

Cockburn Soundings

new city centre launched



Residents and readers will have seen the earthworks and building activity where the Kwinana Freeway meets Beeliar Drive. Called Cockburn Central, it is set to be a vibrant regional hub, serving not only bus and train commuters but shoppers, workers and residents drawn to a new City centre.

This is now one step closer to reality with LandCorp having called for expressions of interest for development at Cockburn Central. Earthworks on Stage 1 of the development have been completed and construction will start in early 2006.

Life at Cockburn Central will revolve around the lively town square. There will be an eclectic mix of apartments, shops, eateries and offices. Beautifully landscaped main streets will feature architecturally diverse buildings.

The City is currently lobbying the State Government to build a major multipurpose sporting stadium at Cockburn Central. Mayor Stephen Lee is excited by the opportunities that exist.

"It makes perfect sense to build a stadium at the site as it can take the integration between City and Stadium to the next level."

"The people of Western Australia deserve a 21st century stadium located in a 21st century City centre," he said.

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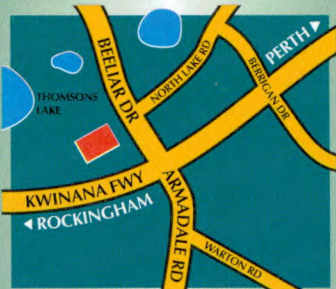
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mayor's message

Welcome to our first edition of Cockburn Soundings for 2006. Your Councillors and I are committed to community consultation and you have told us, loud and clear, that you want more free family events to enjoy over the summer months.

I am therefore delighted to say that our 'Summer of Fun', which attracted over 15,000 people to its events last year, is back bigger and better than ever.

We will be holding four community concerts around the City, climaxing with a major concert featuring Mental as Anything at Manning Park.

The free concerts kick off on Saturday January 14 at Anning Park, Northlake Road, Jandakot, where Magnificent Seven will perform rock classics with a skip for all the family.

Peace, Love and All That Stuff will be performing popular tunes from the 60's to now at Beeliar Reserve in Beeliar on Saturday January 28.

For those who are feeling funky, we have Salamander and Raggabeats playing a mix of jazz, hip-hop, funk, Latin and reggae in Hamilton Hill. The concert will be held at Goodchild Reserve in Hamilton Hill on Saturday February 11.

If you enjoyed the 1980's come on down to Harmony Park in Atwell to relive those glory days and sing along to those 80's hits with Ultimate 80's. Snakefish (formerly the Dugites) will also be there performing their own hits.

The finale of our free concert series will be the regional concert held on Saturday March 11 at Manning Park. Mental as Anything will play all their hits from the 1980's and will be supported by Dave Johnson and the Cortinas.

Our hugely successful Coogee Beach Festival rounds off our 'Summer of Fun' on Sunday March 19.

I look forward to seeing you at some, or all, of our 'Summer of Fun' events and on behalf of the Council of the City of Cockburn, I wish you all a successful, safe and healthy 2006.

Yours,

Mayor Stephen Lee

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



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firefighters are ready for summer - are you?



Living close to bushland is a unique way of life for many of us. However, it also brings the high risk of bush fire.

The fire and emergency services are well prepared for the bush fire season, but they can't guarantee to protect everything. That's why you also have an active part to play in protecting your home against the damage of bush fire.

As well as preparing your property, it's also a good idea to decide now whether to stay and defend it or to leave in the event of a bush fire.

Barry Hamilton of FESA says that if you are mentally and physically prepared, then staying at home can be a safe option, provided your property is also well prepared.

"If you don't feel you could cope with the stress or harsh reality of a bush fire, then it's crucial for your safety that you leave your property early, well ahead of any fire front that can cut off your safe escape route," says Mr Hamilton.

FESA has a new Bush Fire Stay or Go Kit, to help residents decide. You can get your copy by calling 9323 9877 or from FESA's website www.fesa.wa.gov.au.

did you know? The City of Cockburn gives a \$20 contribution when you bring proof of your cat's sterilisation.

Make Noise Complaints Online

One of the many services provided by the City's Health department is advising on issues of noise in the community.

There are guidelines available on the City's website for both parties in a noise control situation. Many of the guidelines offered are common courtesy, and talking politely to each other should always be the first step.

However, if you need to take the matter further you can use the online complaint form to inform Health Services. An Officer will contact you within five working days to help you resolve the issue.

To find the complaint form visit www.cockburn.wa.gov.au, then Council Services, then Health Services, then Neighbourhood Nuisance.



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| date | suburb | start/finish |
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| 5 March '06 | Hamilton Hill | East Hamilton Hill Primary School, Bradbury Road |
| 12 March '06 | Hammond Park | Duggan Park, Deanmore Ave |
| 26 March '06 | Leeming | Leeming Primary School, Meharry Rd |

For more information contact Julie Gorman on 0437 806 856.



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it's a dog's life

Zac the blue heeler has discovered that a person can be a dog's best friend too. Zac's future wasn't bright after spending seven days at the City of Cockburn dog pound. Nobody had come to find him in that time and his days were numbered.

Luckily for Zac he had charmed Arron who worked at the pound. Zac wasn't one of the cute and cuddly puppies most people come looking for, but Arron knew that Zac had boundless love to give. Arron's friend Carol was looking for a furry friend and so they were introduced.

Carol agreed to try Zac in her home for a few days and hasn't looked back. "He settled in so well and he's definitely part of the family now," she says. They go for walks around the area but Zac is still afraid of riding in cars. "We think he may have fallen off a ute," says Carol, "and he doesn't seem to like men much." With a bit of time and affection Zac is regaining his confidence and doing a great job of looking after the house.

Zac is just one of many abandoned dogs that are rehoused by Cockburn Rangers every year. They make every effort to find loving homes for good natured and healthy dogs and the Rangers have a very low rate of dog euthanasia.

It costs only \$44 plus registration to save a dog. If you have any questions please ring Lyn on 9411 3402 or Julie on 9411 3403. They can arrange a viewing of available dogs in the pound for you.

Alternatively, the City of Cockburn website has a regularly updated page showing which dogs are currently being held. If you have lost your beloved pooch, take a look on www.cockburn.wa.gov.au or call Lyn or Julie at the Cockburn Rangers for assistance.

green waste collection

27 february 2006

area 1: Hamilton Hill Coolbellup

7 march 2006

area 2: Leeming North Lake
Bibra Lake Jandakot
South Lake

13 march 2006

area 3: Coogee Munster
Spearwood
Wattleup (west of railway line)

20 march 2006

area 4: Yangebup Beeliar
Atwell Success

This verge collection is for RESIDENTIAL properties only.

Please place your tree branches and prunings on the verge by 6:30am on the scheduled start date for your area. Allow 5 - 7 working days for collection.

*Do **not** place household junk with this collection or contaminate your green waste with household waste. This will result in NO material being taken.*

Junk collection is scheduled for September 2006. Dates yet to be finalised.

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THE SKATEPARKS ARE COMING!



Jake Brown from Spearwood does an air grab out of a 1/4 pipe at Belmont

Skateboarders, bmxers and bladers in Cockburn have been hanging out for a new park where they can hone their skills. The good news is that the City of Cockburn is going to build two new permanent skateparks in Coolbellup and Atwell in the very near future, and hopefully a third in Yangebup.

We've spent a long time talking with skaters, residents and other relevant people to find out what works and what won't and we're now in the final stages of the project. We wanted to make sure the skateparks are places that everyone in the community can enjoy. They will be places where parents and grandparents can sit back and keep an eye on young skaters and where anyone can swing by and check out the skills of the people using them.

Many of the young skaters in the area have been really patient during the planning process and they will be rewarded for this when the new skateparks are ready to use. There will be coaching clinics, competitions and events for all to get involved in, either as a spectator or as a participant. We're also going to give young people the chance to manage the skateparks and run many of the planned events and competitions.

There's been some great support from the community for this project. The skateparks should be completed by the end of 2006 and will be assets to the whole of Cockburn.

Call Paul de Bruin on 9418 7153 or email pdebruin@cockburn.wa.gov.au if you want to be kept in the loop. Keep on rolling!

The rain may have stopped play on the day, but the show will go on! On Sunday 15 January 2006 at Memorial Hall five local bands will have the opportunity to battle it out for some great prizes including recording time and instruments.

The three finalists who didn't get to play at FROSH are Juliet's Lie, Papertrail and Eve's Arrival. If you come on the day you can compete in air guitar and beatbox heats. The boys from Deralikt will get the show on the road at 1pm and stay around to bring together the beat box comp.

There'll also be free outdoor entertainment - the dunk tank, Horizontal Bungee Run and a graffiti demo. Food, drinks and fairy floss will be on sale too.

For more info, contact Cockburn Youth Services on 9411 3447 or 9411 3582.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS 2005/6

helping out and getting out

out

As a young person life can sometimes seem overwhelming. And sometimes all you want to do is get out of the house. Below are just some of the ways that the City of Cockburn helps young people get out and get ahead in the world.



nurture - for young parents

Nurture is a FREE program for parents up to the age of 25. Nurture provides parents with information on a number of topics including parenting skills, child development and nutrition, legal issues, finances and relationships. Participants also get to go on fun outings like trips to the Zoo, Aqwa and Tropical Twist. Parents who attend the program have access to a Youth Worker and Child Health Nurse to give any support that they need, including outside of the program.

Nurture is held at the South Lake Ottey Centre, 2a South Lake Drive and begins on February 6th 2006.

For details on the Term 1 program for 2006 call Beth Maas on 9414 9055 or 0417 173 614.

excelerate - for young men

Excelerate is a FREE leadership program that helps young men between the ages of 15 and 21 achieve better relationships and employment prospects. If you finish the course successfully you get a Certificate 2 in Leadership from Challenger TAFE, which is Centrelink approved.

You get to do cool things like abseiling, white water rafting and learning senior first aid. By the end of it you'll find that you're more confident, a better communicator and a better leader. Best of all, you'll be all set to find a great job.

Excelerate starts on January 17th 2006 so call Mary Ashe on 9411 3447 or email mashe@cockburn.wa.gov.au for more details.



soul - for girls in high school

Soul is a FREE program that gives girls (particularly year 8 or 9 high school girls) a safe and supportive environment with healthy and fun activities. Each term the program targets a specific high school and all transport from school to home is provided.

This program really helps girls who don't want to play sport or take part in mainstream activities. Each session they do something different like henna tattoos, roller-skating, self defence and so on.

Soul is headed for Port Community School in Term 1 2006 so if you go to school there and want to join up, give Beth Maas a call on 9414 9055 or 0417 173 614. If you'd like to find out where Soul is headed next, Beth would love to hear from you.



nothing to do and nowhere

Cockburn has over 70 sport and recreation clubs and 11 community centres and halls offering activities from belly dancing to creative writing. The halls are also available to hire so read on to find out why there's no excuse for staying at home any more!

Game On!

The City has a Recreation Development Officer who helps sporting clubs in Cockburn develop their potential. Russell Tonkin has been working on a Physical Activity & Health Strategic Plan that covers the next ten years and is going to help the Cockburn community enjoy the benefits of being more active.

"If we want to encourage residents to play sport we need to make sure that the sporting clubs are financially healthy and functioning well," says Russell. "That's why a large part of what I do is giving clubs resources, training and other support."

But being physically active doesn't always have to mean playing sport. "Simple things like walking, gardening and dancing are excellent ways to keep active," says Russell. "Part of the Physical Activity & Health Strategic Plan includes encouraging these sorts of activities because you've got to do things that you enjoy."

For a long time seniors in Atwell had been saying that there wasn't anything for them to do in their area. "We went to a community seminar and mentioned it again and next thing we knew the ball was rolling," says Lorna Henderson. The City's Community Centre Project Officer, Tanya Linford, had heard their plea. Tanya worked closely with the residents of Atwell and surrounding areas to form a club which has now been running for just over three months.



The Atwell Over 50's Club now meets at the Atwell Community Centre once a week.

This is just one of Tanya's recent projects. She works with community groups and clubs to coordinate activities within all of the City's halls and facilities. As part of the service the 'What's Happening' newsletter promotes new and existing groups that use the City's facilities. If you want to find out what's going on at your local Community Centre, call Tanya for a copy today.

Tanya works closely with the City of Cockburn's Booking Officer, Amanda Maclou, who also takes one-off hall bookings. "A lot of people use our halls for children's birthday parties because they're all set up with kitchens, playgrounds and so on," says Amanda. There are other rooms suitable for workshops and meetings and they're all available to hire for a very reasonable cost. "If you want to have a wedding or function in one of our beautiful parks, please don't hesitate to call," says Amanda.

Community Centre Project Officer - phone 9411 3404 or email tlinford@cockburn.wa.gov.au
Bookings Officer - phone 9411 3432 or email amaclou@cockburn.wa.gov.au



The Bibra Lake Fun Run is an easy 6km around Bibra Lake. It takes place every year in September so check out the route early with a stroll around the lake. The path is also great for bikes.

to go?... think again!

Finding Finances

The City puts its money where its mouth is by providing travel assistance to junior athletes competing in state level competitions. Last year Council gave \$25,000 to 105 junior athletes and Crystal Adams got to travel to Sweden for the Athletics Global Games. We recognise sporting performance through the Junior Sports Star Awards held in conjunction with Community Newspapers and the Phoenix Shopping Centre.

Russell Tonkin is excited about the brand new Youth Active Program, where the City gives up to \$200 to help disadvantaged youth play a club sport. "This program is unique in that it provides social support for the kids from adult mentors who play the same sport. We've got heaps of clubs to choose from with more on the way."

If you're under 18 or still in school and you need financial assistance to play sport, call Russell on 9434 6575 or email rtonkin@cockburn.wa.gov.au.



Emily Mackintosh receives Junior Sports Travel Assistance from Mayor Stephen Lee.

Can't afford to play sport?... We can help!

- ☒ Do you live in Cockburn?
- ☒ Are you under 18 years old (or enrolled in a Primary or Secondary School)?
- ☒ Are you unable to play club sport for financial or social reasons?

The Youth Active Program gives up to **\$200** to help young people play a club sport!

Choose from sports like basketball, swimming, cricket, baseball, bmx, surf life saving and lots more.



For more information call Russell now on 9434 6575 or email rtonkin@cockburn.wa.gov.au

small businesses think big

As Cockburn keeps growing, we need to look at ways of making our lifestyle more sustainable and less wasteful. The City of Cockburn has recently involved small neighbourhood shopping centres in a new project to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy bills.

The pilot project offers a free and confidential service to help small businesses reduce their energy use, waste and greenhouse gas emissions.

"Local centre businesses have said they are interested in improving their environmental performance and having as many low-cost ways as possible to achieve this," says City of Cockburn Environmental Officer Trena Ward.

Trena works with the SMRC's Green Enterprise facilitator, Luis Bustamante to show the businesses involved how to be more energy efficient. "Some of the things we look at include finding the most efficient and appropriate lighting and water systems for their needs, checking their air conditioning, thermostat and refrigeration settings and closing off open fridges and freezers," says Trena.

The pilot project is going to form the basis for a regional program that will be more widely offered in the future.

power to the people

Looking after our environment plays a large part in sustainability, but looking after the human factor is also important. Without training and jobs, people leave and communities fade away. This is why the City of Cockburn is driving an innovative new employment program called "Employ Local".

Local businesses are being invited to mentor and eventually employ local residents as a way of tackling a skills shortage crisis. Project Officer Alex Cullen says that the "Employ Local" program offers benefits to all involved. "Job seekers will get practical experience and could even be offered a full-time job at the end of the program. We'll also be promoting the businesses involved and asking the community to actively support them."

If you would like your business to get involved in the "Employ Local" program please call Alex Cullen today on 9411 3499 or email acullen@cockburn.wa.gov.au.

"Employ Local" will be launched in early 2006 and is a partnership between the City of Cockburn, the Melville Cockburn Chamber of Commerce, Centrelink, DEWR, Bridging the Gap, Challenger TAFE, the Cockburn Gazette and the Rotary Club of Cockburn.

do you own a swimming pool?

Hot weather brings a risk of bacteria and other nasties multiplying in pool water. They especially love it when the water reaches 28°C or higher. Make sure that pH levels are between 7.2 - 7.6, and that chlorine levels fall within the following parameters for both salt and chlorinated pools:



| | Less than 26°C | Greater than 26°C |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Pool without stabiliser | 1mg chlorine / litre | 2mg chlorine / litre |
| Pool with stabiliser | 2mg chlorine / litre | 4mg chlorine / litre |

Test your water before the first swim of the day and adjust the chemistry levels if necessary. Repeat at least once again during the day. Paddling pools are not chlorinated so need to be kept in the shade and emptied out at the end of the day.

Swimming Lessons

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Strategy a Winner

The Cockburn Community Development Strategy is gaining more attention and support as the plan unfolds.

It was a major development when the Minister for Community Development, Sheila McHale, said the Department for Community Development would gladly back the Strategy for the next three years. She also acknowledged the City of Cockburn's commitment to achieving the goals of the Strategy.

To further motivate the team, the Community Development Strategy was nominated as a finalist in the Community Service Industry Awards 2005 in the Strengthening Communities category as well as the Business and Community Partnerships category for their relationship with Alcoa.

Alcoa has been instrumental in helping the Strategy achieve its aims and recently presented the City with the second payment of \$33,000 towards the Community Projects Fund. This fund supports Strategy-based projects such as the Community Markets and the Beeliar Nesting Box Program. The Residents, Volunteer and Public Liability Insurance is also financed through the Community Projects Fund.



Community consultation

Onwards and Upwards for Seniors

By 2016 seniors will make up one third of the population of Cockburn. To provide the right services for our growing population of seniors, who better to ask than the seniors themselves?

A survey was developed by the Regional Seniors Group in response to the Seniors' Community Action Plan that was launched in October 2005. They wanted to find out just what sort of facilities, activities and services seniors in Cockburn want.

The results show an overwhelming need for a purpose built Seniors Centre that is close to public transport, centrally located and accessible to seniors from all walks of life and with varying interests. Council will deliberate this and other issues that came up from the survey in December 2005.

The Regional Seniors Group is now applying for funding to get a newsletter for Cockburn seniors up and running. They are developing a home projects program and a physical program for seniors' clubs and are in the process of applying for funding for these. Watch this space!



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Information on the Move

The mobile Community Information Centre provides the opportunity for community groups of all interests to display their brochures and have the Centre at their events. Access to the trailer can be made by contacting your local residents association. The Community Information Centre also doubles as a fundraising facility that comes equipped with BBQs.



Mobile Community Information Centre

Coming to a Street Near You

When it comes to art, opinions differ dramatically. That's why a democratic vote is the only way to go when it comes to street art.

At the Cockburn Rotary Spring Fair in October 2005 residents of Cockburn voted on a selection for two new artworks. As a result the Manning Park Sound Shell now sports lovely sunset colours and the Hamilton Hill Shopping Centre will soon have a beautiful mural on the car park wall.

Consultation on other upcoming urban art will be coming to your area next year. It's not too late to suggest sites and themes for artworks either. Some suggestions so far are the Bibra Lake toilet blocks, the water tanks of Coolbellup and the roundabout at the Coolbellup and Cordelia Avenue intersection.

For all potential artwork sites a community artist and local young people will create three design proposals, and these will be presented to residents to vote on.

To contribute your ideas contact Alex Cullen on 9411 3499 or email acullen@cockburn.wa.gov.au.

Share Your Talents!

One of the findings from the Seniors Community Action Plan was that seniors want to pass on their skills and knowledge to younger people. When you speak we listen and plans are now underway to create opportunities for seniors to volunteer in schools.

If you tell us what your skill or interest is, we will match you with a school with a corresponding need. Another way to get involved is to be a Breakfast Club Volunteer. You can help school kids in need achieve their full potential by providing breakfast in a comforting environment. They'll be getting the nutrition they need to learn and grow and will also develop social and living skills. Sound like something you could do? Call Kellie Bennett at the Volunteer Resource Centre on 9411 3490 today and find out more.



Urban art at the Manning Park Sound Shell

Azelia Ley Homestead Museum

Cockburn has a wonderful museum with a surprising treasure trove of history from the local area. The Azelia Ley Homestead Museum is in Manning Park and is open to the general public on Sunday afternoons from 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm with a small charge for entry.

Originally the private home of Azelia Ley (nee Manning) this smaller home was one of three built by her father on the Manning estate, starting in 1856. There used to be a large country home with 27 rooms, including ballroom and library, 500 metres to the south of the current museum building, but a fire destroyed it and nothing remains today.

Weekday tours can be booked by contacting the Booking Coordinator on 9418 4090. Pensioners and school groups are encouraged. The Museum is also used as a venue for heritage functions.

The Cockburn Historical Society is looking for a curator to help run the museum, so if you are interested please call Jean Martin on 9418 6572 for more information. New members are always welcome and the Society meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the museum from 7:00pm.



Aboriginal Advisory Committee

Annual General Meeting: 22nd February

The City of Cockburn Aboriginal Advisory Committee would like to invite you to our Annual General Meeting (AGM) to elect the new committee for 2006.

This is a public meeting and we would like to invite as many of the Cockburn Aboriginal community as possible. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please invite them and RSVP to Kristy Mippy.

Subject: Election of Aboriginal Advisory Committee

When: 6.00pm light supper; 6.30pm meeting will commence

Where: Coolbellup Centenary Hall, Cordelia Avenue, Coolbellup

RSVP: Kristy Mippy on 9411 3487 or email kmippy@cockburn.wa.gov.au

For catering purposes please RSVP before 15th February 2006.

Anyone needing transport can call Kristy on 9411 3487 before the 15th February so arrangements for pick-ups can be made.

REMINDER: All Nomination forms need to be sent in before the 13th February 2006 for a position on the Ballot Paper.

afternoon yarn

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee has Afternoon Yarn Sessions at different venues in and around Cockburn.

These afternoon get-togethers are an opportunity for the Aboriginal community to get together and yarn about issues and ideas for their community and enjoy a sausage sizzle as well.

Call Kristy on 9411 3847 for more information.

fair go, we're different City of Cockburn Writing Project

The City invites residents to take part in the Inaugural Writing Project.

In any writing style of your choice, and in your home language if English is difficult, please tell us in 500 words or less about your experiences and the opportunities you have discovered in your adopted City of Cockburn.

Il commune di Cockburn invita a tutti i residenti di partecipare nell'inaugurazione del tema scritto sul "Siamo differenti ma pure noi vogliamo equalita". Il tema puo essere scritto in Italiano or Inglese non piu di 500 parole scritto qualunque modo preferito e deve essere sulle vostre esperienze ed opportunita che avete incontrato nella vostra citta' adottata nel commune di Cockburn.

Entries close on 24th February 2006.

Please send all entries to Cassandra Cooper, PO Box 1215 BIBRA LAKE WA 6965 or leave in the entry box at Spearwood Library.

For further information call Cassandra 9411 3433.

bright kids do their homework @ cockburn libraries

Yes, it's that time again when we start getting ready for school. Whether your child is starting Year One or High School, we have the tools to help! We have books on helping your youngster adapt to school life and even great recipe books for inspired school lunches. We carry a large range of Easy Readers to get the beginning reader started or for readers at any age. Cockburn Libraries also have a large range of study guides and study technique books to help you get a head start.

homework help!

Looking for help with a project? Ask a Library staff member for Homework Help.

Visit us early when starting a project, as there is often competition for the same information and resources. It will also give us time to get books from all over the state for you.

When visiting a Cockburn library don't forget to bring your library membership card, photocopying money, materials to take notes and your project requirements.

Follow these simple guidelines to ensure a stress free term for you and your parents!



history @ your library

Question: Which ambitious young American geologist worked in Western Australia in the 1890's and later became the 31st President of the United States?

Answer: Herbert Hoover

Join author and historian, Barry Strickland, and find out about the intriguing Goldfields career of Herbert Hoover. Includes a special preview of the SBS documentary, "Hoover's Gold", which he co-wrote with director Franco di Chiera.

Wednesday, 25th January 2006, 6.30 - 8.00pm.

Spearwood Library, Coleville Crescent, Spearwood

Bookings essential on 9411 3491. Wine and cheese provided.

blind date @ your library

Are you yearning for more romance, mystery, adventure or humour in your life?

From the 23rd January to Valentines Day on the 14th of February, the City of Cockburn Libraries will be organising blind datesblind dates with books! These will be wrapped in brown paper so you won't know until you're home whether you've scored a tall story, a dark tale or a handsome plot. Children and adults are welcome to participate.

one book @ your library

Join author Carolyn Polizzotto in a Creative Writing Workshop. Participants must have read the One Book for 2006 "Everyman's Rules of Scientific Living" by Carrie Tiffany (multiple copies available at City of Cockburn Libraries).

Sunday, 5th of March, 2006, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Spearwood Library, Coleville Crescent, Spearwood.

Bookings essential on 9411 3491. Refreshments provided.

A UWA Perth International Arts Festival initiative presented in partnership with the State Library of Western Australia and the WA State Literature Centre and sponsored by Chevron Australia.



free community concerts fun for the whole family!

Saturday 14 January 2006 7pm – 10pm, Anning Park, Northlake Road, Jandakot

Main act **MAGNIFICENT SEVEN** – rock classics with a skip. Support act **BRIDGING THE GAP** – country and western

Saturday 28 January 2006 7pm – 10pm, Beeliar Reserve, The Grange, Beeliar

Main act **PEACE, LOVE & ALL THAT STUFF** – popular tunes from the 60's to now

Support Act **WINNER OF THE FROSH BATTLE OF THE BANDS**

Saturday 11 February 2006 7pm – 10pm, Goodchild Reserve, Cade Street, Hamilton Hill

Main act **SALAMANDER** – jazz, hip-hop, funk, drum'n'bass, nu jazz and world music

Support act **RAGGABEATS** – a spicy blend of reggae, dancehall, funk, African and Latin flavours

Saturday 25 February 2006 7pm – 10pm, Harmony Park, Aurora Drive, Atwell

Main act **ULTIMATE 80'S** – hits of the 80's. Support act **SNAKEFISH** (formerly Dugites) perform their own hits



Regional Concert, Saturday 11th March 2006, 7pm – 10pm

Manning Park, Azelia Drive, HAMILTON HILL

Main act **MENTAL AS ANYTHING** play all their hits

Support act **DAVE JOHNSON & THE CORTINAS** – Dave's powerful voice and punchy guitar backed by the fastest set up fingers in the business and a stand up dancing drummer

Food, ice-cream & coffee vans on site

Coogee Beach Festival FREE! • Sunday 19th March 2006 • 9am – 2pm • Coogee Beach, Powell Road, COOGEE

Dust off your thongs and come have fun at the beach

- Entertainment by the Bleach Boys and Danielle Edwards & the Magic Rainbow
- Free rides & activities: Temporary Air Brush Tattoos, mechanical bull, human soccer table, Buster the Fun Bus & lots more
- Coogee Beach Challenge
- Sandcastle competition
- Free seafood tasting
- Food vans and sausage sizzle

