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COUNCIL GETS A NEW FACE IN MAY POLL

The 1991 Municipal Elections were held on Saturday, May 4. Five vacancies, one in each of the Wards, were required to be filled, however an election was held in only two Wards, West and South, as candidates in North, East, and Coastal Wards were elected unopposed.

A total of six polling booths were open between 8.00am and 6.00pm through West and South Wards on Election Day. Early, Absent and Postal votes were also received prior to May 4 at Council's Administration Centre.

The Count of Votes took place at the Council Administration Centre immediately following the close of booths, finishing at 7.30pm.

The results of the Election are as follows:—

WEST WARD: Mrs Loris Argentino
(re-elected)

SOUTH WARD: Mr Stephen Lee

NORTH WARD: Mr Tom Greengrass
(elected unopposed)

EAST WARD: Mrs Evelyn Wegner
(elected unopposed)

COASTAL WARD: Mr Ray Lees (elected unopposed)

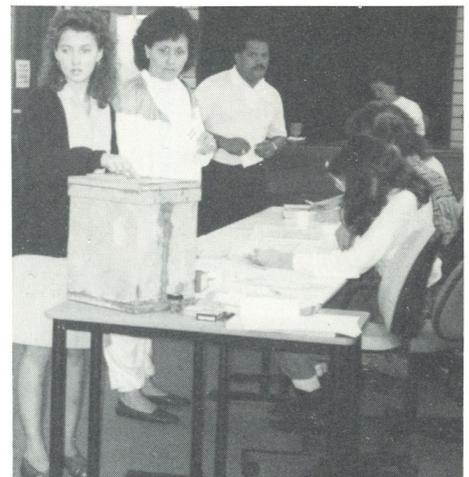
Voting at Local Government Elections is not compulsory resulting in the following percentage figures of votes received in the respective Wards.

WEST WARD: 11.8%.

SOUTH WARD: 16.2%.

The Swearing In Ceremony for the newly elected Councillors was held on May 6, 1991. New Councillors took their Oath of Allegiance at this function and are, from this point on, able to take on the duties and role of a Councillor.

At the first Meeting of Council after the Elections, Councillors elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the year.



■ *Voting at the May elections.*

For 1991/92 Clr Don Miguel was re-elected to the position of Mayor. At the time of printing a Deputy Mayor had still not been elected.

Councillors also elect members, delegates etc. to the numerous Committees, Advisory Committees, Panels etc on which Council is represented. These reach a total of 41.

Listed below is the membership of the four Standing Committees of Council. The Mayor has nominated as chairman of all these Committees.

PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Meets on the last Tuesday in each month.

Members: Clr Humphreys, Clr Battalis, Clr Grljusich, Clr Duggan, Clr Argentino.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meets on the second last Tuesday in each month.

Members: Clr Argentino, Clr Humphreys, Clr Lees, Clr Battalis, Clr Wegner.

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Administration Centre
Coleville Crescent
(corner of
Rockingham Road)
Spearwood.
Office hours:
8.30am-4.30 pm
Monday-Friday
Telephone: 418 0444

Read about our City's Community Plan . . . Centre Pages

LAKES COMPLEX READY FOR SPRING OPENING

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Construction continues to progress smoothly on The Lakes Complex, Cockburn's Aquatic and Recreation facility in South Lake.

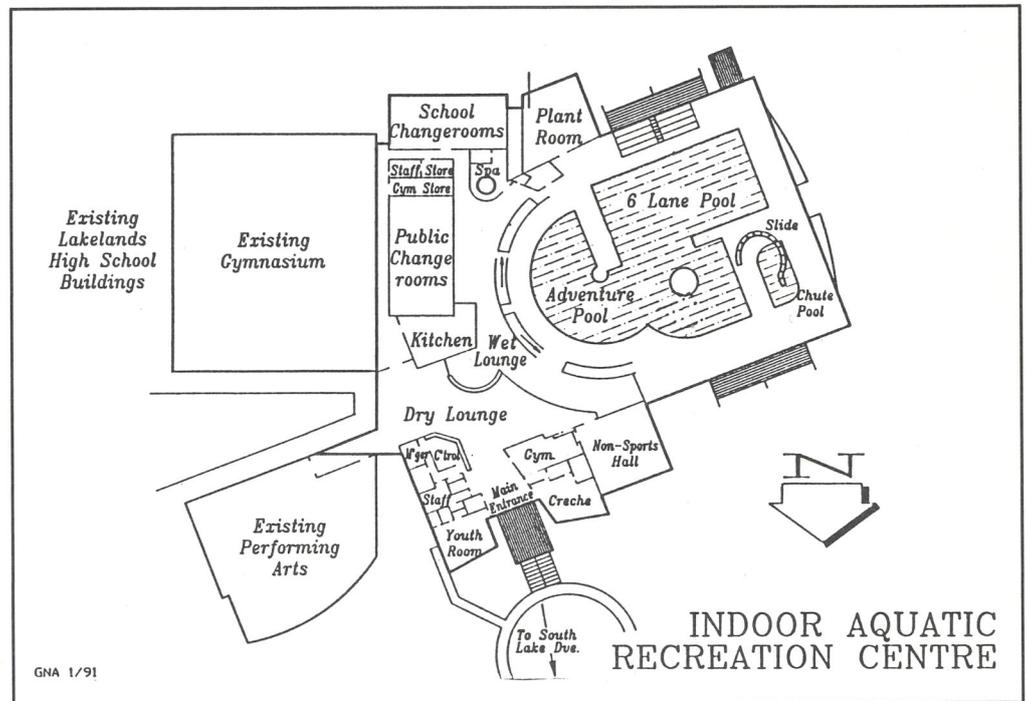
The sports stadium and performing arts centre are complete and are being fully utilised by students from Lakeland High School. The pool area and surrounds are also nearing completion. The entire facility is expected to be finished by late August or early September, and when fully operational will employ up to 15 full-time and 30 casual staff members.

The complex will not only provide an

opportunity for people to participate in sporting and recreational activities, but will establish an extremely positive relationship between Council and the Cockburn community.

Residents will be kept informed on the progress of the complex in metropolitan and local community newspapers and future editions of "Cockburn Soundings". Further information displays are planned for local shopping centres in June and July.

For further information on the Complex, contact Gordon MacMile at Council's Administration Centre on 418 0444.



NEW COMMITTEES

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WORKS & PARKS COMMITTEE

Meets on the second last Tuesday in each month.

Members: Clr Greengrass, Clr Lees, Clr Lee, Clr Duggan, Clr McNair.

ADMINISTRATION, HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Meets on the Monday prior to Finance in each month.

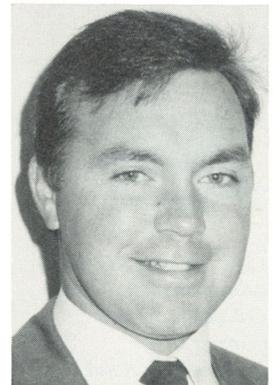
Members: Clr J. McTaggart, Clr Howlett, Clr Lee, Clr Wegner, Clr P. McTaggart.

Full Council meets on the first Tuesday in each month at 7.30 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Welcome, Stephen

Newly elected South Ward councillor, Stephen Lee, lives in Munster with his wife, Anna, and two children, Christopher (4) and Danielle (2).

A depot inspector with Transperth, 30-year-old Mr Lee welcomes contact with residents of South Ward, who can reach him by calling 434 1547.



■ Stephen Lee

POISONS COLLECTION DAY 1991

Following last year's successful event, Council is to participate in a Metropolitan-wide Poisons Collection Day on October 26, 1991. Full details will be advertised in the next edition of "Cockburn Soundings".

BMX ENTHUSIASTS TURN RUBBISH INTO THRILLS

Australia's best BMX riders were in action over the Easter holiday weekend at the new BMX complex in Port Kembla Drive, Bibra Lake.

The thrills and spills and superb organisation of the Australian BMX Championships augurs well for the future of the complex which has been constructed on Council's old rubbish tip site by volunteer labour provided by local BMX enthusiasts.

Council has spent some \$60,000 in

developing the reserve which is partly occupied by the track. The track will be available for public use when not being used by the Club.

The complex was officially opened by Mayor Don Miguel, who received a plaque in recognition of the City of Cockburn's contribution to the project.

For enquiries, including membership and club opening times, contact Kevin Ellement on 337 7179 or Charlie Fishwick on 337 6172.



■ *BMX thrills at Bibra Lake.*

THESE PEOPLE CAN HELP YOU

Council staff receive a number of counter enquiries regarding the availability of Commissioners of Declaration (C.D.'s) to witness the signing of documents etc.

Unfortunately, those qualified to act in this capacity are not always available.

However, under the Declarations and Attestations Act there are a number of different categories of people who can act as Commissioners of Declaration. Listed below are some of these:

1. Postmasters
2. State/Commonwealth Public Servants
3. Police Officers
4. Bank Managers
5. Medical Practitioners
6. Pharmacists
7. Town/Shire Clerks
8. Councillors

It should be noted that the above is a general listing only and does not include all persons who can act as a C.D. It should also be noted that in some instances only a Justice of Peace (JP) or specific category of persons may witness a document.

COCKBURN ART GOES ON SHOW

Cockburn Community and Cultural Council (Inc) was formed in 1974 to cater for arts and crafts within the area. The group is responsible for organising three art shows a year. Art in the Park is staged in Manning Park in March.

The District Schools Display of Arts and Crafts which allows the public to view work of local schools, is normally staged in the Old Council Chambers, corner of Forrest and Rockingham Roads, Hamilton Hill.

The event has been conducted for about 12 years. Children receive certificates and vouchers for good work and the overall winning school receives the June Miguel Award for Junior Art.

The annual Arts and Crafts Exhibition, staged in the Civic Centre hall during the last weekend in October, is both a competition and a demonstration event.

Any enquiries about the above events should be directed to Arlene Crane on 418 0444 (business hours).



Cockburn's Recycling collection Program is now up and running. Householders who have NOT received a red and green recycling bag should contact Council's contractor, Green Recycling, on 314 1622.

Remember, the success of the scheme depends on householders separating recyclable items from other rubbish. Make it work to enable the scheme to continue.

For enquiries, contact Council's Health Department on 418 0444.

OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

The City of Cockburn Community Plan is well advanced and now available in draft form for public comment.

Copies are available from:—

- Council Administration Building
8.30 am to 4.30 pm each work day.
- Spearwood Public Library.
- Coolbellup Public Library.

In its completed form the plan will cover, in broad terms, all activities occurring within the City that Council is in a position to carry out, or influence.

OVERVIEW

- The City's view of itself at the present and in the future.

GOALS

- Broad principles and directions for present and future decision making.

OBJECTIVES

- Targets to be achieved within the next five years.

STRATEGIES

● Specific steps to be taken to achieve objectives. (These will be developed following this round of community consultation).

The sorts of matters included in this plan are under:—

ENVIRONMENT

- preservation of flora and fauna
- water conservation
- streetscapes
- industrial development

TRANSPORT

- Kwinana Freeway/Highway extension
- Road Hierarchy
- Passenger Rail Service

ADMINISTRATION

- Rates
- Community-Council liaison
- Management Groups
- Staff training

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- a new Public Library
- Arts/Culture
- Childrens Services
- Youth

YOUR CHANCE TO HELP EMERGENCY SERVICES

Cockburn has a number of voluntary emergency organisations which receive total or partial support from Council. The organisations listed service Cockburn and surroundings districts.

Cockburn Volunteer Emergency Service

The CVES has a current membership of approximately 45. The organisation is involved in emergency help for storm damage, welfare support for bush fires, searches for lost people, radio communications, community aid etc.

Cockburn Volunteer Sea Search and Rescue Group Inc.

The Sea Search and Rescue has a current membership of approximately 30. The

organisation is involved in assistance at sea to stranded vessels, guidance for lost vessels, administering first aid, radio communications, and manning a marine radio base seven days a week.

Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades

Council has two Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades, South Coogee and Jandakot. Current total membership of both brigades is approximately 65.

The brigades are involved in attending fires, assisting the WA Fire Brigade when requested, and assisting brigades in other municipalities.

Should you be interested in joining any of these organisations, or learning more about their functions, contact Council's Administration Office on 418 0444.

IS YOUR POOL SECURE? SEE PAGE SIX

LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

An example of the final format is provided below.

TRANSPORT GOAL

Provide arterial roads which allow for rapid, safe movement of traffic with minimal impact on local residents;

Provide an interconnecting road system for all residents of the City.

Five Year Plan

Objective

To upgrade and realign Yangebup Road, to allow it to handle traffic going on to and coming off the Freeway, making this the major connecting road between the Freeway and Stock Road.

Strategy

Year 1

- 1) Initiate the process of gaining the requisite State Government approval for the Yangebup Road realignment through Wetland areas.
- 2) Seek State Government funds for Yangebup Road from the Stirling Base Infrastructure Development Fund.
- 3) Initiate steps for the necessary land acquisition for the realigned road.

Year 2

- 1) Assess the respective value of day labour or contract for the alterations to Yangebup Road. Initiate action to implement the most cost effective.
- 2) Apply for Municipal Road Funds if required.
- 3) Evaluate the most cost-effective and safest method of crossing the arterial north-south roads and railway line.

Year 3

- 1) Complete the Yangebup Road extension from the Freeway to Hammond Road.

Year 4

- 1) Realign and upgrade Yangebup Road from Hammond Road to Miguel Road.

Year 5

- 1) Upgrade Yangebup Road from Miguel Road to Stock Road.

Council is very keen to receive comments from community members on the document and invites written submissions, which should to be addressed to:

City Manager/Town Clerk
City of Cockburn
PO Box 21
Hamilton Hill WA 6163

Closing date for written submissions in July 26, 1991.

A community meeting has been called for 7.30pm on July 31, 1991 in the Lesser Hall of the Cockburn Civic Centre, 9, Coleville Crescent, Spearwood. All persons with an interest in the future of the City of Cockburn are invited to attend.

No to Treated Waste at Henderson

The Public Health Department, a State Government instrumentality, in conjunction with a private company, Cleanaway, has established an industrial waste treatment plant at Forrestdale. The plant accepts wastes from companies within the City of Cockburn boundaries, such as Automatic Galvanisers, Snowfresh, Gosh Leather, Balmoral—Hides, West Coast Skin and Hides.

These wastes are then treated. The Public Health Department has requested that the resulting sludge be deposited at the Henderson Landfill Site.

The Department says that as Henderson is a secure site this is a logical place to dispose of some of the sludge.

The tip site at Redhill accepts its proportion of waste.

The leachate that may result from this sludge is of a similar nature to that which results from domestic rubbish.

Council has determined not to accept the waste.

Work starts on Berrigan Drive

A contract has been let for the construction of Berrigan Drive from the Kwinana Freeway to Prinsep Road. Goldfields Contractors are the successful tenderers at a price of \$299,000.

It is anticipated that work will be completed by June 30, 1991 to allow Jandakot Road and Prinsep Road to be cut and the freeway to be completed.

Land has been provided by Wesfi, the owners, who have also funded 50 per cent of road construction costs. The company hopes to develop the land for commercial or residential use if the right zonings can be obtained.

Did You Know?

The Department of Social Security, next to the Phoenix Park shopping centre, has three social workers who can help residents with a range of problems, including marital, personal or financial difficulties. Call into the office or telephone (411 6222) for an appointment. Office hours are 8.30am-4.30pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and 8.30am to 1.30pm on Tuesday.

POOL OFFENDERS FACE TOUGHER PENALTIES

Council has been directed by the Minister for Local Government to advise ratepayers on the importance of making sure that swimming pool safety fences on their properties comply to the by-laws in every respect.

A high level of confusion still persists on pool safety requirements.

To protect life, fences and gates must be absolutely safe and the penalties for non-compliance have greatly increased. These are points to note:

- Fences and gates of private swimming pools must be inspected by Council officers at least once in every four years. The first inspection of all swimming pools (old and new) will be completed by July 1, 1992.
- Pool owners will be required to enclose their pools in accordance with the prescribed safety standards referred to in the Building Code of Australia. At this stage, separate isolation fencing is not compulsory.
- The initial charge to ratepayers is \$40 for inspection fee, to be reviewed every two years.
- Each year, pool owners will be required to sign a statement that they have checked their pool fences and gates. Regulations introducing this requirement will be in place from July 1, 1991.

- Pools enclosed before July 28, 1989, in accordance with the previous Uniform Private Swimming Pool by-laws, will be exempt from the fencing standards referred to in the Building Code of Australia while they continue to be enclosed in compliance with the by-laws. This means that pools with inward opening gates erected under the old requirements will not need to be changed to make them open outwards.

- The penalties for failing to comply with the fencing requirements of the building regulations have risen to a maximum of \$5,000 and a daily penalty of \$250.00.

- Councils now have the power to issue infringement notices for owners failing to enclose a swimming pool in accordance with the prescribed standards.

A \$100 modified penalty may be imposed where a pool owner fails to properly enclose a pool after receiving a rectification order from a Council officer.

A \$75 penalty applies where the pool has not been properly enclosed and no rectification order has been issued.

For further information, contact any of Council's Building Surveyors at the Building Department, 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood. Telephone 418 0444.

Changes in District Zoning Scheme

Third Party Rights of Appeal is a situation where a person, not being the applicant or the local authority, has the right to lodge an appeal to either the Town Planning Appeal Tribunal or the Hon Minister for Planning in regard to a decision made by the local authority in:

- a) refusing an application for development
- b) approving an application for development, or
- c) conditions attached to approval

This right of appeal is an anomaly in the Council's District Zoning Scheme No 2 when it is approved.

Regardless of the merits and demerits of such a change, the Model Town Planning Scheme Text adopted by the State Planning Commission and the State Government dictates the form of any Town Planning Scheme within all local authorities.

The Model Scheme Text does not provide facilities for third party rights of appeal and therefore the new Scheme Text must be consistent with the Model Scheme.

The City of Cockburn is the last municipality in Western Australia to contain third party appeal rights. The approval of District Zoning Scheme No 2 will extinguish this right.

Manning Park Ready for Sound of Music

Council has constructed an acoustic Music Shell in the western end of Manning Park.

The Music Shell offers an excellent opportunity for any group of musicians, band or choir to practice or perform in an outdoor facility with quality acoustic sound.

The tranquility of Manning Park complements this unique outdoor music facility.

For further information, call Council's Recreation Officer on 418 0444.

NEW HOUSING BREEDS MIDGE PROBLEM

Five hundred concerned citizens, including such notable local identities as "Saddam Hussein", "The Dog" and "Rudolph" presented Council with a petition calling for more action by Council to control the midge nuisance that from time to time effects householders close to the areas wetlands.

Before the advent of subdivision and housing, a balance of nature existed in the wetland areas. The lakes could only support a certain midge population and natural predators performed their function to maintain a balance.

Once housing becomes established, the balance is altered and midge proliferate.

Drainage run off from subdivisions contains heavy loadings of nutrients from fertilisers such as phosphorous and nitrogen. These products increase the lake's ability to support additional life such as algae, which in turn provides nutrients for the midge which thrive in the new environment and massive breed outs occur.

Council's midge budget is currently \$30,000 per annum with a similar amount contributed by the City of Melville.

North Lake, Bibra Lake and Yangebup Lake are sampled regularly during the spring and summer months by Council's Environ-

mental Health Officers and larvae numbers are counted to determine the breed out nuisance potential.

The material used to control midge is "Abate" which consists of sand granules impregnated with "temephos" an organo phosphate chemical which is very "target specific" which means it has little or no effect on other aquatic life.

Several local authorities, including the City of Cockburn, have contributed to a study by Murdoch University over the past four years in an endeavour to find ways of effectively controlling the midge nuisance.

EPA Respond to Farrington Rd

Increased traffic and a rising accident rate at the intersection of Bibra Drive and Farrington Road, persuaded the Main Roads Department to fund the construction of the second carriageway of Farrington Road between Murdoch Drive and Bibra Drive.

The carriageway was also considered essential as the freeway section to Farrington Road is nearing completion and will be open to traffic in October 1991 on the latest advice from the M.R.D.

The E.P.A. advised the City of Cockburn that a Consultative Environmental Review would be required for this 400 metre section of road.

The City of Cockburn appointed an environmental consulting company to prepare the report, which was submitted in October 1990. The report stated that road construction was programmed to commence in February 1991. The E.P.A. replied to the report in late April and the response has yet to be considered by Council.

This section of road fronts Government-owned land to the south on which the Baptist Church hopes to build a major recreation complex. To the north the land is owned by the Murdoch University which they use for grazing cattle.

The City of Cockburn has made commitments to revegetate the area between the bitumen edge and the boundary fences in accordance with the consultant's recommendations.

Roundabouts aid traffic

Roundabouts have now been constructed at the intersection of Healy and Frederick Roads, and Strode Avenue and Recreation Road. From all reports they have been successful in slowing traffic through these intersections. Now that the gas section of the S.E.C. has completed work on the Yangebup and Miguel Road intersection, this roundabout is being constructed.

Homeswest are funding construction of another roundabout at the intersection of Yangebup Road and Osprey Drive.

Relief is in Sight for Staff Squeeze

Council's Administration Office at Coleville Crescent was first occupied in early 1979 with about 35 staff working from the premises. It was expected to accommodate Council's needs for approximately 15 years.

The growth of the district has exceeded expectations and community needs have changed, causing staff levels to increase at a faster rate than anticipated.

The office currently is at full capacity with 72 staff using the original building and a minor extension. Staff have, for several years, worked in what was their lunchroom. This is now located in the Spearwood Library activities room.

Council considered various options, including relocation, before deciding to extend the existing building.

Concept proposals were received from four architectural firms, and although no firm commitment has been made, discussions are continuing with Tsigulis and Zuvela Pty Ltd.

Cockburn population will increase from the current figure of 55,000 to 100,000, requiring accommodation for an anticipated ultimate staffing level of 125 people at the Civic Centre site in Coleville Crescent.

A firm decision on approval of an architect is expected soon.

Heritage Help

The Historical Society of Cockburn meets every first Wednesday of the month in the Azelia Ley Homestead Museum, Manning Park, Spearwood.

About 15 members are responsible for the upkeep and operation of the venue, which is open to the public Sundays only, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

In close proximity to the museum building is a wagon house containing wagons, a sulky and other interesting machinery and implements.

The Historical Society also purchased the Old Railway Wagons, now known as the "Carob Tree Kiosk" which, with the Cockburn City Council's assistance, have been open to the public on Sundays.

Anyone interested in joining the Society, or assisting in the operation of the museum, are welcome to attend any meeting. Contact may be made either to Mrs Arlene Crane (secretary) on 418 0444 (office hours) or Mr Harry Willis (Museum Curator) on 418 2693.

Buy, or it's Bye-Bye

Leeton Shire Council in NSW is seeking the support of Cockburn Council in a "grass roots" version of the Buy Australian campaign aimed at convincing Australians of the need to Buy Australian - or it's bye-bye Australia.

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