovative evaporation technique, waste products are evaporated and remaining wastes such as oil are contained and recycled for use elsewhere in other industries like brick yards.

Congratulations to Fortress Manufacturing for taking a lead in the sustainability of the Cockburn business community.



NAIDOC @ cockburn

Australia is celebrating 50 years of National Aboriginal Islander Day of Celebrations (NAIDOC) and 40 years since the referendum instigating indigenous voting rights. Celebrations were held across Australia in July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The City held an official Flag Raising Ceremony including a "Welcome to Country" by Reverent Sealin Garlett and performances by the internationally recognised, Wadumbah Dance Group. Plus a free family community day at the East Beeliiar Community Centre

There was kangaroo stew and damper bread, sausage sizzle, face painting, bouncy castle, story telling, music, traditional arts and crafts and bush-knife making, boomerang throwing and a community handprint mural was also created.

The NAIDOC celebrations are based around a national theme for 2007 of "50 Years: Looking Forward, Looking Blak". For further information on Aboriginal Community Development in Cockburn contact Kristy Mippy on 9411 3487.

Here is a snippet of our celebrations ...



it's going to be a summer of fun..



bibra lake fun run 2007

The Fun Run is on again but this time bigger and better!

The traditional 6km run will take place on the corner of Progress and Gwilliam Drives at 8.30am sharp.

The division categories are:

- Under 12's
- Under 17's
- Open (over 17yrs)
- Masters (12km run)

You can obtain a registration form by visiting the City's website at www.cockburn.wa.gov.au or by phoning the Events Coordinator on 9411 3535.

You can also register on the day at 8.00am. This will be followed by a race briefing at 8.15am. Entry fee is \$5.

There are great prizes up for grabs from Cockburn Gateways Shopping City. Prizes are awarded to male and female winner and runner up in each division.

- Under 12's Division - 1st place \$150 voucher, 2nd place \$75 voucher
- Under 17's Division - 1st place \$200 voucher, 2nd place \$100 voucher
- Open Division - 1st place \$300 voucher, 2nd place \$150 voucher
- Masters Division - 1st place \$300 voucher, 2nd place \$150 voucher

Community organisations and schools, if you enter as a group, you can get half the total of your entry fee refunded.

For more information contact the Events Coordinator on 9411 3535 or email mmclean@cockburn.wa.gov.au.

Coming up next in
your Summer of
fun Calendar...

teddy bears picnic

Wednesday, October 31st
McFaul Park, Spearwood
10am - 2pm



Activities include:

- Live entertainment by Fairy Queen Caroline
- Bouncy castles
- Petting Zoo
- Face Painting
- Competitions and great prizes
- And more!

For more information contact the City of Cockburn's Events Coordinator on 9411 3535 or email mmclean@cockburn.wa.gov.au



The kids of Olympic Fun & Fitness send the parents off on their walk.

children set a healthy example – parents follow suit

Val and Ken Norris of Olympic Fun & Fitness have cured the ‘waiting parents’ syndrome. Rather than sitting around while their children participate in the Tiny Tots Gymnastics Programme, waiting parents are led on a scenic and social walk through the picturesque Glen Iris Estate.

Olympians Val and Ken are walk-leaders of the City of Cockburn’s ‘Cockburn Walking Group’ programme. Each Wednesday, Friday and Saturday morning they attach their first aid bum-bag, Walk-leader vest, pedometers and join eager mums, dads and grandparents on a 40 minute trek.

“Taking part in this regular activity encourages participants to commit to improving their fitness and wellbeing. Anyone wanting to join the walks is welcome,” says Ken.

For information about Cockburn’s Walking Groups or to find a walking group in your area contact Greg Miller on 9411 3654 or visit the website at www.cockburn.wa.gov.au.

be sure you're entitled to vote!

To be able to vote at the upcoming Council elections, your name MUST be on the Council Electoral Roll currently being prepared.

You should be automatically enrolled for your residential address, but if you own more than one property in the district, you may be entitled to vote in more than one Ward Election.

Check with our Rates Department on 9411 3475, on your eligibility. Registrations to be included on the Roll close on Friday, August 31, 2007.

Local Government Elections 2007

Are you interested in being a Councillor of the City of Cockburn?

Elections will be held in the City of Cockburn on October 20, 2007 for the following vacancies on Council:

East Ward	2 Councillors	4 year terms
West Ward	1 Councillor	4 year term
Central Ward	1 Councillor	4 year term

The terms of the incumbent Councillors expire at that time.

If you are interested in Council affairs and are thinking of nominating for one of these positions, Council is hosting a seminar to provide information to prospective new Elected Members.

Details of the seminar are:

Date: Saturday, September 1st, 2007

Time: 10am – 4pm

**Place: Cockburn City Council, Function Reception Room,
1st Floor, Administration Building, Spearwood**

This session is free to Cockburn electors and a light lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Please complete the form below and return it to Council by THURSDAY, August 23, 2007.

I, _____ of _____
NAME ADDRESS

wish to register for the City of Cockburn Elections Seminar to be conducted on Saturday, September 1st, 2007.

Please cut out and return this section to:

Registration 2007, Elections Seminar,
City of Cockburn
Reply Paid Permit No. 2
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