

Cockburn Soundings

mayor's message - support our stadium bid



Sport is the national passion in Australia and Western Australians are no different. But we in WA are poorly served by the investment in sports facilities.

The State Government has now set up a Taskforce to decide the future of West Australia's stadium needs and your Council has put together a strong bid to convince them that the future lies in constructing a stadium in our City. We launched our bid on February 16th to generate discussion on the benefits of looking to Cockburn for the site of a new multi-purpose stadium.

At Cockburn Central we have more than enough land to accommodate the stadium and its surrounding facilities. The public transport infrastructure will be second to none and the excellent road corridors make the location accessible to a large spectator base.

There are no ownership or zoning restrictions at the proposed site, unlike other contenders in the bid. Our stadium would be integrated with the new \$400million Cockburn Central Town Centre being developed by Landcorp so that visiting it would be a total entertainment experience.

The potential benefits to the City and our region are enormous. Thousands of jobs would be created during construction and on completion of the stadium.

We have created a website www.stadiumwa.com to display our detailed bid and encourage discussion. Please take some time to visit it and take part in the online poll. We have strong support for Stadium WA from within the sporting world as well as from State politicians. Let them know how you feel so that Stadium WA becomes the future for sport in WA.

Yours,

Mayor Stephen Lee

Contact Mayor Stephen Lee on (08) 9411 3577 or slee@cockburn.wa.gov.au

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groovy gatherings

Southwell residents were recently treated to a feast of reggae, funk, hip-hop and world music as part of the Summer of Fun free events program. The spectacular full moon and balmy summer night were the perfect backdrop for bands Raggabeats and Salamander who had concertgoers on their feet and dancing from the start. "This was another great example of how the Summer of Fun events are giving communities a chance to get together and let their hair down," said event organiser Bev Nelson. Look out for more free event advertised in this issue of the Cockburn Soundings.



win an IPOD!

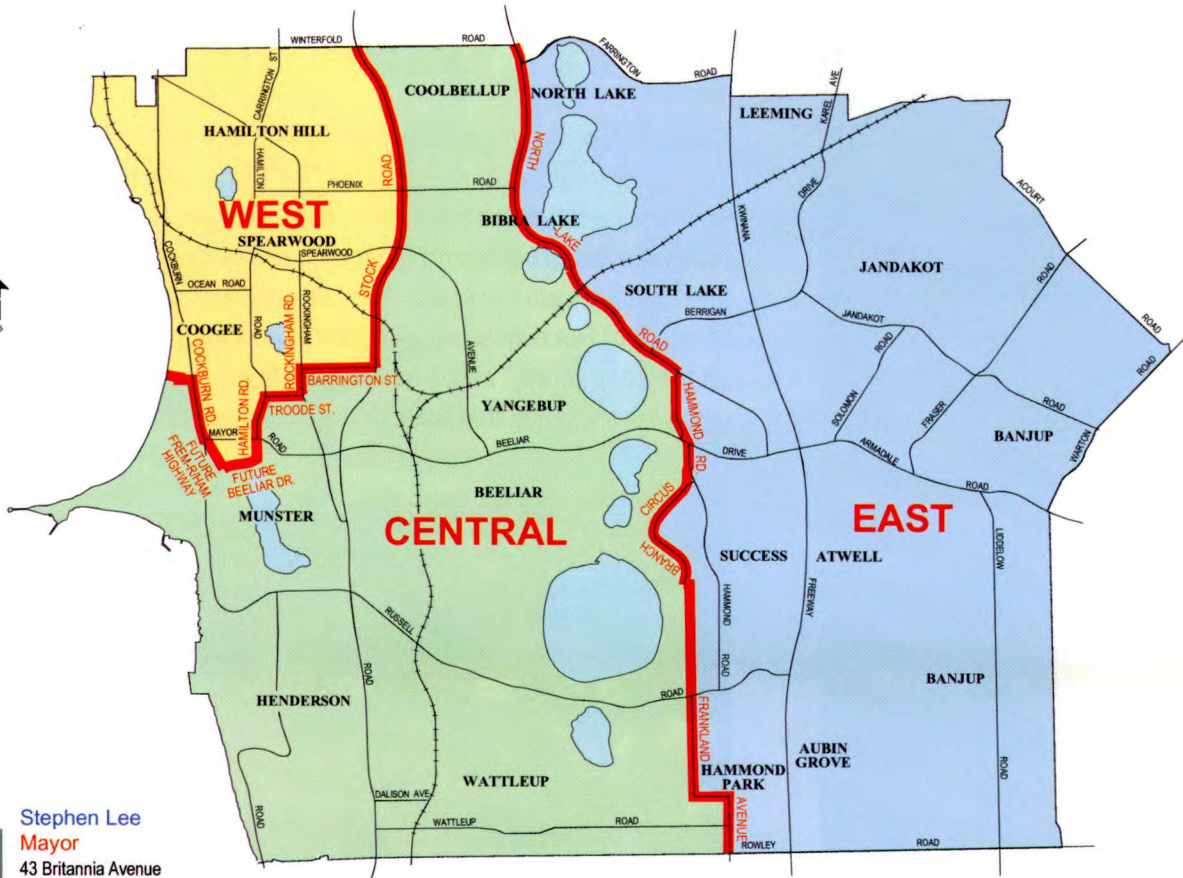
Subscribe to the City of Cockburn's email newsletter for your chance to win one of two 4GB iPOD Nano's.

We'll keep you up to date on news, events, workshops, opportunities and more - all from the comfort of your inbox!

Just visit www.cockburn.wa.gov.au and follow the links to sign up. You can also sign up at reception at Council Administration or at our Summer of Fun events.

Competition closes 9am Monday 20th March.

Terms and conditions: 1) Staff of the City of Cockburn are not eligible to enter. 2) Your details will remain confidential. 3) Only valid email addresses will be eligible. 4) Prizes are not transferable. 5) Correspondence will not be entered into. 6) For more details contact Marina Greaney on 9411 3483.



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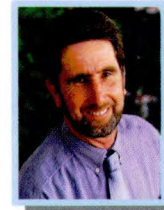
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mayor & councillors

coming soon to a suburb near you...

These exciting developments are either near completion or about to get started.

COOLBELLUP - Len Packham Reserve Club Changerooms

Soccer and tennis players will be able to make use of the new state of the art changerooms that have been closed for construction the last few months. They are co-located with the new Coolbellup Community School and are due to open in April/May 2006.

COOGEE - Coogee Café, Coogee Beach Reserve

The long awaited café will open in time for the Coogee Beach Festival on March 19th. There will be a shop, café and alfresco dining area and proprietors Norm and Dee Randall will be serving delicious breakfasts and lunches.

BIBRA LAKE - Community Centre, Hope Road

The Bibra Lake Community Centre has been undergoing extensive refurbishment. A kitchen has been added to the main hall, there is a new outside area for child activities and the playgroup area has been extended. The new improved Community Centre is now open for business so look out for events and activities taking place there.

COCKBURN CENTRAL - Youth Facility, Beeliar

Located in the new Cockburn Central development, the Youth Facility will house a range of activities. There will be a hang out area, a multi-use room for workshops and fitness classes, a training and computer room that could include a gaming café and a Jam Room with basic recording and performance equipment. Construction will start towards the end of 2006 and it should be open for business towards the end of 2007.

HAMILTON HILL - Memorial Hall, Rockingham Road

Council is committed to this major redevelopment with an estimated cost of \$2.6 million. Grant applications have also been sent to Lotterywest and ArtsWA to help fund our new cultural and arts facility. Construction is expected to start in October 2006 and residents can look forward to a multi-purpose performance and gallery space that will support our active arts community.

front counter FAQ

We answer your questions to save you time and effort...

Q: Will my bin be collected on the next Public Holiday?

A: Yes. The only days they're not collected are Christmas Day and New Years Day.

Q: Can I get a building licence application form?

A: You can now download the application form from our website before coming in to Council. Go to Council Services at www.cockburn.wa.gov.au and then Building Services.

Q: We're new to the area - how do we get tip passes?

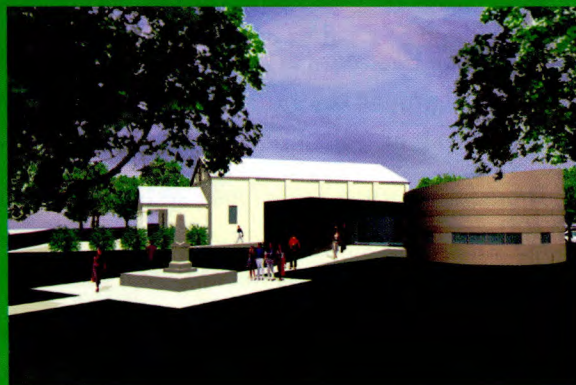
A: It does depend on the situation so please contact Leanne on 9411 3643. Further passes are issued each year with your rates notice.

Q: My neighbour's tree is hanging over my fence. What do I do?

A: You are allowed to trim the branches back to the fence line. If you need further advice on legal rights call Legal Aid on 1300 650 579.

Q: I need a Justice of the Peace to sign my legal documents.

A: We have a JP service every Monday (except Public Holidays) from 10am - 1pm at Spearwood Library.



bust the bush weeds



Environmental Officers spraying weeds at Yangebup Lake

Weeds can be from

overseas, from other parts of Australia or even other parts of WA. Within our bushland a weed is a plant that does not naturally occur in that area. Weeds commonly invade disturbed bushland, increasing competition with native species and producing large amounts of seeds.

The City's Environmental Services will once again be stepping up their extensive weed control program in the next few months. They will be minimising weed invasion in revegetation areas and enhancing the surrounding bushland.

There are many ways in which weeds have colonised our bushland. A couple of examples include being garden escapees or being planted inappropriately into the bushland. It is important that you become aware of the plants that could be invasive to our bushland and not plant them in your garden. A few that have caused problems include Arum lily, Black flag, Freesias, Gazanias and Fountain grass.

In the next few issues of the Cockburn Soundings we will be having a Weed Watch column to explain some of our problem weeds and how you can help to eradicate them.

want to recycle your greywater?

Greywater is household wastewater that comes from your bathroom, laundry or kitchen. With more people trying to conserve water these days, using greywater on your garden is an attractive option.

But greywater can be contaminated with faecal matter, bacteria, chemicals, grease and detergents so it needs to be managed properly to avoid health risks and harm to the environment. In fact, kitchen greywater may not be used for recycling at all as it usually contains high levels of contamination.

Collecting bathroom or laundry greywater in a bucket is the easiest way to recycle it. You need to make sure you spread it around the garden so it doesn't pool and clog the soil. Avoid using greywater from washing nappies and never use it on fruit and vegetable plants or where children play.

There are now greywater reuse systems you can install via your plumbing. They can be basic or more complex and expensive and a list of approved systems is available from the Department of Health website. The Water Corporation also offers a Waterwise Rebate when you install such a system to give you further incentive.

As with all onsite effluent disposal systems installed within the City of Cockburn your new greywater system must be assessed and approved by Health Services. More information and the relevant forms to download can be found at www.cockburn.wa.gov.au.

out and about in cockburn

Cycling Group

Spotted at: Coogee Beach

"We're from the Glyde-in Community Learning Centre in East Freo and every Monday we do a different bike ride. We usually do about 35km and some of us are going to do the Albany to Perth bike ride in March. Coogee Beach is a beautiful stop-off and it's good swimming."



Maja Petrovic

Spotted at: Manning Park, Davilak Trail

"I live in Spearwood and come to Manning Park quite a lot. I love all the different birds in the lake and the view from the top of the trail. I hardly ever see anyone up here, just me and the wildlife."



Vincenzo Pitroniro

Spotted at: Coogee Beach Reserve

"I have lived in Coogee for 17 years. Now that I'm a pensioner I come here most mornings and play bocci with my friends. I think what they [the Council] are doing with the kiosk is a good idea. When it opens they should make a proper space for bocci on the lawn and then more people would come."



councillor's corner



In this new series, we'll help you get to know your Councillors better by delving into the recesses of their busy minds. First up is East Ward Councillor Amanda Tilbury on what makes her tick...

Q: Who or what inspires you?

A: Volunteers inspire me - people who find and make time out of their busy lives to help others.

Q: Where is your favourite place in Cockburn?

A: The Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre at Bibra Lake. It is beautiful and there are always volunteers there!

Q: What is the one thing you'd most like to see happen in Cockburn?

A: The new stadium being built in our City.

Q: What's the best thing about being a Councillor?

A: Helping people and being involved in the community. I also like meeting members of the community and learning about what they are involved in.

Q: What's the hardest thing about being a Councillor?

A: That's easy, politics....

Q: What are you passionate about?

A: Preserving and protecting our natural environment. Also, my nieces and nephews!

Q: What is your motto?

A: Life is too short for politics.

Q: What do you do to relax?

A: I breed tropical fish. I see on average 100 little miracles a week! It reminds me what is important in life.

Contact Cllr Amanda Tilbury on 9498 5317 or email atilbury@cockburn.wa.gov.au.

seniors bulletin board

Presented by the Regional Seniors Group

This is the first in a regular section in the Soundings dedicated solely to seniors. Watch out for activities being organised just for seniors by the Regional Seniors Group. For more information call 9411 3499.

seniors clubs near you

Cockburn Senior Citizens Association

9 Young Place, Hamilton Hill
Phone Mavis on 9337 3772
Tues, Wed & Thurs 9am to 3pm
Activities include – bowls, podiatry, bootscooting, bingo and more

Lake Side Village

14 Lewington Gardens, Bibra Lake
Friendship Groups to be held every 3 months
Come and meet other seniors and have a fun day in the village.
If you would like to come along contact Jill on 9417 2988

Atwell Over 50's

Atwell Community Centre,
1 Lombe Gdns, Atwell
Phone Lorna on 9498 6598
Every Friday 11.45am to 2.30pm
Come and meet new people and get together for social gatherings

Cockburn Prime Timers

Beale Park Soccer Club,
corner of Spearwood Ave
and Hamilton Road
Phone Val on 9337 1680
Every Tuesday 9.30pm to 12pm
Activities include – bingo, bowls, games and outings

Intergenerational Volunteering

If you would like to pass on your experience and skills to the younger generations contact the Volunteer Resource Centre on 9411 3490 – free training available.

South Lake Senior Citizens Association Inc

Jandakot Hall North Lake Rd, Jandakot
Phone Doris on 9414 5772
Every Monday 1pm to 3.30pm
Activities include – bowls, table tennis, darts and cards

help us celebrate foundation day

do you know a local hero?

The Cockburn Foundation Day Award is for people who have helped Cockburn become the thriving progressive community it is today. Council is seeking nominations for the award which will be announced at a special Foundation Day function on June 2nd 2006.

We want to hear about people like long term residents or those with historical links, or someone who has helped shape Cockburn in either a physical, cultural or social sense. So many people in Cockburn work tirelessly behind the scenes to help others and all we need is for you to nominate them. The recipient of the award will get a prize of \$200 and their nominator will receive a gift valued at \$50.

Nominations close on May 12th 2006 so get your entry form by calling Vanda on 9411 3577 or email vbacich@cockburn.wa.gov.au. The entry form is also available on our website at www.cockburn.wa.gov.au.

have you lived in the city of cockburn *continuously* for 56 years?

If so, you may be eligible to attend our Annual Foundation Day Luncheon on Friday 2nd June, 2006.

Please write to: Vanda Bacich, PA to the Elected Members, City of Cockburn, PO Box 1215 BIBRA LAKE, WA 6965 briefly stating your residential history.

living in cockburn

Extract from a submission to the City of Cockburn Writing Project by Dee Mahuvawalla

"We live in the suburb of Bibra Lake since we migrated to Australia from Bombay, India in 1989.

My husband always wanted to live in Bibra Lake since our earlier visits in 1975 and 1978. Before we moved to Australia, our daughter bought our home for us on our behalf without knowing this.

The lake has been a very favourite and convenient spot for family BBQs, birthday parties, enjoying picnics and walks round the lake with our overseas visitors, bringing our grandkids to the lake during school holidays to play at the play gym, are some of the pleasant memories of living in this suburb.

Having both our married daughters and their families as our immediate neighbours, living around us makes living in Cockburn even more precious.

For many years our neighbour has been inviting the community to enjoy the Christmas lights on his house, a gigantic project that this husband and wife team undertake each year. Their house won the Christmas House Lights competition last year, and was runner up this year, making our street very famous, and a very busy spot for the community to share the Christmas spirit and cheer.

Our continuing gratitude goes to God, for directing us to this location."

You too can take part in the Writing Project by sending in no more than 500 words, in any style and any language, to Cassandra Cooper, PO Box 1215 Bibra Lake DC 6965 or leave in the entry box at Spearwood Library. Closing date is March 16th so don't delay.



food for thought

Food poisoning most often affects children, the ill and the elderly. Because they are vulnerable it's important that their food is prepared according to food safety standards.

By law, any business that prepares food has to make sure their staff have food safety and food hygiene skills and knowledge. That's why the City of Cockburn offers free training for businesses in Cockburn. Not just restaurants and delis, but child and aged care centres and caterers too.

Businesses that want to go the extra mile apply the FoodSafe® Food Handler Training Program of the Australian Institute of Environmental Health. This certification is voluntary, but it means the business undergoes annual inspections and reviews of their food safety plan.

Anne Doble, who runs the Kids Corner Childcare Centre in Munster says parents are more confident in the overall level of care they offer as a result of being FoodSafe® certified. "Because we chose to do this, they can see that we want to do the right thing for the kids," she says.

Look out for a FoodSafe® certificate when you're at a food business next, and give them the support they deserve.

If you have any questions, please call Patricia Prosper on 9411 3589.



Kids Corner Childcare Centre serves up a FoodSafe® lunch

meet Lorna



Lorna Henderson is a true Cockburn personality. Here she is helping out at the sausage sizzle at the City's Christmas Lights event. Lorna has been volunteering for the last four years and says she can't get enough of it. Being a member of her local residents' association has opened up even more avenues for helping others.

"I love meeting people and making them feel good," she says. "Volunteering also makes you feel needed and helps you come out of your shell."

Lorna's infectious fun loving nature has been good medicine for all the people that she has kept company, entertained or helped out over the years. "There are so many isolated people out there and just a simple smile for them goes such a long way," she says.

The Cockburn Volunteer Resource Centre can help you find an opportunity that suits you and your lifestyle. Drop in for a chat at the Council offices in Spearwood or call Kellie on 9411 3490.

breaking the ice

Ever wondered who all your neighbours are? If more people talked to their neighbours our streets would be that much safer, with everyone looking out for each other.

How about signing up for the "Get to Know 8" program and getting things started? As a Neighbourhood Watch Street Representative, NHW will pay for you to host an afternoon or morning tea and will bring goodies for everyone. A dashing Police Officer will also drop by to give everyone some tips on security. With the introductions over, life on your street will never be the same again!

If you want to help make your neighbourhood a safer and closer community then contact Daniel on 9411 3583.



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free animal farm
free train rides

★ Streets Alive Reclaim the Streets

Free Community Walk Events for the Whole Family
Join us for a leisurely 2km walk through your neighbourhood and enjoy a free sausage sizzle for your efforts!

9 am registration • 9:30 am walk start

date	suburb	start/finish
12 March '06	Hammond Park	Daggan Park, Deanmore Ave Hammond Park
26 March '06	Leeming	Brandwood Reserve, Brandwood Gardens
2 April '06	Munster	Santich Park, Asquith Street

For more information contact Julie Gorman on 0437 806 856.











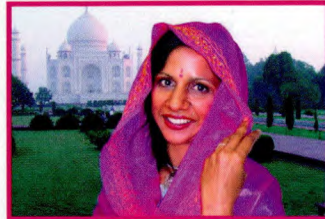


WHAT'S ON

@ your cockburn library

harmony week @ your library

Bollywood comes to Cockburn Libraries! Celebrate Harmony Week and the launch of our new foreign language DVD Collection, including Bollywood movies.



15th - 21st March,
12.00 - 1.30pm
Spearwood Library
Phone: 9411 3491

16th March,
10.00am - 11.30am
Coolbellup Library
Phone: 9314 1695

Participate in a hands-on cooking experience and learn how to make chapattis, chick pea curry and burfi, an Indian sweet. Bookings are essential.

20th March,
11.00am - 1.00pm
Spearwood Library

Indian Dancing, Mehndi (temporary henna decoration on the body), multicultural food and the publication of "Fair Go, We're Different", the City of Cockburn's Writing Project.

Newsflash!

The staff of Spearwood Library were delighted to win the City of Cockburn Customer Service Award for 2005. Our librarians love what they do and you obviously think the same!

here be dragons!

Discover magical beasts @ your library this April.

The library will be filled with dragons and mythical creatures these school holidays. Use your artistic talents to create a folding dragon that guards a treasure, giggle along at the hilarious antics of Drippy The Dragon in a fun show for the whole family, and come face to face with real bearded dragons, lizards and snakes!

More information and bookings available in April.

Congratulations to **Conor Dunne of Success** for winning the City of Cockburn Read Around Oz Summer Reading Competition. **Conor** won the grand prize of a TV and DVD player for reading 10 books over the Summer Holidays. Well Done **Conor!**



writing groups in the city of cockburn

creative corners writers group

Meets at Centenary Hall, Cordelia Ave, Coolbellup
Phone: 08 9331 1380 or 0424 286 895 | Email: boobook_41@yahoo.co.uk | Fees: Nominal

We are a group who share a love of writing, meeting each Wednesday morning 9.45am to 11.45am. If you feel that you could write poetry, short stories, articles or essays, just call in. There is no pressure, progress at your own pace. Refreshments, fun and homework all available.

tapestry writers group

Meets at Spearwood Library, Coleville Cres, Spearwood.
Phone: 08 9411 3633 - Luba Kambourakis, Adult Services Librarian | Email: luba@cockburn.wa.gov.au
Fees: \$5 per session

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 10am to 11.30 am. We promote creative writing and developing writing and editing skills. Talks also provided by authors and editors. Free refreshments. Beginning and advanced writers welcome.

COOGEE BEACH FESTIVAL!

Sunday 19th March | 9am – 2pm | Coogee Beach, Powell Road, Coogee

FREE RIDES & ACTIVITIES

Human soccer table
Temporary air brush tattoos
Real fishing school
Mechanical bull
Bubble blowing
and lots, lots, more....

BEACH CHALLENGE

Cockburn schools compete for prizes, starts 11am

SANDCASTLE COMPETITION

Cash prizes! Starts 11.30am, judging at 12.15pm

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Retro
The Bleach Boys
Danielle Edwards
The Magic Rainbow

Amazing kite display and workshop!

Huge assortment of food stalls to tempt your tastebuds

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Enquiries: Phone Bev Nelson on 9411 3535

