

COCKBURN SOUNDINGS

DECEMBER 2015



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CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN



Experience what it's like being in a snow dome in summer!

This year's Cockburn Christmas event will have elements of winter and summer for you to enjoy.

With a snow dome and massive inflatable water slide you will experience the best of both seasons. You can also sing along to carols, enjoy live music from A Capella West and 3 Wishes, meet Fairy Queen Caroline and watch the switching on of the Christmas lights on the giant Christmas tree. And best of all Santa will be there!

Don't miss this well-loved free family event. For more information visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/carnivalofevents

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Six reasons why Cockburn Libraries are the best places to be this summer:

1. Get kids out of the house and away from screens.
2. We have air-conditioning and lots of it! Don't suffer through the heat of the day.
3. We have comfy chairs, free Wi-Fi, internet, books and the latest magazines.
4. Borrow 20 items each – create your own mini library at home.
5. It isn't the shops!
6. FREE Holiday activities for the kids.



Lost Worlds - Summer Reading Club



The Summer Reading Club is coming to Cockburn Libraries between 1 December and 31 January. The Summer Reading Club is a great way to keep the kids entertained and reading over the long summer holidays. The Club also offers games, activities and competitions for pre-schoolers through to secondary school students. Also, don't forget about the January school holiday activities at the library – we'll be finding Lost Worlds right along with the Summer Reading Club. Visit library.cockburn.wa.gov.au for more information.

Zinio – free online magazines

Library members have access to complete digital magazines through the Cockburn Libraries website. Popular titles such as Rolling Stone, Inside Sport, Men's Health, Vogue Living and the Australian Women's Weekly can be easily viewed on any internet-enabled device. Benefits include instant downloads, unlimited loans and no more waiting for the latest issues to be available. For more information on how to access this service go to library.cockburn.wa.gov.au

My Library Account – renew your books while on holidays

Did you know you have access to your library account from our website? Login with your membership card number and your own personal PIN to renew your items, view what you have borrowed or check your reservations. Read a terrific book but can't remember the author? View your previous loans via your account. You can update your personal details, change your address, pay outstanding accounts or create an alerts profile notifying you when an item of interest arrives.





The festive season is nearly upon us as another year rapidly draws to a close. It is a time when we need to be mindful of children out enjoying themselves on our streets and increased traffic on our roads.

The holiday season can be hot and we need to be aware of the sun with particular care for the young and the elderly. Ensuring our homes and properties are ready for summer and the ever present danger of fire is also very important. The State Government **'Are You Ready'** program informs property owners on how best to prepare for the coming bushfire season and other potential fire threats. Details can be found at: dfes.wa.gov.au

In response to the need to amend the rates applied to around 15,000 properties in the district, the City has undertaken a major review of the rate setting process and in future will be subject to an independent audit. I acknowledge the input of the Banjup Residents Group and the Coogee Beach Progress Association, who made it clear that there was a problem that needed to be addressed. I apologise for the inconvenience and frustration that occurred – future improvements will prevent a recurrence.

On a more positive note, the steps at Manning Park are a huge success with hundreds of people using them on a weekly basis. The steps will contribute to the well-being of our community for years to come – rivalling 'Jacob's ladder' and the panoramic views over Perth with those of Cockburn Sound.

I would like to congratulate Carol Reeve-Fowkes, Stephen Pratt and Steve Portelli on their re-election and Chamonix Terblanche on her election to Council. I acknowledge the other candidates and thank former Councillor Yaz Mubarakai for his contributions to Council and the community over the past four years. Councillor Reeve-Fowkes was re-elected as Deputy Mayor for a further two years at a Special Council meeting following the elections.

I thank the elected members, staff, volunteers and the community for their contributions towards making Cockburn a place of destination and vibrancy in Western Australia. My best wishes for a happy and safe festive season and a 2016 that realises your personal dreams and aspirations, and those of your family.

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Mayor

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Road Ribbon for Road Safety® 2015 campaign

15 November 2015 - 8 January 2016

Local governments, RoadWise Committees, the community road safety network and individuals are invited to contribute to raising awareness by wearing a free road ribbon for road safety, using the digital e-road ribbon and spreading the campaign message to friends, family and colleagues.

Make a conscious effort to be a safe road user by:

- * Turning off your mobile phone before driving
- * Adapting your speed to the weather, light, traffic and road conditions
- * Ensuring you are restrained when travelling in a vehicle
- * Taking a break, having a rest or if possible swapping drivers if feeling fatigued
- * Arranging a skipper, organising public transport or staying overnight if drinking.

To find out more about the *Road Ribbon for Road Safety®* campaign, order your free ribbons or to download resources, visit the campaign website:
www.roadwise.asn.au





Disaster Aware

The City received a highly commended accolade at the recent WA Resilience Australia Awards for its Disaster Aware App. The awards recognise innovative practices and management in making communities safer, stronger, more resilient and better prepared to manage emergency situations.

As well as this, the app received a silver prize in the local government category of the highly coveted Aus app Design Awards.

The free App can be downloaded for Android and Apple from the City's website at cockburn.wa.gov.au/emergencymanagement



Download the free app today!

Are you bushfire ready?

If you live in or near bush, fire of any size is a real risk to you and your family.

During a bushfire, firefighters may be unable to assist every property within a timely period. It is your responsibility to reduce your risks and take action to survive.

The City's fire danger signs located in Banjup, are updated regularly and warn the community of current alerts.

In the event of a bushfire encroaching near to, or upon your property, your best chance of survival is to leave when safe to do so. The City's Fire Control Order exists to reduce the threat of bushfires. Remember to listen to firefighters, police and rangers, they're trying to protect you.

For more information on being prepared visit areyouready.wa.gov.au



Emergency Management Project Coordinator - Michael Emery

TEAM FOCUS



Services at Success

The City's team of staff based at the Cockburn Integrated Health and Community Facility in Success offer services and programs ranging from healthy living to family support and run the popular local library.

Family Support is a free service for City residents and assists people to make informed decisions when dealing with a range of issues.

A Family Support Coordinator is based at the Facility and can provide help with arranging short term counselling, advocacy, group activities and referrals.

This can include organising counselling to help with grief, depression and stress or providing advice and referrals to assist with parenting, personal development or relationships.

Group activities are also a popular way to gain support. Success Family Support Service is located in Suite 14/11 on the first floor. More information is available at cockburn.wa.gov.au or call 9411 3859.

A Health Promotion Officer is also based at the facility part-time.



Health Promotion Officer Gilly Street



Some of the staff at Success Library



Family Support Coordinator Linda Walker

One of the CoHealth programs running at Success is HEAL (Healthy Eating Activity and Lifestyle) which is operated in partnership with Cockburn Integrated Health and Curtin Clinics.

The eight-week program aims to develop lifelong healthy lifestyle habits through gentle exercise sessions and education.

For more information visit beactivecockburn.com.au, call 0418 839 796 or email beactive@cockburn.wa.gov.au

The team based at the Success Library work to ensure there is something to suit everyone.

The Library is a beautiful modern facility that offers a wide range of materials and programs for all age groups including popular literacy programs for babies, toddlers and school age children as well as stimulating programs for adults.

For more information call 9411 3800 or visit cockburnlibraries.com.au

See stories on pages 2 and 6 for more information about the library.

GOLDEN SHOE AWARD



Success resident Dianne Black has won the National Heart Foundation Walking (HFW) Golden Shoe Award for being the best volunteer walk organiser in Australia.

Heart Foundation Walking is Australia's largest network of free community-based walking groups and is coordinated locally by the Health Promotion Officer at the City of Cockburn.

Dianne regularly does far more than expected of her to lead the City's longest running walking group. After leading a Neighbourhood Watch group for a number of years, she became a volunteer for HFW in 2008, leading the Yangebup Striders through numerous fun events as well as their three regular weekly walks. Dianne also assists at City of Cockburn community events and encourages people from all walks of life and all abilities to join the group.

Other walking groups include the Coogee Cruisers, the South Lake Suns, Ottey Nordic Pole Walkers, Phoenix

Mall Walkers, Spearwood Walkers (wheelchairs welcome), COTA's mall walking in Success, Olympic Walkers in Jandakot, Aubin Grove walkers and South Beach Striders.

For times and contact details see beactivecockburn.com.au or call 9411 3444.

Free training is offered to anyone who wishes to start their own HFW group.



Be active and join a walking group

CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE



Excellent customer service and a commitment to continuous improvement saw the City's Customer Service Team win a highly commended prize at the National Local Government Customer Service Awards in October.

The Cockburn team was up against Bellingen Shire Council, City of Canada Bay Council and Townsville City Council in the Customer Contact Excellence Award category with Townsville taking the top prize.

The awards received more than 30 submissions across five categories.

The highly commended award recognised the excellent performance of the City's team both front of house and on the phone in the contact centre.

It acknowledged a successful balance of people, technology, process and procedures.

The City's recent customer survey showed a 96.2% satisfaction rate for contact centre service and 100% for front counter service.

The City's Community Perceptions 2015 survey showed 85% of residents were satisfied with the level of customer service they received from the organisation as a whole.



The City of Cockburn's Customer Service Team



Success Library continues to grow in popularity loaning an average of 1,000 items each day with about 16,000 members now signed up.

The library opened in its current location at the Cockburn Integrated Health and Community Facility on Wentworth Parade in September 2014 and now attracts about 700 visitors each day.

It has quickly become the busiest library in the City and visitors often speak of a 'wow' moment when they first walk through the doors.

All of the regular loan services and library programs are available but being located at the integrated facility brings an added bonus of easy access to partnerships with other tenants to provide a range of programs for the community.

A partnership with Curtin University offers an iPad class, two Memory Café sessions per week and an adult reading group for people affected by stroke.

The University is also involved in a fortnightly Aboriginal Health and Engagement Group in conjunction with the

GP Superclinic. Curtin students also run free health checks in the building's internal gallery on an ad hoc basis.

The Fremantle Multicultural Centre provides a weekly 'Inspire Me' program which assists migrants with job searching and computer skills. They also provide two conversational English groups. In addition, volunteers from 'Read Write Now' provide valuable one-on-one tutoring sessions.

For further information call 9411 3800 or visit library.cockburn.wa.gov.au



Library Officer Lisa Federico signs up new member Emily Tryon at Success Library

HOLIDAY FUN



What to do with the kids during the summer holidays?

This age old question is nearly upon you. Did you know Cockburn Youth Services offers a range of programs and activities for young people aged 10 to 17?

The Youth Outrage Program offers activities like Learn to Surf, visits to Adventure World, Go-Karting, Paintballing and many more.

The Cockburn Youth Centre has a range of structured activities including cooking, three on three basketball comps, arts classes, gaming and much more.

The Youth Centre also offers young people a welcoming place to come and hang out, catch up with friends and enjoy the range of free equipment which is on offer.

Celebrate the start of the holidays for 2015 with the end of term party at the Cockburn Youth Centre on Thursday 17 December from 6 to 9pm. See you there!

For more information visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/youthservices email youth@cockburn.wa.gov.au or call 9411 3884.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE COCKBURN SENIORS CENTRE



Christmas Lunches

Join fellow members of the Seniors Centre for a beautiful three course lunch with live entertainment by a band and the Seniors Centre choir.

When: Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 December
Cost: \$22 Bookings essential

Australia Day Lunch

Join us for a fun celebration of Australia day with our delicious two course BBQ lunch buffet.

When: Monday 25 January at 12pm
Cost: \$12 Bookings essential

Seniors Centre Christmas Closing

The Seniors Centre will be closed from 4.30pm on Wednesday 23 December and will re-open at 9am on Monday 4 January 2016.

There is something for everyone at the Cockburn Seniors Centre. Transport is available for residents who are unable to get to the centre independently.

Cockburn Seniors Centre
9411 3877
csc@cockburn.wa.gov.au
cockburn.wa.gov.au/SeniorsCentre
9 Coleville Crescent Spearwood



Get your kids involved in the Children's Reference Group!

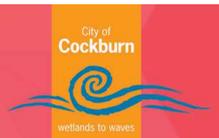
If you have a child aged between kindergarten and grade 7 who is passionate about local issues and wants to have their say in the future of Cockburn, consider asking them to express their interest in joining the City's Children Reference Group (CRG).

The CRG gives a voice to Cockburn's young people and enables them to take part in decision-making processes.

The City is currently asking for expressions of interest to join the CRG in 2016.

For more information, please contact the City's Children's Development Officer on 9411 3444.

get ready for kindy

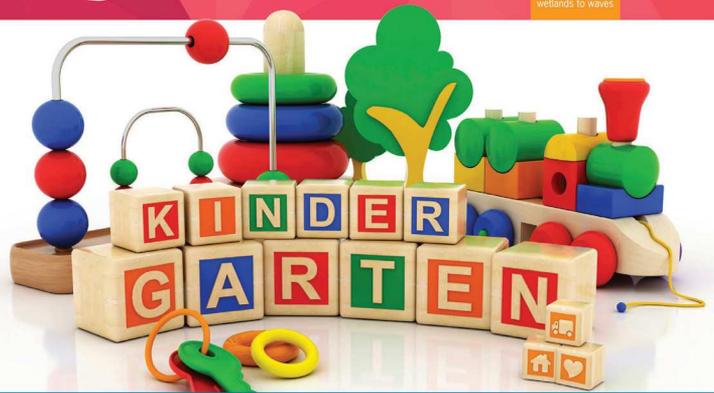


The City of Cockburn runs a 3 year old Playclub at the Atwell Community Centre, which helps children develop the skills needed in kindy and school.

Run by a trained Playclub leader, this group helps children settle more easily into kindy and parents attending with their child can apply what is learnt at home.

The City of Cockburn is currently taking enrolments for February 2016.

For more information and bookings please phone: 9411 3444



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HOLIDAY WATCH

With the holiday season approaching, now is the time to start thinking about registering your home with 'Holiday Watch'.

Holiday Watch is a confidential service offered by CoSafe whereby CoSafe Officers provide random patrols of your property when you are away. Register and complete the online form here:

cockburn.wa.gov.au/holidaywatch

Checklist when going away:

- Set timers on lights.
- If your house is alarmed notify your monitoring company that you will be away.
- If you anticipate anyone visiting like plumbers, lawn and garden services, make sure you let them know and also include this information on your Holiday Watch form.
- Complete/submit the form 5 days prior to leaving.



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 1300 267 233



The City of Cockburn has seen a significant reduction in paper use following the introduction of 'follow me printing'.

This process requires staff to swipe individual access cards at a printer to activate their print or photocopying jobs. This enables unwanted print items to be cancelled from the queue, or simply not printed, rather than being automatically produced as was previously the case.

Figures for August, the first month of the program, show a saving of more than 10% in paper compared to the previous month. This equates to over 10 reams of paper, or about 5,000 sheets.

The initiative was instigated by the City's Planning Team, supported by the Sustainability Committee and delivered by IT Services.



Developer Contributions Officer Pauline Harris and Manager Strategic Planning Andrew Trosic with some of the paper saved through the new printing initiative



Strategic Community Plan

Do you have a vision for the future of Cockburn? How would you like the City to be 10 years from now? What should our priorities be?

You have the opportunity to have your say on Cockburn's future by participating in the review of the City's Strategic Community Plan for the period 2016-2026.

You will be asked to comment on what is most important to you and what you think the City should focus on.

There are a number of ways you can comment, including via your Elected Member, your local Residents' Association and online.

Your feedback will be compiled into a Draft Plan, which we will seek public comment on, before adoption by Council.

For more information visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/consultation



Community feedback is important to the City's future



Leah from
Spearwood Library

Australian Women's Army Service Camp – Bibra Lake

In 1941, with the WWII campaign in New Guinea stepping up, Australian servicemen who were engaged in home defence, were needed at the front. The Australian Women's Army Service (AWAS)

was formed that year to put women into non-combat military roles. Along with the traditional driving, typing and cooking, the women were trained in signals, plane spotting and other anti-aircraft manoeuvres.

Many anti-aircraft and searchlight batteries were set up throughout Perth, including camps at Jandakot, Naval Base and South Fremantle. Bibra Lake, however, was a regimental headquarters and housed a large group of military personnel both male and female. Built in 1943 or 1944 and just north of Hope Road, the camp consisted of pre-fab huts, ablution blocks and an underground command centre.

Local residents remember frequent searchlight drills lighting up the night skies and many local dairies and market

gardens supplied the camp. The AWAS ran the camp, with the women cooking and cleaning on top of their military duties. Though some were local, others were sent from as far off as Tasmania, going where the service needed them.

The searchlight batteries were dismantled and sold as soon as the war ended, but some recently-discovered remains at Bibra Lake show the extent of this piece of wartime history.

The site is currently on the City's heritage list and is also included in the Local Government inventory.

The Federal Government recently refused the City's request for Emergency Heritage Listing. The City is waiting on feedback from the Office of State Heritage regarding a request for State Heritage Listing.



HAVE YOU PAID YOUR RATES?



The City of Cockburn rates team is actively chasing any outstanding 2015-2016 rates.

Please contact the City if you:

- Have not received your 2015-2016 rates notice
- Have outstanding rates
- Have received a demand notice from the council or our legal agent
- Have received court papers.

You may be able to enter into an arrangement to pay.

Please Note: The City offers Direct Debit as a convenient payment method.

For any rates enquiries please contact Rates Services on 9411 3444 or email: rates@cockburn.wa.gov.au

GOING BATTY



Did you know that microbats play an important role in controlling midge and mosquitoes in the City of Cockburn? These pint-sized mammals can eat up to 1,000 insects each a night!



Microbats are an essential part of our ecosystem

Despite popular opinion, microbats are passive creatures, who like nothing more than to be left to sleep in the day and hunt for food at night. Microbats make very little noise (sometimes a mouse-like squeal can be heard at sunset as they prepare to leave their homes for the

night) and leave very little waste. In order to avoid the very unlikely possibility of disease, bats must not be touched or held unless by a professional handler.

Microbats (native to WA) and their habitat need to be protected and there are a number of ways you can help.

You can make homes for microbats by leaving old trees and hollows in your yard (providing they are not dangerous) and by constructing and installing a nesting box in your backyard. Each bat box can house up to 40 of these insect guzzling mammals! Over 80 bat boxes have been installed in eight of the City's reserves.

For more information on the next bat box workshop, please visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/environment and for all things bats visit: gobatty.com.au



Christmas time brings many gifts - family, friends, holidays and presents – and offers many opportunities to tread lightly on our planet.

Waste at Christmas time increases by 30% with many Australians admitting to throwing out at least one unopened item each year. As well as this, throughout the festive season there is a 100% increase in glass waste.



Tread lightly on our planet this Christmas

The good news is there are a number of ways you can enjoy the gifts of Christmas with a lesser environmental and social footprint.

Here's how:

- **Slow down** – Christmas time can be frantic and stressful and in the hustle and bustle of the season it can be easy to forget the true meaning of the season. Take time to reflect, slow down and remember the beauty of the holiday season.
- **Buy second hand** – the City's Recycle Shop at the Henderson Waste Recovery Park is a great place to pick up a range of bargain-priced and preloved items.
- **Give to those in need** – the rising cost of living means that many Australian families will struggle to keep up at Christmas time.
- **Buy experiences** – massages, movie tickets, train rides, theme park excursions – the list of things to do is endless!
- **Buy time** – spending time with your loved ones is the greatest gift of all.

Visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/waste for more information.

WHAT GOES IN WHAT BIN?



This year, you can make Christmas even more environmentally friendly by ensuring you correctly dispose of waste and recycling.



What goes in your yellow-top bin

- All plastics including cling wrap and plastic bags
- Plastic bottles, empty with lids off
- Steel and aluminium cans
- Aerosols
- All glass
- Polystyrene
- Cardboard, paper, newspapers, magazines
- All bottles need to be empty with lids off or they go to landfill
- Pizza boxes with food scraps scraped off
- Chip, lolly and pie wrappers, aluminium foil
- Light bulbs
- Nothing liquid or messy, please rinse and empty containers



What goes in your green-top bin

- Green waste, prunings and lawn clippings
- Used disposal nappies
- Food scraps

For more information, including what to keep out of both bins, please visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/waste



Popular Coogee Beach is all set for summer with the eco shark barrier reaching its first anniversary of continuous use in good shape and two pontoons now back in the water.

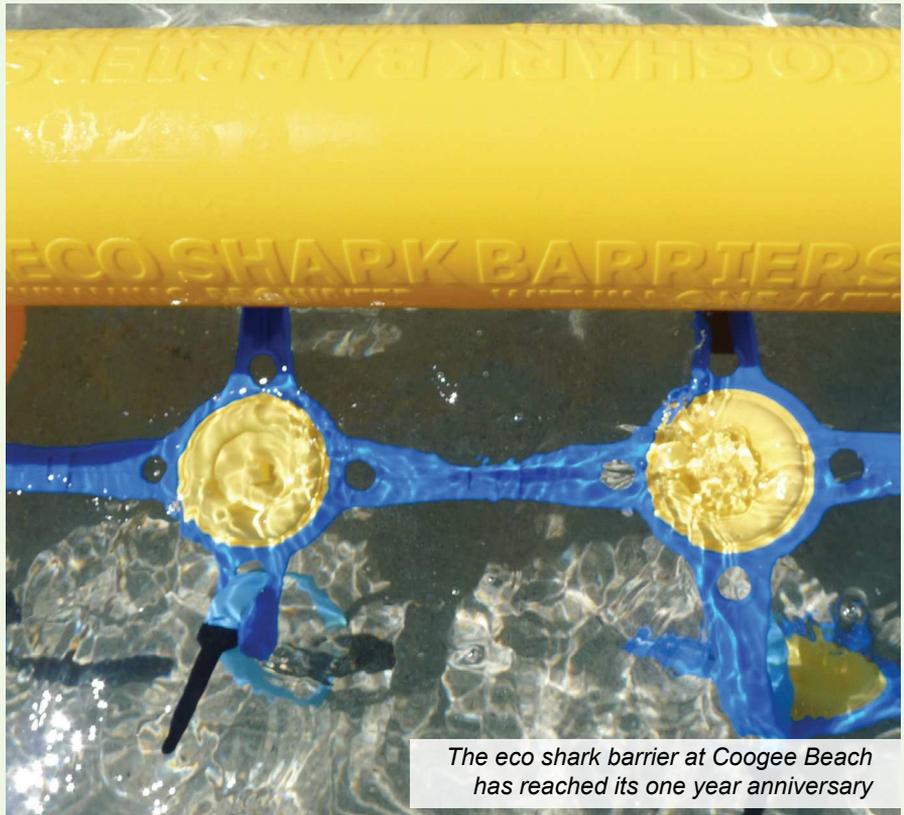
The shark barrier was re-installed at the beach in November 2014 and is to remain in place until the end of November 2017.

It was first installed at Coogee Beach from December 2013 to April 2014 as a trial and its success resulted in the Council voting to fund the barrier trial period for a further three years.

The City commissioned Murdoch University to monitor the barrier and provide an independent assessment of the environmental impacts and regular reports have also been provided by the manufacturer.

There have been no adverse impacts on marine life or sediment movement associated with the barrier during the past 12 months.

Results show that many marine animals have been observed seeking shelter along the barrier and this makes it a great location for snorkelling. There has also been no known incident where the barrier has caused an issue for marine craft.



The eco shark barrier at Coogee Beach has reached its one year anniversary

While no shark attacks have been reported at Coogee Beach, the barrier has proved popular with swimmers as it provides peace of mind.

The pontoons are also a hit with swimmers - one has been placed inside the shark barrier and the other in front of the Coogee Beach Surf Life Saving Club. The City is planning to install a third pontoon just south of the jetty early next year.

COCKBURN BY NUMBERS – CUSTOMER SERVICE TEAM



Some interesting Customer Service Team figures from August 2014 to July 2015:

108,226
calls.

80%
of calls completed at first point of contact by team.

0.18
seconds average wait time.

15,117
front counter queries.

9,910
transactions done at Front Counter.

11,320
service requests lodged.



In October the biennial elections were held, which resulted in the re-appointment of three existing elected members – Deputy Mayor Carol Reeve-Fowkes and Councillors Steve Portelli and Stephen Pratt – and the inaugural election of Chamonix Terblanche. Every two years, half of all elected members (known as Council) go to election for a four year term. Nine Councillors represent one of three wards in the City – East, Central and West.

Becoming a Councillor carries an important responsibility as Council's role is to listen to the people and to strive to provide them with a safe and vibrant community. Elected members need to care about their community, make decisions for the betterment of all and spend many hours looking after their residents.

In Cockburn, Council consists of nine Councillors and the Mayor, who is currently Logan Howlett. The Mayor is elected by the people for a four year term and is the head of the Council. Mayor Howlett runs Council meetings, is the official spokesperson for the City and works with public and private sectors to make sure the City and its community are well looked after.

Council meets once a month to discuss, debate and make a final decision on matters before them.

Decisions are reached by a majority vote of all members and are known as Council Resolutions.

As well as Elected Members, the City is comprised of Administration, consisting of a large number of staff employed by the Council to look after the City day to day.

The Chief Executive Officer is the head of Executive Services and is the chief adviser to the Mayor and Councillors. City Administration is divided into four directorates:

- Governance and Community Services
- Finance and Corporate Services
- Planning and Development Services
- Engineering and Works Services

These directorates operate the core functions of the City.



The City welcomes Cockburn's newest elected member Chamonix Terblanche to Council



Term 1 Swimming Lessons 2016

29 January - 10 April

- Parent and Child (6 - 36 months)
- Preschool (3.5 - 6 years)
- Levels 1 - 4
- Swim and Survive
- Go Swim
- Adults (Beginner & Intermediate)

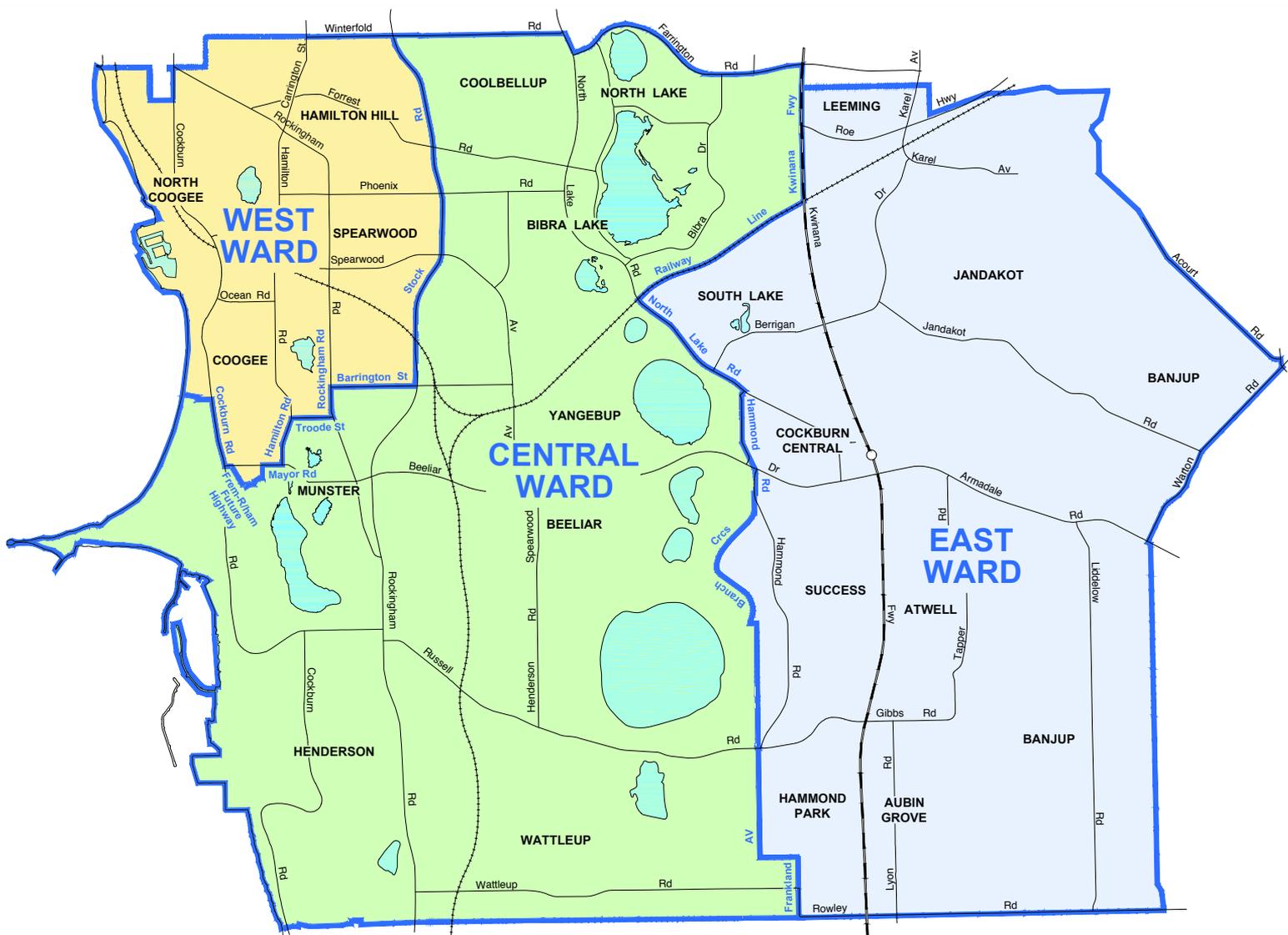
10 weeks for \$151. Enrolments open Tuesday 15 December 2015
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YOUR WARDS EXPLAINED

Each Councillor represents the interests of a particular ward (electorate) in the City, although their decisions must reflect the broader interests of the District overall.

The position of Mayor is chosen by the electors from the whole of Cockburn to represent the City of Cockburn and is currently occupied by Logan Howlett.

In Cockburn, three Councillors are elected by electors within their Ward to represent each of the three wards for a four year term.

West Ward – Deputy Mayor Carol Reeve-Fowkes, Kevin Allen, Lyndsey Wetton

Central Ward – Philip Eva, Bart Houwen, Stephen Pratt

East Ward – Steven Portelli, Chamonix Terblanche, Lee-Anne Smith OAM

The Mayor, together with your local Councillor, champions the causes in your area, including safety, traffic, events, development, waste and other community services.

As a resident, you have the right to contact the Mayor or your local Councillor with regard to issues and activities in your particular ward or in other parts of the District.

For more information on elected members in the City, please visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/electedmembers



cockburn.wa.gov.au/carnivalofevents



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2015	
DECEMBER	<p>4 December Celebrate Ability Manning Park, Hamilton Hill 10am – 1pm</p> <p>12 December Christmas on the Green Administration Grounds, Spearwood 5pm – 8pm</p>
2016	
JANUARY	<p>26 January Australia Day BBQ Brekkie Coogee Beach Reserve, Coogee 8am – 12pm</p>
FEBRUARY	<p>20 February Summer Nights Community Concert Success Regional Community and Sporting Reserve, Hammond Road, Success 7pm – 10pm Check website for details</p>
APRIL	<p>3 April Coogee Beach Festival Coogee Beach Reserve, Coogee 9am – 2pm</p>
MARCH	<p>16 March Hello baby Manning Park, Hamilton Hill 10am - 12.30pm</p> <p>12 March Summer Nights Community Concert Manning Park, Hamilton Hill 7pm – 10pm Check website for details</p> <p>30 April Harvest Hoo Ha Harmony Oval, Harvest Lakes 10am – 2pm</p>



The community enjoying one of the many free events in Cockburn

★ **FREE Aussie Day BBQ Brekkie!**

Tuesday, 26 January 2016
Coogee Beach Reserve
Powell Rd, Coogee
8am - 12pm
Smoke-Free Event

- Indigenous Children Workshop
- Free amusements rides/slides
- Mermaids and Sandcards
- Face painters and performances
- Sandcastle building comp and more

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Details are subject to change
Contact the City for more information

BUILDING PERMIT REMINDER



As the weather warms up, many Cockburn residents will be thinking about carrying out building works to upgrade their outdoor living areas but some keen renovators may not realise they need a permit to do so.

Under the *Building Act 2011*, the majority of building and demolition works will require a permit to be issued through the relevant local government authority.

Sometimes residents construct patios and sheds, or install spas, without getting a permit.

Since October last year, there have been 113 applications for a Building Approval Certificate (BAC) to be issued for retrospective approval of unauthorised works in the City of Cockburn.

Unauthorised building works are often revealed through the City's normal operations, during the property sales process or if a complaint is received from a neighbouring property owner or interested party.

Issuing a Building Permit prior to construction allows the City to ensure that basic requirements for health, safety and structural soundness are met as set out by the Building Code of Australia.

The Building Permit process also ensures that building work is in line with planning regulations, environmental or heritage requirements.

Unauthorised building could result in the City:

- Issuing a Building Order to stop work, demolish, alter, repair or remove the unauthorised structure/work
- Commencing legal proceedings in a Court to remedy unauthorised building work
- Compelling a land owner to obtain a Building Approval Certificate or an Occupancy Permit.

However, the City exercises discretion when deciding how to deal with unauthorised work, taking into account all relevant information including the available evidence, cost to the community of any action, the circumstances of the individual case plus public policy and precedent considerations.

Further information about obtaining a building or demolition permit is at cockburn.wa.gov.au/building or call 9411 3444.

SITE WASTE MAKES MESS



Construction waste is becoming a nuisance for the community at a number of building sites across the City.

In the past 12 months, the City's Rangers have received 135 complaints, issuing nearly \$9,000 in infringements.

North Coogee, Calleya, Beeliar and some larger new subdivisions are among the areas with the most complaints.

Residents who are experiencing problems with waste from adjoining or nearby construction sites are encouraged to report the problem to the City.

Local laws require construction sites to provide receptacles to contain the rubbish and failure to do so will result in a modified penalty of \$500. The City's Building Compliance Officers and Rangers are regularly involved in addressing those construction sites that are not provided with a compliant waste receptacle.

There have been instances of waste being dumped on vacant properties, with the waste becoming the problem of the vacant land owner.

Under the State's Litter Act, the City's Rangers are authorised to issue infringements to any corporation or individual involved, where litter is identified as coming from a construction site, even if a waste receptacle is provided but is clearly not being used.

Please email customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au or call 9411 3444 for further information.



Unsecured construction waste is unsightly and unsafe



Don Watson a winner

Don Watson, our very own local volunteer, was awarded the Community Senior Volunteer Award 2015 from the Council on Ageing and the Department of Local Government and Communities. Don has been working tirelessly in our community for the last 50 years and has served on many community boards in various roles including treasurer and chairman. He has taken an active role in enhancing our community and promoting the welfare of seniors. More recently he has been actively involved in the establishment of the Cockburn Community Men's Shed.

Don believes that he is the one who has benefitted from his time volunteering, as it has kept his brain and body active. His humble attitude and dedication



Don Watson giving his speech at the Volunteers Awards night

promotes a positive view of seniors and ageing to the Cockburn community and beyond!

Congratulations to Don, his wife Peg and their family for this fantastic achievement.

Black Dog on a Lead

The Black Dog on a Lead walk around Bibra Lake was held on 18 October 2015. This fantastic community initiative was designed to get people talking openly about depression, the black dog, within their community.

At only 23 years of age, founders Massimo and his best friend Alessandro wanted to make a difference to the lives of others by tackling the stigma and taboo associated with this illness. Massimo, who has suffered from depression himself, knows firsthand the difference an open conversation can make. Similarly Alessandro has also struggled with anxiety.

These two amazing young men have already made a difference by sharing their stories with friends and family. Now they are making a difference here in Cockburn.

They believe that while "depression is difficult to cure fully, the effects of it can be

managed effectively. Black Dog on a Lead was created to symbolise an environment in which that Black Dog can be managed and guided, not by restraining it but by working with it".

For more information visit:
facebook.com/blackdogonalead



Black Dog on A Lead Organising Committee



Bibra Lake Women's Army Camp

The Bibra Lake Residents' Association has been busy with a range of different projects. President Christine Cooper has been busy uncovering the mysteries surrounding a World War II Australian Women's Army Camp in Bibra Lake. The site was the Regimental Headquarters and many women in the Australian Women's Army Service (AWAS) served there. (See History with Leah on page 9 for more details.)

The Association has worked tirelessly to have the site recognised and it is now on the City of Cockburn Heritage List. Following articles in the media, the Association has been approached by numerous people who have shared stories and photos of their mothers at the Camp. Two local women discovered their mothers in photos together.

President Christine Cooper says the site is an invaluable historic and cultural asset, and the stories about these AWAS women serving at Bibra Lake are important to the community in developing an understanding of the history of the area.



Historic images of the Australian Women's Army Camp, images courtesy of Jacob Higgins

The group plans to continue researching the site.

If you want to share your stories or have any questions please can contact the Bibra Lake Residents Association on bibralake@cockburncommunity.asn.au

Community of Aubin Grove (CAG)

The CAG was established in June 2015 and is the new resident and business association in Aubin Grove. CAG aims to promote neighbourhood communication, unity and cooperation and to represent the local needs of its residents and businesses.

Since its first meeting, the group have officially become incorporated and have been proactive in advocating for their local residents on hot topics in the suburb including the Aubin Grove Train Station Development and traffic in the area.

In conjunction with the Harvest Lakes Residents Association, the group recently held a highly successful community garage sale as part of the nationwide Garage Sale Trail. The group is now focusing on other exciting projects they have in the works and are keen for residents to come on board!



The Aubin Grove Community Committee

To find out more visit their Facebook page at [facebook.com/CommunityOfAubinGrove](https://www.facebook.com/CommunityOfAubinGrove) or email: cag@cockburncommunity.asn.au

The Association meet on the last Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm at the Aubin Grove Sport and Community Facility, Camden Boulevard, Aubin Grove. All Welcome!



Raising Funds for DMD

Southern Lions Rugby Union Football Club hosted its annual charity rugby game for the Duchenne Foundation on 13 September 2015.

Beeliar resident and Atwell College student, Logan Bayley (13) who is also club President Mike Penhaligon's nephew, has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD). DMD is an aggressive degenerative muscle condition.

The annual Logan Bayley Charity Shield is an exhibition rugby game between the Southern Lions Seniors and the Silver Lions masters team to raise money. The monies raised (over \$10,000 in the past three years) are used to purchase a special chair that DMD sufferers use to assist in day to day living.

Thanks to the chair, Logan, like many youngsters, continues to hang out with friends, listen to music and play video games.



(L-R) Rawiri Hinder, Captain Southern Lions Club with Logan Bayley

Mr Penhaligon said rugby clubs were a great place to find support.

“Southern Lions is a family club. We’ve got 250 juniors and 150 seniors so there are a lot of families coming together to support the Duchenne Foundation cause and I think we’ve been pretty successful. Southern Lions are extremely proud of our members getting behind this worthy cause,” he said.

Southern Lions can be contacted on slrufc@gmail.com, southernlionsrufc.com or 0410 471 572.

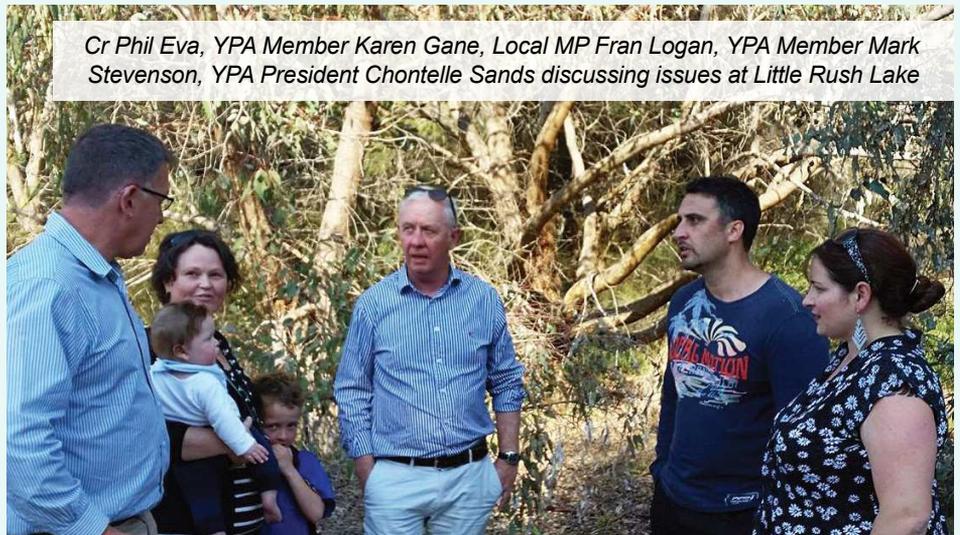
YPA back in Full Force

The Yangebup Progress Association is back in full force with the reinvigoration and election of a new committee and president recently.

The Association was originally formed in 1979 by a group of active residents with a clear aim to provide a unified voice for community concerns to Council. Their proud history includes lobbying against a waste treatment plant and a range of community projects such as hosting a Psychic Fair, the Yangebup Power Poles Art Project and the Yangebup Bush Telegraph.

The new Committee is focussed on three main issues: road safety, crime prevention and community development.

President Chontelle Sands hopes that the



Cr Phil Eva, YPA Member Karen Gane, Local MP Fran Logan, YPA Member Mark Stevenson, YPA President Chontelle Sands discussing issues at Little Rush Lake

re-established Association will lead to improvements in the suburb and an increase in community spirit, helping to make the area an even greater place to live.

For more information you can contact the Yangebup Progress Association at yangebup@cockburncommunity.asn.au



Noisy Parade in Hami Hill

An amazing sight to see was the residents of Hamilton Hill coming together earlier in the year for a Noisy Parade and Information Session. The event, organised by the Hamilton Hill Community Group and Hamilton Hill Action Group, set out to raise awareness of the consequences of extending the Roe Highway (Roe 8) through the Cockburn community.

Starting at Wally Hagan Stadium, residents walked the path of the proposed development through the local area, making noise and waving flags and banners. Following the parade, residents assembled at the Cockburn Returned Services League Club for an information session on impacts to the community.

Hamilton Hill Residents Association President Maureen Fisher-Sim said the event was a fantastic success, reflecting a spirited community.

“Hamilton Hill was built on heritage and generations of families who are passionate about their community, and the turnout of over 500 people at the event really shows this. It was awesome to see people unite in a common cause, to make some noise and to feel the community spirit,” she said.

The group would also like to acknowledge the support from the Hamilton Hill Action Group, Rethink the Link, Bibra Lake and Coolbellup Community Groups, Fremantle Road to Rail, Save



Residents from Hamilton Hill gathered to make some noise about their thoughts on Roe 8

Beeliar Wetlands, Maritime Workers Unions, Local Members, City of Cockburn Mayor and Councillors, City staff and the general public who all helped to make the event a great success.

The Hamilton Hill Community Group (HHCG) continues to actively advocate for their community on this important issue. The Group has produced a video to portray the voices of Hamilton Hill to a wide audience. You can check it out at <https://vimeo.com/141504790>

The HHCG are grateful to the City of Cockburn, Scarvaci's IGA and Local Member for Fremantle, Simone McGurk for their sponsorship of the clip. The Group meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Memorial Hall and are always looking for new members and supporters.

Friends of the Community

Friends of the Community is a not-for-profit group based in the City of Cockburn. The group is made up of volunteers who spend their weekends serving coffee, tea, food and drinks at different events. Any income they make through the work that they do is distributed back to the Community.

The group works closely with the City of Cockburn to administer the Cockburn Community Trailer which is full of events equipment such as cones and barbeques available for hire to any Cockburn community group for free with a \$50 refundable deposit.

If you are interested in finding out more about volunteering with the Friends of the Community group, or if you would like to hire the Cockburn Community Trailer, you can contact foc@friendsofthecommunity.org



You will see the Cockburn Community Trailer being towed along by Friends of the Community



Gathering aerial footage using a drone is just one part of a major project to update the touch screen service directory at the Cockburn Integrated Health and Community Facility in Success.

Cockburn Library Services and Environmental Management staff members have been working on the project for several months and the update is due to be launched soon.

A purpose built website will help users to easily access information via the touchscreen and the amazing fly-over video showcases the sustainable design aspects of the building.

The touch screen will also offer access to a list of service provider locations in the building plus information about Council projects and events.

Sustainability features include a 99 kW solar PV system, LED lighting, underground rainwater tanks, high levels of insulation and shading structures for improved thermal comfort.

The facility recently won two awards for builder JAXON at the Master Builders WA (MBA) Excellence in Construction Awards – for Best Public Use Building (Over \$20 million) and for Excellence in Energy Efficiency (Over \$20 million).



An aerial image from the drone footage of the Cockburn Integrated Health and Community Facility in Success



Digital Services Librarian Matt Argaet with the touch screen that will display the drone footage of the Cockburn Integrated Health and Community Facility in Success

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