

# COCKBURN

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# SOUNDINGS



## Coogee Beach Party 2003

### Life's a beach at the fourth Annual Coogee Beach Party.

This year's Beach Party is to be held on Sunday 16 March 2003 at Coogee Beach and promises to be the biggest and best Beach Party yet.

There is a wide variety of entertainment and activities for the entire family to enjoy.

Have the thrill of a wild ride on the mechanical surf rider. Try Foam Surfing, courtesy of South Coogee Fire Brigade. Bounce around in a giant Pokemon Pikachu or team up on the Human Soccer Table. Compete for prizes in the Sand Castle Competition. Join in and play Beach Volleyball or experience Surf Riding on giant bananas.

Be entertained by dancing Chinese Dragons, wandering performers and clowns.

Other attractions include Buster the Fun Bus, face painting, monster kites and local information stalls.

Local community groups will be sizzling sausages and other gourmet delights. FREE Helium Balloons will be given away.

Last year's Beach Party was a hit with many locals revelling in the fun and entertainment.

For more information about the Coogee Beach Party contact Bev Nelson, Events and Projects Officer on 9411 3535.



# Look Who's at Gateways Shopping Centre

### Major Stores

Action	9414 5444
Woolworths	9414 5222
Woolworths Liquor	9414 5222

### Food

Donut King	9498 5248
Gateways Chinese Restaurant	9498 6313
Gateways Fish & Chips	9414 6038
Good Life Health Foods	9498 5000
Micachinos Cafe	9498 5242
McDonalds	9414 5900
Oven Delight Patisserie	9498 5599
Red Rooster	9414 6759
Subway	9498 5200
Wendys	9286 2100

### Fashion

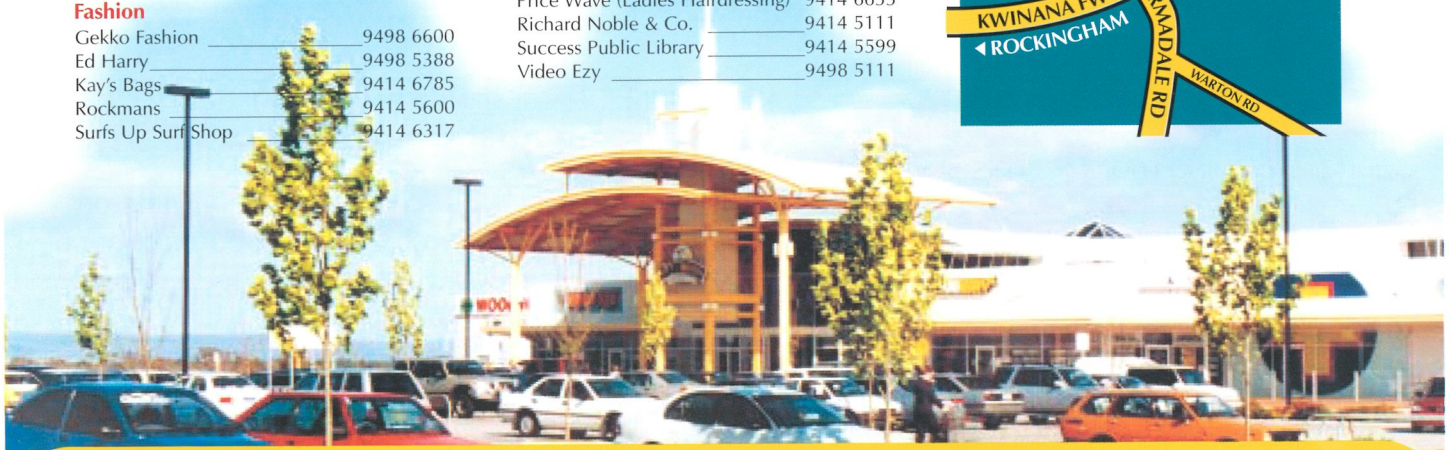
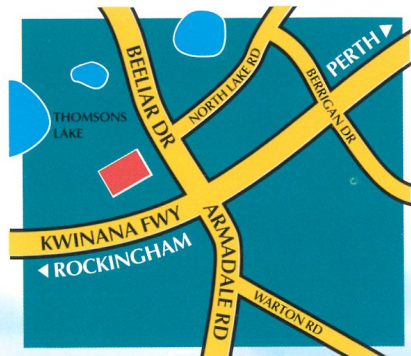
Gekko Fashion	9498 6600
Ed Harry	9498 5388
Kay's Bags	9414 6785
Rockmans	9414 5600
Surfs Up Surf Shop	9414 6317

### Services

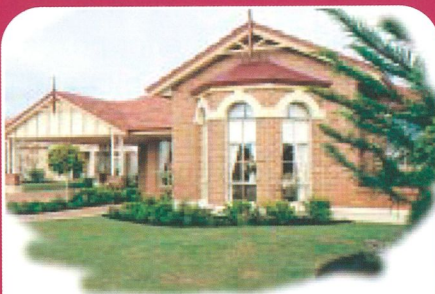
ANZ Bank	13 13 14
Australia Post	9498 5263
BankWest	131718
Checkers (Mens Hairdressing)	9414 6655
Clear Image Skin Clinic	9498 5188
De La Rose Creations	9498 5322
Farrington Drycleaners	9498 5316
Fixit Multi Services	9498 5958
Gateways Dental Centre	9498 5122
Gateways Newsagency & Lottery Centre	9498 5222
Thomsons Lake Medical Centre	9414 6777
Harvey World Travel	9414 6788
Kodak Express	9498 5255
OPSM	9498 5855
Price Wave (Ladies Hairdressing)	9414 6655
Richard Noble & Co.	9414 5111
Success Public Library	9414 5599
Video Ezy	9498 5111

### Household

Knives Forks & Allsorts	9498 5888
Pharmacy Plus	9498 5977
Red Dot	9414 6722
Tandy Electronics	9414 5948
Thrifty Link Hardware	9414 5333



## IT PAYS TO SHOP AT GATEWAYS!



### Best Garden Competition Back by popular demand.

In conjunction with the City of Cockburn, we will be looking for the:

- Best House Garden under 5 years
- Best House Garden over 5 years
- Best Kept Street

'Competition will commence in March so it's time to spruce up the garden and keep an eye out for further details in the next edition of the Cockburn Soundings or Gateways Link'.

\* To enter you must be a resident of the City of Cockburn.

### DONUT KING

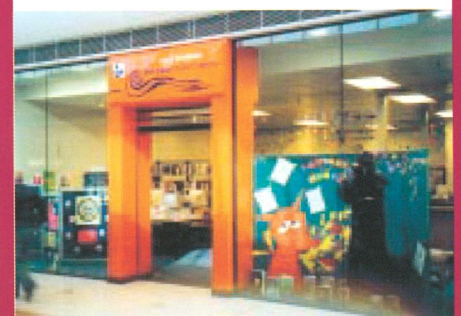
Gateways Store Only

**Buy a Milkshake  
& 2 Iced Donuts  
for only \$3.95**

\*Valid until 31 March 2003



### Success Public Library Book Club



*Want to join a great book club.  
Members meet once a month.  
Call Jill on 9414 5599*

**The Fresh Food People**  
WOOLWORTHS



**ACTION**  
The best idea of GREAT SHOPPING IDEAS

Corner Beeliar Drive & Kwinana Freeway Telephone 9498 5577 Facsimile 9498 5588  
www.gateways.net.au



# Mayor's MESSAGE

Public consultation is an important part of our work at Council. Your Councillors and myself are always eager to hear your opinions on issues that matter to our City.

During my time as Mayor of Cockburn, it has become clear that residents of the district regard personal security as an issue of grave concern. As I have indicated in this space before, Council already funds a number of important safety programs.

However the question remains, "should Council be doing more?" This is where your Council needs your input. On page 11 and on the back cover of this newsletter you will find a survey concerning safety and security issues in Cockburn Please take the time to fill it in. Your Council wants to know what your main concerns are in this area. We are especially interested in pro-active service initiatives that we may undertake.

In November 2002, the issue of Councils policy on circuses came before the Elected Members. At the Council meeting, we resolved to consult with you, our community, to see how you feel about this issue. Do you support Council's current policy that allows circuses, which include exotic animals, such

as lions, tigers, elephants and monkeys, to be conducted within the district OR would you rather this policy was changed to not allow circuses with exotic animals to perform in our City. Either way, your Council wants to hear from you.



Please take a few moments to complete both these important surveys. Each can be returned to Council via a reply paid address. And your input, as always, will help us in our mission to make Cockburn the best place to live, work, and visit in the metropolitan area and is therefore greatly appreciated and valued.

*Mayor Stephen Lee*

PO Box 1215

BIBRA LAKE D.C. WA 6965

Phone: 9411 3401

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## Jandakot Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade gets Pumped



The Jandakot Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade recently received a \$1200 portable fire-fighter pump,

thanks to a donation from local rural real estate agent Peter Sampson of Remax.

According to brigade captain Ron Levett, the pump will be used to draft water from ponds, tanks, and swimming pools giving the volunteer brigade access to many sources of water in an emergency.

“The brigade welcomes this initiative of Remax to support the volunteer organisation, it’s a benefit to the whole community,” said Mr Levett.

The portable pump is fitted with hoses and nozzles and can be used as part of a fire-fighting unit or as a stationary appliance.

## Do you know how to escape from your house quickly and safely in the event of a fire emergency?

According to the Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) more homeowners and residents need to consider the importance of a home escape plan.

Terry Shehan, from the Success Fire Station, says preparing and practicing a home escape plan can help minimize the panic and unnecessary loss of time needed to reach safety in an emergency.

“It’s no longer realistic to think that a fire will never happen to you,” Mr Shehan said.

“In fact, during the 2000-01 financial year a total of 1,090 fires occurred in WA homes, causing property damage worth nearly \$14 million.”

“The highest priority for local residents in a fire emergency is to get people out of the home and to a place of safety,” he said.

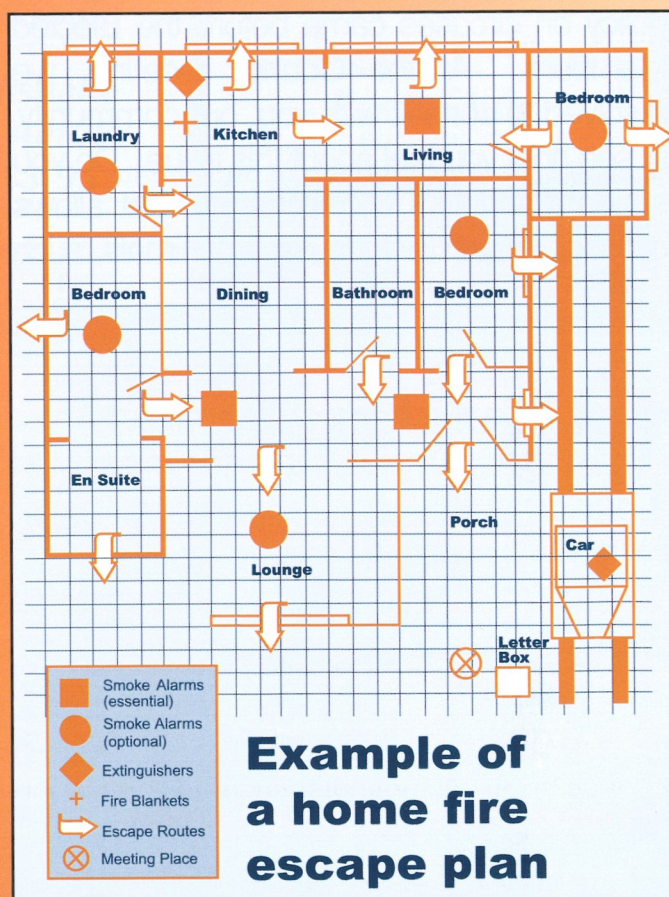
“The best way to do this, is to prepare and practice a home escape plan.”

Mr Shehan said in developing a home escape plan, residents should:

- Identify as many ways out of your home as possible taking the quickest path and decide on a meeting place outside.
- Make sure that doors and windows can be opened easily from the inside. Keep keys readily available.

- Practice your home escape plan regularly and make sure everyone knows the sound of a smoke alarm.

For a free brochure on how to prepare a ‘Home Escape Plan’ contact FESA’s Community Safety division on 9323 9395.





# COUNCILLORS' CORNER

BY CLR. VAL OLIVER

I wish to thank all the principals, teachers and students of the primary schools that I had the pleasure of presenting the end of year awards on behalf of the City of Cockburn. I would also congratulate them on the standard of entertainment. Watching these young people with their self-confidence and talent augers well for the young leaders of tomorrow.

In the latter half of 2002, I was able to attend the 6th Global Conference of the Ageing. Twenty-seven countries took part in the conference, for three days at the Burswood Resort. I came away with quite an amount of useful information. I have been aware that there is a need for more resources for the aged in Cockburn. Hopefully we may achieve something in 2003.

I was also a guest at the Volunteer Support Group Christmas party for their clients held at the Melville Cricket Club. One hundred and eighty people attended and volunteers used eight buses to transport all these people both to and from this venue. Volunteers achieved all this, which proves that we are only as strong as our volunteers.

We need people of Cockburn to volunteer their services to the community. There is a need for drivers, people to make cups of tea and sandwiches, and those willing to help our neighbours by spending a little time to socialise. We have planting days and groups enjoy the open air and fun time together. Mostly we need you to keep active as this makes a great community. If you would like to volunteer in some small way, maybe a couple of hours a week, please ring me on 93371680.

*I wish you all a healthy and prosperous 2003.*

At its November meeting, Council decided to conduct a survey on its policy regarding circuses, which include exotic animals, being conducted within the district. Please complete the survey below and return it to:

"Circus Policy Survey"  
City of Cockburn  
Reply Paid Permit No. 2  
PO Box 1215  
BIBRA Lake D.C. WA 6965

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Please tick one

- I support Council's current policy that allows circuses, which include exotic animals, such as lions, tigers, elephants and monkeys, to be conducted within the district.
- I oppose Council's current policy on circuses and wish it changed to NOT allow circuses, which include exotic animals, such as lions, tigers, elephants and monkeys, to be conducted within the district.

***Please return the survey by February 28, 2003.***



# BE SURE YOU ARE 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 14 MARCH, 2003.**

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2003

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A COUNCILLOR?

Elections will be held in the City of Cockburn on 3 May, 2003, 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 four 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 Councillors.

Details of the seminar are:-

DATE: Saturday 15 March, 2003

TIME: 10.00am - 4.00pm

PLACE: Cockburn Civic Centre Hall, Coleville Crescent, Spearwood

The session is free of charge to Cockburn electors and a light lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Please complete the form below and return it to Council by **TUESDAY 4 MARCH, 2003.**

Any further enquiries should be directed to Don Green on 9411 3411.

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I, ....., of .....

(NAME) (ADDRESS)

wish to register for the City of Cockburn Elections Seminar to be conducted on Saturday 15 March, 2003.

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(SIGNATURE)

Please cut out and return the form to:-  
"Registration 2003 Elections Seminar"  
City of Cockburn  
Reply Paid Permit No. 2  
PO Box 1215  
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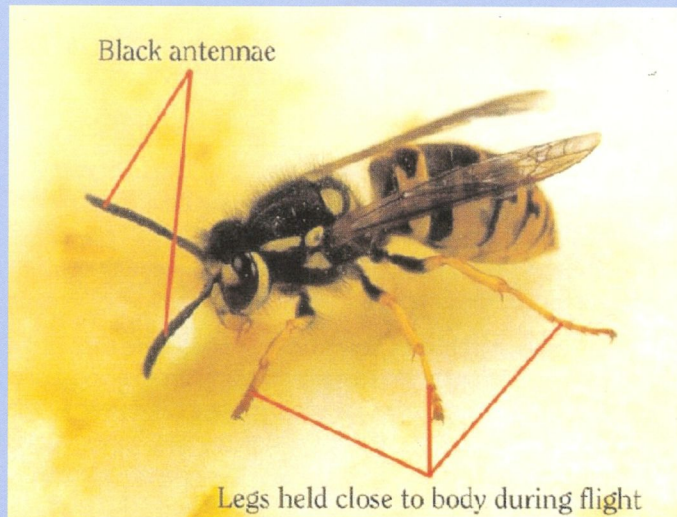


# European Wasps - An Unwelcome Guest

The City's Health Service has received a number of enquiries recently regarding European Wasps. In addition to being an urban pest, the European Wasp is an agricultural pest, attacking bees and beehives, as well as causing damage to soft fruit and grape crops.

European Wasps have short, stout bodies similar in size and shape to a bee. Bright yellow and black, they have black antennae and yellow legs that are not visible during flight. They live in large, concealed nests commonly underground or in roof cavities, which are round in shape and with an outer covering.

Considerably more aggressive than other wasps, these wasps can sting repeatedly and will attract other wasps during their attack. Residents are advised not to approach the nest or attempt to



treat it themselves.

Often confused with European Wasps, Paper Wasps can be both yellow and black or orange and black, but are slender in shape and 1-2cm long, with a narrow waist. They generally make smaller, honeycomb nests that are commonly visible under eaves, fence capping or on sheds. While also able to sting repeatedly, these wasps are not as aggressive as

European Wasps and will normally only attack where the nest or swarm is disturbed. The most distinguishing feature of the common Paper Wasp is the manner with which they fly, commonly hovering with their legs hung clearly visible beneath them.

European Wasps may also be observed settling upon pet food and other fish or meat products.

While Paper Wasps might consume caterpillars, they are rarely observed settling on or demonstrating interest in meat products.

Suspect European Wasps should be reported to the City's Health Service on 9411 3589 or to the Western Australian Department of Agriculture on either 9366 2300 or 9368 3333.

## SUSTAINING COCKBURN

The City of Cockburn recently provided advice on the State Government's Draft Sustainability Strategy for Western Australia. This document is the first attempt in Australia to develop a comprehensive sustainability strategy at a State level. Together with the WA Collaboration, Cockburn hosted a community workshop in December to formulate a response to the strategy from the grass roots level. The public submission period has recently been extended until February 2003. Copies of the document and information on how to make a submission can be accessed through the State Government sustainability web-site at

<http://www.sustainability.dpc.wa.gov.au>.

The City of Cockburn is in the process of finalising its own draft Sustainability Strategy. The Strategy will assist in guiding Cockburn's operations and development within the City in a manner that can sustain Cockburn's unique natural environment, the lifestyle the community expects and employment opportunities into the future.

The Strategy builds on the work already undertaken as part of Cockburn's commitment to Local Agenda 21 and an extensive public consultation process throughout the development of the Strategy.

It is intended to have the draft Strategy available for a final round of public comment in March/April 2003, prior to endorsement by the Council. Once endorsed a range of Action Plans will be developed to set the City of Cockburn on the road to a sustainable future. For more information call Ben Hollyock in Environmental Management Services on 9411 3441.





## **CRIME in Cockburn**

Stan Cole, City of Cockburn Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

If one was to believe the stories and rumours one hears we would think that the city was really at the mercy of the criminals. Examination of the facts however paints a very different picture. The year just ended shapes up quite well compared with the year 2001. Total reported crime for the City of Cockburn (not ALL crime is reported) is indeed down by 2.3% overall with burglaries down

by some 8% for the year. While stealing is also down by 3% this is offset by a similar increase in wilful damage offences. It is pleasing to note any decrease in crime, however this reduction is not quite as good as previous years. Opportunistic stealing is one crime that features strongly in crime records with people leaving property in locations where it may readily be removed or failing to take adequate security precautions. "Insurance will cover it", is a prevalent attitude that makes little sense when the ever-increasing cost of insurance premiums is considered.

Council provides a number of services through its Safer City program to help residents take more care of their property. Cockburn's Safer City officer will have your property either engraved with your motor driver's licence number or photographed so that in the event of it being stolen the police may identify it as being stolen and catch the offender. As a resident of Cockburn this service of property identification is provided as a **FREE** community service. Phone for an appointment on **9314 3001**. You may even have your house number painted on the kerb at the same time also for **FREE**.

## **Have you ever wondered how to EXERCISE for your health?**

Are you confused by the conflicting information provided in the media and by those who profess to be expert in the area of physical wellbeing? Perhaps

you have a medical condition which you have heard might benefit from an appropriate exercise program. The City of Cockburn is giving you chance to answer these, and other, questions in the first of a series of free seminars to be held on

18 February at 6.00 pm at the Jess Thomas Child Health Centre, 29 March Street, Spearwood.

The talk will be delivered by Clinical Exercise Physiologist Simon Cummings who has a wealth of experience in working with people with chronic medical conditions, elite athletes and those in between. Learn which is the best type of exercise for you, how often you need to work out, how intensely and for how long. With this information you will have the knowledge to know how to exercise safely and effectively whatever your age or medical condition.

Contact Bev Nelson on 9411 3535 to reserve your seat.





# ***SOUTH LAKE LEISURE CENTRE REWARDS PATRONS***

The South Lake Leisure Centre has teamed up with local businesses again to continue the Fitness Class Rewards

Scheme. The program rewards members for attending milestone numbers of Aquarobics and Fitness Classes.

At a cost of only \$15, the program is offered to all Fitness Class and Aquarobics members, in aid of providing added motivation for them to get fitter and healthier.

Some awesome rewards have been provided by the sponsors, being Fremantle Public Golf Course, South Lake Myotherapy Centre (Massage), Sportsworld (Zoggs Goggles and Bathers), Rock Wear (Aerobic and Gym wear), and the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle. The South Lake Leisure Centre itself is also supplying some rewards.

The milestones start with only 50 classes, with members receiving a reward at every milestone including 100, 150, 200, 300 and 400 classes. There is also a major reward at the end of

the twelve months, for which the program will be running, going to the member who attends the most classes. This reward is an overnight Breakaway Package at the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle.

With 40 classes running every week across the Fitness Class and Aquarobics timetables, there is plenty of opportunity to rack up the numbers and receive lots of great rewards! But, having already started, time is running out, so there's no more time to waste!

If you would like some more information about the 'Fitness Class Rewards Scheme', or would like to know how to get involved, simply contact the South Lake Leisure Centre on 9417 3003, or drop in and pick up a brochure.



## ***What's Special about Cockburn?***

Thanks to everyone who wrote in to say what they think is special about Cockburn. The three entries judged best by a working party of Councillors and staff are:

- Mrs I Burrow, Coolbellup
- Ms Kathryn Patience, Yangebup
- K. Ellement, Wattleup

Congratulations to all the winners, who each receive a \$100 gift certificate from the Gateways Shopping Centre, Thomsons Lake. Winners may claim their prizes from Cockburn's Customer Services department at the Council offices, 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood. For more information ring Communications Manager, Chuck Ellis, on 9411 3551.





# 'TIDYING OUR CITY'

Does the statement - "To make the City of Cockburn the most attractive place to live, work and visit in the Perth Metropolitan Area" sound at all familiar to you? This is the Mission Statement for the City of Cockburn.

If it does, you will be pleased to know that Council is embarking on a programme with the Mission Statement firmly in mind.

The programme is aimed at minimising the impact of unsightly or overgrown land in the District caused by seasonal vegetation growth or the presence of old, disused material (junk) laying around in people's yards in full view of passers by.

While such sights may not be offensive to some, it is becoming more common for

Council to receive complaints from the public about unsightly land in the City.

To address these concerns, Council has commenced a programme to notify owners of land identified as being excessively untidy, requesting them to eliminate the problem.

In most cases, this will simply involve the slashing of overgrown vegetation or the removal of some offending material from the land.

Hopefully, people receiving this advice will understand Council's

motives and cooperate with the request, as that will prevent more forceful action being taken to satisfy requirements.

However, if you do receive such a letter and would like to discuss the matter further, please contact the programme Coordinator, Mr Laurie Cetinic-Dorol, on 9411 3453.

**Please note** that this programme is not related to the Notice Requiring the Provision of a Firebreak, as required under the provisions of the Bush Fires Act.

## Problems with your Dividing Fence?

Do you have a dividing fence that has been damaged by a recent storm or in need of repair? Are you in a dispute over cost sharing or what type of fencing to install?

Council does not administer the Dividing Fences Act that deals with these common types of problems. Persons with enquiries regarding dividing fences need to contact the following agencies:

- ◆ Department of Local Government: 9222 0560
- ◆ Legal Aid Commission: 1300 650 579
- ◆ Citizens Advice Bureau: 9221 5711



# SAFETY AND SECURITY

## ISSUES IN COCKBURN

The City of Cockburn is currently undertaking community research in an effort to identify the main concerns of its residents in relation to safety and security issues in the District.

To facilitate this, Council has engaged the services of a research consultant to work with the community in not only highlighting what the main issues of concern are, but also putting forward suggestions on how the situation in Cockburn could be positively addressed to minimise the impact of crime and other anti-social activities.

Of particular interest to Council, is whether the

community would see specific benefit in certain pro-active initiatives being introduced as a service delivered by the City of Cockburn (e.g. security patrols, property identification schemes) and whether the community would be prepared to accept the cost of these initiatives, either through the introduction of a special levy or an increase in general rates.

To complement the exercise currently being conducted, Council invites all other residents to participate in this programme by completing the attached questionnaire and returning it

**(REPLY PAID)** to the City of Cockburn. The results of this feedback will be compared with outcomes from the more in depth research. Once this is completed, it is anticipated that some common trends will emerge upon which Council will be able to make some decisions on ways to address the major issues of concern.

So please take this opportunity to have your say on this very important social issue which affects us all in some way.

**Completed forms should be forwarded to Council by no later than FRIDAY 28 February, 2003.**

*Any further information on this matter can be discussed with Don Green, Director - Community Services, by telephoning 9411 3411.*



# COMMUNITY SURVEY

## SAFETY AND SECURITY ISSUES IN COCKBURN

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

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

1. What do you believe is the most important SAFETY / SECURITY issue in the City of Cockburn? (if more than one, please list in order of priority)

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2. What do you believe is the most effective way Council could address this issue? (remembering that the Police Service is not a Council responsibility)

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3. Do you believe the introduction of Security Patrols would positively address your concerns?

YES

NO

If yes, would you be prepared to pay the cost of providing the patrols, on the following basis:-

FULL-TIME (i.e. 24/7 estimated cost \$30 - \$40 P.A.)

PART-TIME (i.e. nights, weekends estimated cost \$20 - \$30 p.a.)

4. Do you believe the introduction of an organised property identification programme would positively address your concerns?

YES

NO

If yes, would you be prepared to pay the cost of providing the service? (estimated cost \$70 - \$80 - one off)

YES

NO

5. Any other comments? (if insufficient space, please attach details)

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**For further information, contact Don Green - Director, Community Services, on 9411 3411.  
Completed forms should be returned by FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY, 2003.**

### Address To:

"Safety & Security Survey"  
City of Cockburn  
Reply Paid Permit No. 2  
PO Box 1215  
Bibra Lake DC WA 6965  
(No postage stamp required)

