

Amalgamations – Community Consultation

The City of Cockburn is seeking community input on possible options for Local Government Reform including amalgamation.

Recently the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. John Castrilli announced Local Government Reforms are to take place in Western Australia. The Minister has set a deadline of August 2009 for submissions from all of WA's 139 Councils identifying opportunities for greater sustainability including feedback from the local community on Local Government reform.

The City of Cockburn is a sustainable and growing Council, however it is still required to participate in the reform process, extensively consult our community and use feedback from the community to guide the decision making process including consideration to explore potential rationalisation of resource sharing and improved service delivery. A report prepared by officers of the City is expected to go to the August 13th Ordinary Council Meeting.

The City has taken into account the Guiding Principles for Reform set out by the Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB) and the findings of the West Australian Local Government Association's (WALGA) Systematic Sustainability Study. For more information please visit; www.walga.asn.au/ss

The City is currently undertaking a mix of community consultations seeking feedback via the following mediums commencing 10 June through to 18 July 2009:

- A random telephone survey across Cockburn suburbs,
- Written survey available on the City of Cockburn's website, Administration and Libraries
- Community Forum - Saturday 18 July 2009, 10am to 12pm at City of Cockburn Administration. RSVP's required by Mon 13 July 2009.

Advertisement of consultation options will be in the Cockburn Gazette over 4 weeks, Cockburn Soundings July edition, and at City of Cockburn's Administration and Libraries.

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Residential Greenwaste Collection

A reminder to all residents that a greenwaste collection will commence on 6th July 2009 so please make sure your green waste is placed on the verge ready for collection by the below dates.

An information leaflet will be delivered, with your junk mail, 10-14 days before your area collection commences.

Greenwaste items include tree branches, prunings and palm fronds and trunks cut to size.

Waste placed on the verge more than 10 days before your area collection is due to commence is 'illegally dumped' and could result in a fine.

Greenwaste Verge Collection Dates

Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5
Hamilton Hill	Bibra lake Coolbellup Leeming North lake	Atwell Aubin Grove Jandakot South Lake Cockburn Central	Coogee Munster Spearwood Wattleup (west of railway line)	Beeliar Success Yangebup Hammond park (north of Gaebler)
6 July 2009	13 July 2009	20 July 2009	27 July 2009	3 August 2009

Infill Sewerage Program Delay

On May 15, 2009, the Water Corporation advised that the State's Infill Sewerage Program has been deferred until further notice.

The State Government Budget Papers presented through Parliament on 13 May 2009 specifically quote the following:

"Due to current global financial circumstances, the Infill Sewerage Program has been deferred. Considerable progress has been made in delivering this program to-date, and the remaining work will be reconsidered once the current financial environment improves."

The decision affects areas of Spearwood, Hamilton Hill and Coogee. Works already underway to eastern parts of Spearwood will be completed in accordance with contractual commitments already made.

The City of Cockburn considers the decision to defer these important works to be disappointing and Cockburn Council will continue to lobby the State Government to ensure these works are completed.

Residents with queries regarding the Infill Sewerage Program are encouraged to contact the Water Corporation direct on 13 13 75 or Local Members of Parliament.



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Message from the Mayor



Last month I had the pleasure of attending my 20th Annual Pioneers Lunch at the City of Cockburn.

This event recognises Cockburn's pioneers and pioneering families, with those attending having lived within the City of Cockburn for more than 59 years.

Without the contribution of our pioneers Cockburn would not be the diverse, successful community it is today.

By recognising where we have come from and celebrating the many different cultures that make up our community, we can appreciate the opportunities that have come from the sacrifice and work of our predecessors.

Furthermore, this month we recognise NAIDOC and celebrate the culture of our Aboriginal community, the traditional inhabitants of our land.

I encourage you all to join me in celebrating Cockburn's history and the multiculturalism that thrives in our community.

Mayor
Logan K Howlett JP
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Council has identified 6 amalgamation options and is seeking feedback as to which option you would prefer. In the event amalgamation was to occur as a result of a State Government decision which option would you prefer and what could you foresee as the possible advantages/disadvantages for these options.

1. COC retains current boundaries and continues to identify resource sharing opportunities with other Local Government Authorities
2. COC amalgamates with Fremantle
3. COC amalgamates with Fremantle and East Fremantle
4. COC amalgamates with Kwinana
5. COC amalgamates with Kwinana, Fremantle and East Fremantle
6. COC amalgamates with Melville

For further information visit: www.cockburn.wa.gov.au or www.walga.asn.au/sss or contact Communications Manager Chantelle O'Sullivan on 9411 3605.



City of Cockburn Budget 2009- 2010



Despite facing large increases in utility costs and State Government fees, the City has passed on a 3% rate increase to residents, making it one of the lowest charging local governments in the Perth metropolitan.

The City's conservative 2009-10 budget delivers on community infrastructure and sees substantial funds invested into major projects including:

- \$2.9 million allocated to the development of the Aubin Grove Sport and Recreation Centre
- \$4.5 million allocated to Success Regional Sporting and Community Complex (in addition to the \$5 million in funding pledged from the previous budget)
- \$4.5 million allocated to the upgrades to the Coolbellup Community Hub including the establishment of new office space, upgrades to the Coolbellup library and car park
- \$1.8 million allocated towards the funding of the Regional SurfLifesaving Facility to be established at Poore Grove
- \$4 million invested into the development of a library at the Lot 7 project at Cockburn Central

The budget also sees:

- \$1.4 million allocated to the development and maintenance of public parks
- \$1.3 million allocated to the development and maintenance of bicycle and footpaths
- \$4.7 million allocated to roadworks, including the establishment of a dual carriageway at Spearwood Avenue
- \$1 million allocated to the initiate stages of the Bibra Lake Management Plan, including conservation works and upgrades to facilities
- The continued purchase of green power for street lighting and community facilities

State Budget delivers mixed news for the City of Cockburn

The Liberal-National Government's first State Budget 2009-10 brought down on May 14 has delivered a range of outcomes for local governments across the State.

There have been some highlights in the new State Budget for the City of Cockburn but overall the City is disappointed in the budget due to the increase in expenses that will affect both Council and its residents.

State Budget 2009-10 highlights for the City of Cockburn:

- The FESA relocation project will go ahead at Cockburn Central (\$29.7M for first phase).
- Over 500 extra car parking bays will be built at Cockburn Central train station.
- New Aubin Grove Primary School (\$15M, 2011)
- Second Stage of Atwell College (\$33M, 2012)
- Additional road funding

State Budget 2009-10 downfalls for the City of Cockburn:

- The FESA Levy will increase between 5-8%, well ahead of headline inflation.
- The Landfill Levy will increase by 350% (from approx \$8 to \$28 per tonne). This is expected to add over \$700,000 to the cost of providing a waste service to the community.
- Amendment to Legislation – The State Government will amend the current Waste legislation to stipulate that the money it receives from the Waste Levy can now be spent on whatever it wants; not necessarily on waste.
- Electricity will increase by approx 30%, which will cost the City approx \$500,000 per year extra for street lighting and lighting the community buildings, parks, public toilets and aged care facilities.
- The cost of water will also increase by approx 10%.





Cockburn Seniors Centre Opens

The Cockburn Seniors Centre will be open to the public from August 1, creating a haven for social activities, workshops and services catering for Cockburn's senior population.

The Centre, at the former Civic Centre site, adjacent to the City's administration offices, will include hairdressing and podiatry services, meeting rooms, recreation areas and a fully equipped kitchen.

Why build the Centre?

The City recognised the need to provide a facility to promote active ageing, senior's wellbeing and social participation. The Centre is centrally located in Cockburn and is accessible by public transport. The City engaged with the Cockburn Regional Seniors Group on the design and facilities to be included in the Centre.

What programs and activities will the Centre host?

The centre will host a broad range of activities and services including: recreational, cultural, fitness and educational programs. The City recently joined with the

Southern Cross Care WA on the Be Active, Live Longer (BALL) program.

Do you have to be a member?

In order to utilise the Centre you must become a member or pay a casual user fee. Membership is open to Cockburn residents and ratepayers 50 years and older.

Where can I find out more?

Come along to the Seniors Centre Open Day on Saturday, August 1 from 9am to 4pm or give Paul Hogan, Seniors Centre Coordinator a call on 9411 3444.

The Community open day will include presentations and workshops as well as an opportunity for residents and ratepayers to view the Centre, join as members and provide input into future programs and events.

If you have ideas or suggestions on what programs you would like to have hosted at the Centre or if you belong to a pre-existing Seniors Group that would like to utilise the Centre contact Coral Wickham, Programs and Bookings Officer on 9411 3444.



Calling Cockburn Businesses



The City is currently recruiting for more businesses to join the Very Important Volunteer VIV card program; a chance for Cockburn businesses to support volunteers and community organisations.

The VIV Card is an incentive program offering discounts at local businesses to volunteers within the City of Cockburn.

The program is supported by the Cockburn Volunteer Resource Centre (VRC). The VRC recruits and places volunteers into a variety of roles and offers volunteer training opportunities.

Currently 74 local businesses are signed up to the VIV card program, each offering their own discounts or incentives to volunteers. Not only does this encourage volunteers to visit their business but also thanks each volunteer for their contribution to the community.

For more information on the VIV card program phone the VRC on 9411 3490 or email volunteering@cockburn.wa.gov.au.

All businesses involved will be listed on the VIV business directory, on the City's website and in advertising features running in local community newspapers.

Zoning plan approved for Phoenix Revitalisation

The Cockburn Council has moved forward with a major revitalisation of the Phoenix Central area, approving the strategy document, including zoning plans at its May Council meeting.

The approval came after months of community consultation with a recent focus on proposed zoning for residential areas surrounding the hub being changed from the current R20 zoning to R30.

Changes will now be made to City of Cockburn Town Planning Scheme No. 3 will commence in order to implement the zoning changes recommended by the Revitalisation Strategy.

The Strategy proposes revitalisation of the area and includes the creation of a new community hub, a café street, life learning centre and a town park. It affects the Phoenix Town Centre area, including parts of Spearwood and Hamilton Hill.

For more information visit www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/phoenixcentral or phone 9411 3444.





Be Active Cockburn winners

The winner of the Be Active Cockburn Survey (which featured in the April edition of the Cockburn Soundings) was Izabella Jorek of Atwell. Congratulations Izabella! The winner of the Be Active

Cockburn cartoon competition was Marvi Delfin of Success and Aaron Urbano of Beeliar. The winners cartoons and those of the other finalists can be seen on www.beactivecockburn.com.au



What's happening at the South Lake Leisure Centre?

Yoga classes

From July 20, the SLLC will offer yoga classes on Monday evenings starting at 6pm for beginners or 7pm for intermediate level participants.

A yoga class will also be held from 10.45am to 11.45am on Thursday mornings, where crèche services will be available.

Venue for hire

The South Lake Leisure Centre has two multi-purpose sports courts available for use as a training venue for basketball, netball and soccer, or any other activities requiring court space. Badminton court hire is also available.

Casual use by members of the public is welcome.

Bookings are essential. Phone the Centre on 9417 3003 to enquire about availability.



30th Anniversary Grant Program

Cockburn community groups and local businesses are invited to apply for the 30th Anniversary Grants Program. The grants program enables organisations to access funds to host cultural, sporting, historical and community events and/or displays between September 1 and October 31, 2009, to coincide with the City of Cockburn's 30th Anniversary celebrations.

A formal application must be lodged to be eligible for the funding - a maximum of \$3,000 per organisation.

Applications must address the following criteria:

- Type of event
- Proposed location (or ideas of where you would like the event to be held)
- Proposed date and timing of the event
- Proposed budget for the event
- Amount required from Council
- Number of people in your group and other supporters who would be involved in organising the event and how you intend to run it.
- Ideas for how your group can help to promote the event.
- Estimated number of people that could attend the event.
- An overview of the event including how it coincides with the anniversary celebration.
- Contact details for a representative from your organisation.

Applications close Friday, 31st July 2009. Please address applications to: Manager Community Services, PO Box 1215, Bibra Lake DC WA 6965.

For further terms and conditions please visit the website www.cockburn.wa.gov.au



Dual use path at South Beach reinstated

A joint initiative of Stockland, City of Cockburn and LandCorp, the dual use pathway was reinstated as part of the North Coogee Foreshore Works and Dune Rehabilitation Program which will rejuvenate this section of the Cockburn Coast.

The program of works involved a general clean-up of the area, re-establishment of the native dune form, creation of beach access tracks and construction of the new dual use path reconnecting the South Beach and Rollinson Road car parks.

Works will continue on site with the three month landscaping program scheduled to commence in June 2009 or after the commencement of the normal winter rainfall patterns. The winter months providing the most optimum time for planting.



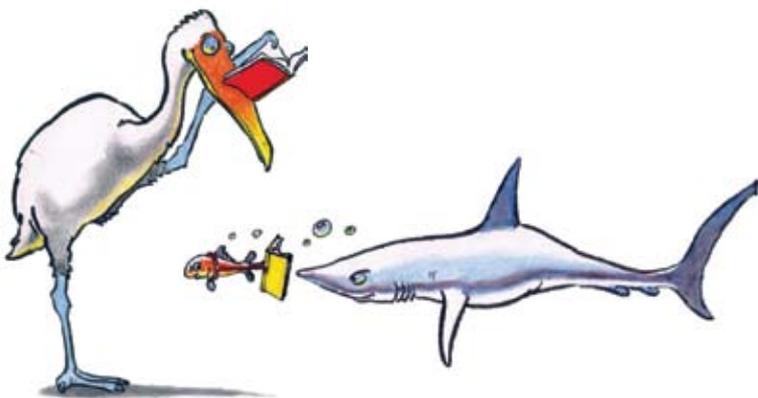
Your Cockburn Library

<http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au>

Times are tough but joining your local library is free!

Feeling the pinch? Lost your job? Come and find support and comfort at Cockburn libraries with many books and workshops on offer including:

- Basic Grammar Workshops to help with writing job applications.
- Books and guides on addressing selection criteria, how to pass selection tests and write successful cvs.
- Books on how to budget.
- Free use of the internet.
- The latest books, magazines, cds and dvds that you can borrow for three weeks.
- Free cooking and nutrition workshops that will show you how to stretch your dollars and eat tasty and healthy food.
- Free activities and workshops for children and adults.
- Friendly staff that will assist you with all your questions.



Book Safari in the Library!

Every year we celebrate the world of children's literature for a whole week in August!

Book Week is celebrated across Australia, with the 'Children's Book of The Year' announced.

Come along to our fabulous Fun Day on Saturday 15th August @ Spearwood Library. Join in all the fun as Blitz the Magician performs amazing magic tricks – he will even pull a live rabbit out of a hat! Or laugh along with Bananas the Clown!

For more information contact Spearwood Library on 9411 3800.



Cockburn's Knitting Circle help those less fortunate

Last year, Cockburn libraries' Knitting Circle requested donations to purchase wool to knit much-needed jumpers, scarves, beanies and blankets for overseas and local charities.

The response from the community was heart-warming and the donations have been put to good use. Before Christmas, library bags full of knitted scarves and beanies were delivered to the Freo Street Doctor for distribution to the homeless. Other items have also been donated to a local women's refuge earlier this year.

The members of the Cockburn libraries' Knitting Circle would like to thank everyone who generously donated wool. Donations are still being accepted at all Cockburn libraries for all the new projects the Knitting Circle intends to undertake this year.

The Knitting Circle Group meets at Spearwood Library every Wednesday between 10am-12. New members are always welcome - don't worry if you can't knit or crochet, there are many helpful hands to show you how!

L-R: Betty Elliot, Karen Mercer, Nika Babic, Luba Kambourakis



New train station car parking bays for Cockburn Central

The City of Cockburn welcomes the State Government's commitment to increase parking at Cockburn Central Train Station by 500 to 560 car parking bays.

Transport Minister Simon O'Brien made the announcement during a recent visit to the station with Jandakot MLA Joe Francis.

"I am very pleased to announce that, subject to planning and other approvals, we expect to provide

between 500 and 560 new bays at Cockburn Central," said Transport Minister Simon O'Brien.

Work is expected to begin at Cockburn Central this year.

Cockburn Mayor Logan K Howlett said the extra parking at Cockburn Central was much-needed and we are very pleased that there will finally be additional parking.

Local Government Week 2009

Local Government Week is on again 4 – 7 August

Activities include, free Community Bus Tours on Wednesday 5 August and Saturday 8 August, and a Shopping Centre information display at Cockburn Gateway Shopping City on Tuesday 4 August.

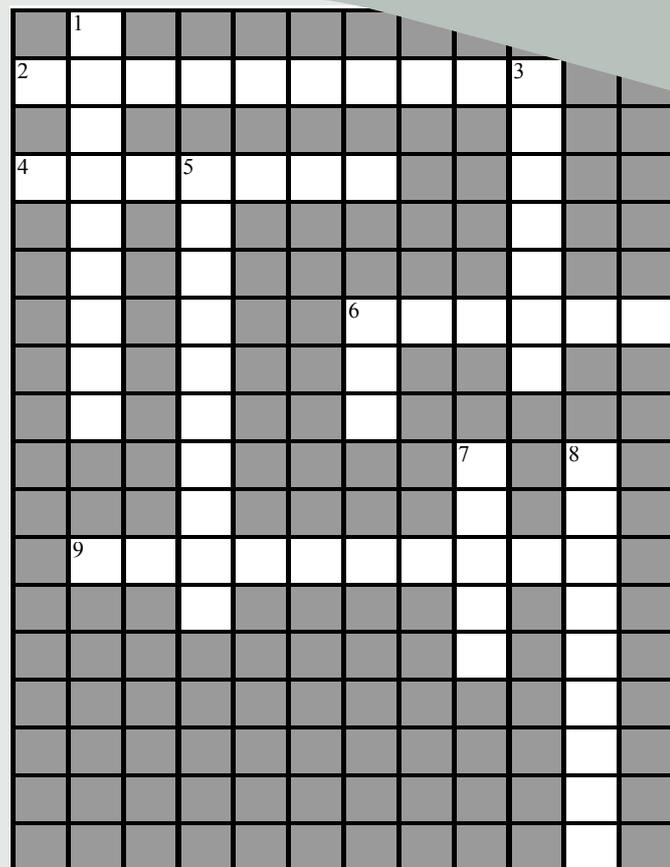
Competitions in Local Government Week,

- Colouring in Competition
- Sudoku
- 30th Anniversary Quiz and
- Cockburn Crossword in this edition of the Soundings.

You could win a \$100 Coles Myer Gift Voucher just by correctly completing one of the above competitions, there are four to give away. Details of when and where you can get an entry form will be published soon on the City's website.

Complete the crossword and send it to;
Local Government Week Competitions
City of Cockburn
Reply Paid
PO BOX 1215
Bibra Lake DC WA 6965

Competition closes 31 August.



ACROSS

2. Recreation Centre in Spearwood
 4. Cockburn's Youth Centre is located in ...
 6. Cockburn will celebrate its (?) anniversary this year
 9. Cockburn's Leisure Centre is found in...

DOWN

1. Very Important V...
 3. Council department who look after lost dogs
 5. Cockburn libraries in Spearwood, Success and...
 6. How many Elected Members are there?
 7. Cockburn Station
 8. Which is the oldest library in Cockburn?



Rex Goodchild awarded 2009 Foundation Day Award

Cockburn pioneer Rex Goodchild was awarded the City of Cockburn 2009 Foundation Day Award for his contribution to Cockburn business and community for more than 40 years.

Mr Goodchild was presented with the award at the City's Annual Pioneers Luncheon on Friday, May 29, by City of Cockburn Mayor Logan K Howlett.

Mayor Howlett described Mr Goodchild as a "loyal and active citizen" who "epitomises the founding Cockburn spirit that has driven and developed this City."

Mr Goodchild is a local business owner, who has employed hundreds of staff, many of whom are Cockburn residents.

In addition to his successful businesses, Mr Goodchild is a musician who has entertained at functions for more than 50 years.

L-R: Mayor Logan K Howlett, Rex Goodchild



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