

Cockburn Soundings



Coogee Beach Party!

There were smiles all round at the fifth annual Coogee Beach Party on Sunday 20th March. Approximately 6000 people turned out for free rides, competitions, roaming performers and a cooling dip in the sea.

The ever-popular sandcastle competition was won by Elisa Buzzai, Kaitlin Peterson & Martina Pezzino, who built a beautiful octopus sculpture and received \$100 for their efforts.

Perth Glory fans were thrilled to meet players Jamie Harnwell and

Scott Miller and test their skills in the Beat the Keeper competition.

The Newton Primary School team won \$500 for their school in the Coogee Beach Challenge. They pitted their skills and teamwork against other schools in a series of beach games.

The fire brigade foam slide proved a popular way to cool off after having a go on the human soccer table, bouncy castle or Cyber Cycle fitness tester. There were many painted faces to be seen and slightly more alarming were

the number of children sporting gruesome wounds, thanks to the skills of the special effects makeup artist. The Snokellarama trio of kinetic performers delighted and intrigued everyone with their wacky silver costumes and bizarre behaviour. These and other performers were made possible by generous funding from Healthway. All in all, a fantastic day to round off the summer.

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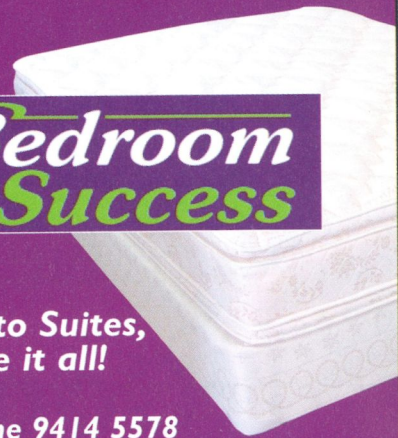
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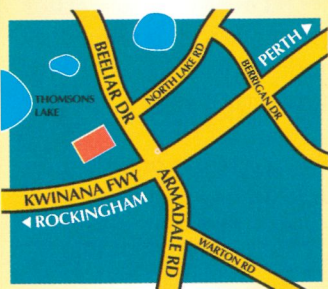
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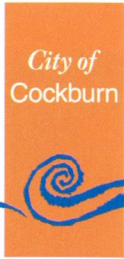
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It has been a busy time in the City of Cockburn since our last edition of Cockburn Soundings.

Recently your Council finalised our Community Safety Crime Prevention plan. This is the blueprint for our continuing partnership with State Government and our community to fight crime. We are very excited that over the past 18 months the City has received more than \$500,000 in grants, helping us all work together to make our community safer. The City's Community Security Service has now been operating since December last year. Many of you have used the service and the feedback we are receiving is very encouraging.

Our "Summer of Fun" has also come to an end. The many different events and quality performances were all very well attended. As a

Council we have decided to ask our residents in a referendum whether you would like these events to continue in the future. Please exercise your democratic right and let us know whether you would like the City to continue staging these free events, and also whether you would also like us to continue our streetscape beautification and parks upgrades program.

By now you will have received your voting pack for the Council elections. I would encourage you all to take the time to participate in this process.

Thank you all for the very great privilege of representing you, and our great City for the past four years as your Mayor. I will be standing again for this position. Finally, I'd also like to wish all the prospective candidates participating in our Council elections the best of luck.

- Mayor Stephen Lee

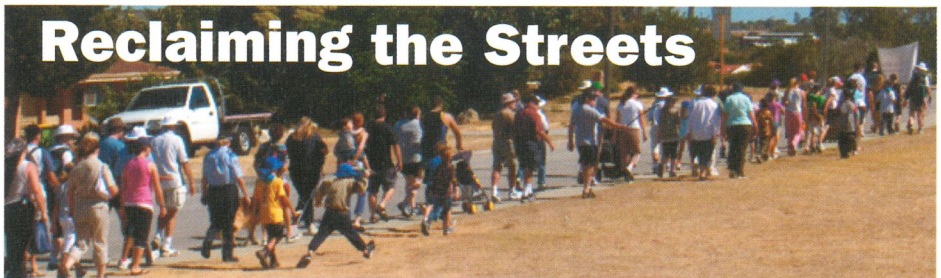
Do You Know A Local Hero?

Nominate them for the **Cockburn Foundation Day Award!**

We want to hear about people who have helped Cockburn become the thriving progressive community it is today - long term residents, people with close historical links or someone who has helped shape Cockburn in either a physical, cultural or social sense.

The winner will be honoured at a special Foundation Day function hosted by Council on 3rd June 2005 and will receive a prize of \$200. PLUS the nominator will receive a gift valued at \$50!

Get your entry form at www.cockburn.wa.gov.au or by calling Vanda on (08) 9411 3577 or email vbacich@cockburn.wa.gov.au
 Nominations close 13th May



Families and neighbours are coming out in force for the **Streets Alive - Reclaim the Streets** walking project.

This initiative by Neighbourhood Watch is set to improve safety on the streets of Cockburn as well as encourage residents to enjoy the health benefits of walking.

The first big walk on Sunday 6th March commenced from Southwell Primary School with the sound of bagpipes in the air. The display of unity among residents was uplifting and inspiring with such a large turnout.

"This is just the sort of commitment that's going to make Cockburn communities even stronger," said Daniel Hanley,

Community Development Co-ordinator for the City of Cockburn.

Children and adults alike also enjoyed the free sausage sizzle, entertainment and ice-cream van that were provided on the morning.

Other walks such as this have occurred in Beeliar, South Lake and Bibra Lake with much success.

Now that the first round of walks is completed, residents are being encouraged to form their own small walking groups to continue reaping the benefits.

For information on becoming a walk leader in your suburb please contact the Cockburn Volunteer Resource Centre on (08) 9411 3490 or email volunteering@cockburn.wa.gov.au.

Serious About Youth Issues?

The Cockburn Youth Advisory Council (YAC) needs you! There are currently two vacancies on the Council for people between the ages of 12 and 20.

YAC represents the views and aspirations of young people in Cockburn and provides comment to Council on issues affecting young residents of Cockburn. They meet on the second Wednesday of every month and at other times during the month to organise events, discuss issues in more depth, write articles for the youth magazine and plan action on issues affecting young people.

All young people are welcome to come along to meetings and to be actively involved on the subcommittees. For more information call Mary Ashe on (08) 9411 3447.



*Join Katherine Browne
on the YAC*

Sussed About Drugs



Meet James Atkinson, the new Drug and Alcohol Officer in the City of Cockburn.

James is a counsellor and can help anyone whose life is affected by the use of drugs. He also works with schools and the community to educate young people about drug and alcohol use. With this knowledge, young people will be able to make better choices and avoid drug misuse and related crimes, including domestic violence. To speak to James call (08) 9434 6575 or email jatkinson@cockburn.wa.gov.au.

You Are Not Alone

If you are a young person, or you know a young person having hassles and need someone to talk to, the City of Cockburn Youth Services team is there to help.

Cockburn Youth Services can help with things like conflict, family problems, difficulties at school, relationships, feeling down, drugs & alcohol, accommodation, education, training and employment, income support and legal issues.

The City has a core team of five staff to provide advice, information, advocacy and

activities for young people aged 10 to 24. They also work towards developing a more thriving youth culture in Cockburn and can assist you with your ideas to get things going in your local area.

For more information on any of the above contact the Youth Services Coordinator, Mary Ashe, on (08) 9411 3447.

Beeliam Community Centre

Prime Time Spaces Available for Hire NOW!

**Contact the Community Centre Project Officer
on (08) 9437 5091 or 0418 941 588**

Show Off 2

28th & 29th May 2005

An exhibition of established and emerging local artists showcasing the wealth of talent that calls Cockburn home.

**Cockburn Civic Centre
Coleville Crescent
Spearwood**

10am to 4pm

FREE ADMISSION

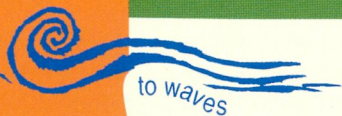


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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2005

Your Chance to Make a Difference

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The City of Cockburn has a number of positions in Council that have become vacant, including that of Mayor. There are sixteen candidates who have been nominated and it is up to you the residents to decide who will best represent your interests over the next four years.

The Western Australian Electoral Commission is conducting the election on behalf of the City of Cockburn. That way you can be assured that the election is fair and impartial.

As in previous years the highly successful postal voting method will be used. Everything you need will be sent to you in an Election Package. You

will probably have received it in the mail by the time you read this. Inside your Election Package you will find a blue ballot paper for the Mayor and a green ballot paper for the Ward Councillors. You will also find a list of candidate profiles to help you decide and a reply paid envelope. Also included will be a pamphlet outlining the two referendum questions and a pink ballot paper for the referendum.

Once you have completed your ballot papers, post them back in the reply paid envelope or hand deliver them to the Council offices at 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood. You have until 6:00pm on Saturday 7th May to deliver your ballot papers. To ensure we receive your postal votes in time we recommend that you mail them no later than Wednesday 4th May.

Mayoral CANDIDATES

Stephen Lee

I am married to Anna and we have three children Christopher, Danielle and Joseph. As your Mayor for the last five years, I have worked hard providing strong and dynamic leadership to our Council to ensure Cockburn remains a great place to live.

If re-elected I will continue to fight for: Safety and security for our families and our homes, by lobbying for the provision of a Regional Police Station; strong support for Council's Security Patrol Service; quality beautification and enhancement of our streetscapes and parks; a greater sense of community, by supporting more free community events for our families; sustainable lifestyle and tourism developments on our coastline, with more employment opportunities and activities for our children. With your support at this election, I will continue to drive our City forward ensuring a better future for all of us. A vote for Lee is a vote for a better Cockburn.

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EMAIL: stephenl@elink.net.au

Logan K Howlett

As Mayor, I will represent you and the community in a fair and impartial manner. I will respect your right to have a say, and I will value your feedback. My wife, Pat and I have been actively involved in the community for 30 years. From playing and coaching, to volunteering with the Historical Society, Wetlands Centre, Cockburn RSL and North Lake Resident's Association. I am a JP, Rotarian and Fellow of the Australian College of Health Service Executives. I have extensive senior public sector leadership and management experience, represented industry and small business at state and national levels and served nine years as a local government councillor. I will promote sound financial management, sustainable development, economic growth, job creation opportunities, secure family friendly communities and recreational needs for all ages and abilities, history and cultural awareness, Aboriginal heritage and the community development strategy. I need your vote! Website: www.users.bigpond.com/lkhowlett/index.htm

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EMAIL: LKHowlett@bigpond.com

East Ward CANDIDATES

Lee-Anne Smith

The Voice of the People - working in the community, for the community! Lee-Anne is a passionate and committed youth worker, TAFE lecturer in Leadership Development, volunteer, mother, foster parent and friend to the community. "I have been listening to the voices of Cockburn residents for years. Let's take those voices to another level. I want to be part of the process that makes decisions affecting us all. OUR community matters! We want youth activities and programs in OUR community, to complement the proposed central youth facility. In 18 months I have applied successfully for over \$30,000 in grants for local projects, including school leadership and crime prevention programs. If OUR community needs it, I can make it happen. Woodman's Point can be another Point Walter - lets have camps, retreats and conferences in OUR community. Make your vote count - together we can make a difference.

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Richard Graham

Having served as your Councillor for the past five years, I have a strong record for working with our community to achieve results. I am a Lawyer and also hold an Accounting and Finance degree. I currently serve as Deputy Mayor. If re-elected, I will work towards: continuation of Council's streetscape and verge beautification programme; keeping rates low; a new police station and youth centre near Gateways Shopping Centre; construction of a cafe at Bibra Lake; better mosquito and midge control; improved facilities for our semi-rural areas; removing the 5.5% penalty for paying rates by instalment; protection of Cockburn's wetlands; additional street sweeping in developing suburbs; community input into decision making; development of the proposed Cockburn Central town centre. I will continue to support Council's new security patrols service. I have worked hard to ensure Cockburn has a bright future, and seek your support at this election. Website: www.members.iinet.net.au/~richard.graham

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EMAIL: richard.graham@iinet.net.au

Central Ward CANDIDATES

Martin Reeve-Fowkes

As your Councillor for the last 5 years, I have worked hard to represent the Community, with full support from my wife Carol and our three sons. I am a Project Manager, and hold degrees in Earth Science and Environmental Management. Safety and security remains an important concern for residents. I will continue to support Cockburn's security patrols and 24 hour Policing. If re-elected, I will focus on: Ensuring you get value for money for your Rates; Upgrading of Yangebup Hall; Quality redevelopment of the Coolbellup Community Centre; Continued support for Sporting Groups throughout Cockburn; Maintaining appropriate Buffer Zones between Industry and Homes; Ensuring "Clean, Clever Industry" provides jobs for our children; Restoration of environmentally degraded wetlands; Better Streetscaping and verge beautification; More Family community events; and improvements to our children's playground facilities. I ask for your vote at this election, to continue to represent your interests on Council.

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Wayne Gandini

Your Local Council these days is run as a Business, which of course involves the spending of your rates on various projects. Your Local Council will make decisions on your behalf and these decisions will affect you and your family. I have worked within the Construction Industry for 30 years. The past 10 years I have been employed by International, Interstate and Local companies. My positions have ranged from Construction Manager to Contracts Manager, which involved negotiations with State and Local Governments on several projects worth Millions of dollars. I have lived in Yangebup for 15 years. I will ensure that your Local Council at all times will attend to the needs and concerns of the residents of Cockburn. My policies are based on understanding, fair, and open Local Council. A vote for me will ensure that you and your family are represented and supported by your Local Council.

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West Ward CANDIDATES

Ross Pember

I am 49 years of age and semi retired. I have lived in Spearwood/Coogee for the last 20 years and the Fremantle district for most of my life. Married to Kerry we have three children Luke, Tyson and Jacqueline. My interests are Law, Local Issues, Fishing and Sports. I have also served on a number of committees. I have owned and operated numerous business in Tourism, Building and the Marine Industries, and worked in the Mining and essential service industries. I have nominated for councillor as I feel it is a very important and demanding position and it would be an honour if elected. I believe a councillor needs a wealth of experience in a number of areas and the time to contribute successfully to the electors. I do have the time and experience to devote myself to the West ward electors and the people of Cockburn.

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PHONE: h (08) 9418 2138 **MOBILE:** 0408 866 650
FAX: (08) 9418 2138
EMAIL: rosspember@dodo.com.au

Bill Heggers

I believe that giving me your vote will help prosper our exciting City developments and keep standards high. I am 57, married to Lenie for 34 years, we are proud parent of 4 grown up children, Monique, Jocelyn, Oliver and Rebecca, we have 4 grandsons. We lived and successfully ran horticultural business in this location since 1983. I am strong and healthy to vigorously serve our City Council, with supportive team effort. I have extensive experience in public service employment, business management and community living. Support of community efforts to improve our safety, security, lifestyle and freedom of expression. I will assist in providing leadership for exciting developments e.g. new central, rail and road services, hospitals, commercial centres for shops and industry. I am pro-development. Law enforcement issues and raising moral standards are close to my heart. Your vote for me will assist in making our City prosper.

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FAX: (08) 9410 2414
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Val Oliver

I have enjoyed serving as your Councillor since 2000. During that time I have worked with many community and volunteer groups. If re-elected, I will continue to bring a mature perspective to Council, whilst supporting: improved community services, focusing on seniors, disability access, child care and youth services; keeping rates affordable; further street scaping and verge beautification; protection of Cockburn's wetlands; continuation of Council's graffiti removal programme; development of tourism facilities on our coastline; eco-tourism in our wetlands and bushlands; lobbying for improved public transport services; and free community events for families. I will continue to support Cockburn's security patrols service and other safety and security measures, such as funding for Neighbourhood Watch. During my time on Council, I have been privileged to help the people of Beeliar, Coolbellup, Munster, Wattleup and Yangebup. I ask for your support at this election, so I may continue to serve our whole community.

ADDRESS: 8 Malvolio Road, Coolbellup, 6163
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Tony Romano

Having been a member of the Cockburn community for over 30 years, I believe that I am in an ideal position to represent your interest. I put myself up for election with no self interests or hidden agenda. It is my strong view that your council must be open and accountable and commit to carry out my role in a professional, independent and impartial way. With over 30 years in the Financial Services industry I bring experience and knowledge to the City which will assist with the management of its affairs. Once elected I will work to identify other income streams so as to keep rates to a minimum; support the quality redevelopment of Hamilton Hill; stamp out anti-social behaviour and improve personal security; support the coastal development projects. I have the commitment and energy and seek your support, so that I can work towards making our great community better.

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PHONE: (08) 94182089
MOBILE: 0407388139

Julie Baker

I love living in Cockburn (10 years) with my Family and Small Business. I am aware of the Future Planning needs of Our Community and have attended many Council Workshops (5 years) where I gained knowledge on the future plans for Cockburn and wrote submissions on Future Planning issues both Local and State. I believe in Community Consultation and Open and Accountable Governance. I have spoken at and observed many Council meetings (Previous Council, Commissioners and Present Council). I am with the Cultural Council and Wetland Centre (Bibra Lake). I have lived on the Swan Coastal Plain for 35 years and am interested in the Early History of Cockburn (Heart of the Beeliar Wetlands) and its links to West Australian History and the Swan River Settlement including its Forrest's, Beaches and Limestone coastal Dunes. I believe this a Chance to Learn from Our Past and create a Healthy Sustainable Future.

ADDRESS: 6 Donne Court, Spearwood, 6163
PHONE: 04 2314 6226

Kevin Allen

I have been a resident of Cockburn for 26 years, and have served as your Councillor for the last 5 years. I am married to Debbie, a teacher at Newton Primary School, and we have two daughters. I am the State Manager of a major publicly listed company. If re-elected to Council, I will work toward: keeping the rates low; further streetscape beautification; continued support for the security patrol service; promoting the quality redevelopment of Hamilton Hill; a stinger net at Coogee Beach; further odour control at Watsons; sustainable lifestyle and tourism development on the coast; opposing mobile phone towers closer than 500m to our homes; strong support for the Coogee Beach Surf Life Saving Club. As an active community member for many years, people know that I will work hard to deliver results. I ask for your support, so I can continue to make Cockburn a better place.

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West Ward CANDIDATES (cont.)

Vicki Johnson

As a resident of Cockburn for 12 years, I seek to play a more active role in steering our City's future. I am married to Jamie and we have two sons, Jacob and Lucas. I work for the Commonwealth Government in Aged Care, hold a Public Administration degree and am always an energetic participant in community activities. If elected, I will strongly support: sustainable development on our coastline; the creation of local tourism and employment opportunities; improved community services, especially focusing on disability access, seniors issues and childcare; better public transport, including lobbying for a light rail connection from Fremantle; more free neighbourhood events; continued streetscape enhancement and Council security patrols; the redevelopment of Southwell and Hamilton Hill; and keeping rates at an affordable level. As an advocate of a diverse and evolving community, I seek your support at this election to help build and maintain a better Cockburn.

ADDRESS: 10 Lucca Court, Coogee, 6166

PHONE: 9434 550 **MOBILE:** 0403 326 608

Brian Douglas Cairns

I have lived in Cockburn most of my life. I have three grown up children and eight grand children from 20 years old to 5. I enjoy watching current affairs programmes. About me: A firm believer that local government should be open and accountable. I am a new voice and will work hard to represent your interests in Council. I will be an independent, impartial decision maker. I will ask that more funding be given to projects for recreation facilities in older suburbs. If elected I would support: Positive environmental and waste management policies. Keeping rates down to a minimum. Protecting our coastal beaches for all to share for future generations. Installing neon-lit signs to all streets leading onto a main road to speed up emergency services. A bus service from Gateway Shopping Centre to the beaches. A vote for me is a vote for you in Council.

PHONE: (08) 9418 6927

ADDRESS: 8 Sheridan Court, Munster, 6166

Mary Jenkins

BA Politics Dip Ed'n retired

May a sea of faith wash over Cockburn and bring a new mayor and council. I am politically independent with an agenda that goes beyond party politics. A new direction is crucial if our grandchildren are to enjoy a share of the 'lucky country'. One that gives priorities to: Investment in child safety; Real youth and elderly cultural facilities; To preserve what remains of our depleted bush, wetlands and beach. We have already lost bush, beach and ski-park to developers! A city needs more than houses to maintain a healthy lifestyle! Water and energy conservation is essential for a sustainable future, beginning with council 'Green' policy! I invite those who didn't vote in 2000 (around 60%) to vote with your heart for a new direction for tomorrow's children. Having served the community for the past 30 years my final word is from Romans 16:17-18. and Isaiah 32:5.

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Raymond Desmond De Moulpiéd

I was born in Jersey, Channel Islands, and have spent the last 38 years in Western Australia, with most of that time within the City of Cockburn. Completed 29 years of dedicated Service with the West Australian Police Service, retiring seven years ago, as a Senior Sergeant I have been actively engaged on Emergency Management, Police, Crime Prevention, Neighbourhood Watch, Domestic Violence and Health issues. I have had my own station with 28 staff, both Male/Female, Police and Civil Servants. I will do my very best to serve the people of Cockburn in honesty and ethical values, and attempt to do those things that will develop Cockburn into the best Council in this State of West Australia, by working along side fellow councillors and staff of the Cockburn City Council. To make sure Council provides good ethical Government for the people and land under their jurisdiction.

PHONE: (08) 9437 3224

ADDRESS: 21 Carrello Circuit, Coogee, 6166

Watch Me Mummy!

Did you know....

- The number one cause of preventable death in children under the age of 5 is drowning
- On average, one child in Australia dies each week as a result of preventable drownings
- For each child that drowns there are at least three near drowning
- As well as swimming pools, children also drown in rivers, nappy buckets, laundry troughs and bathtubs
- 30 % of toddler drownings occur in lakes, rivers and dams

Tragically, many drownings happen in the few seconds that parents are distracted so supervision needs to be constant, not the occasional glance whilst you read a book or relax. Also remember to take your child with you whenever you leave the swimming pool or bathtub. Never under any circumstance leave them alone!

Enjoy a life saving experience for just \$15!

Want to learn skills to save a child's life? The Heartbeat Club offers a 3 hour course teaching drowning prevention techniques, CPR and EAR (Cardiopulmonary and Expired Air Resuscitation). The course is suitable for parents and carers of children in the home and participants do not have their skill levels assessed. Applying CPR and EAR correctly and speedily can maintain life and prevent brain damage while emergency services are on their way - it's a vital skill.

The cost of the course is only \$150 per group of 10 people. Just get a group of family, friends, neighbours or workmates together to learn life saving skills. It's a small cost with huge rewards.

For more information call the Heart Beat Line on (08) 9383 8200.

Frank Wood (rear), founder of the Adventure Club, with some lucky kids on their new bus.



Kids with Drive

Committed, dedicated and driven by their mission, the Adventure Club is thrilled with a new addition to their cause. Thanks to a City of Cockburn Community Grant they now have a bus to transport children to their club.

The Adventure Club provides a variety of free after-school, weekend and school holiday activities for needy primary school children in the Coolbellup area. The activities are not only fun, but provide a solid platform to assist them with choices and challenges of the future.

The Adventure Club approach is positive and inclusive and has a strong emphasis on self-discipline. The selected children benefit from structured games, art and craft activities, cooking and free play. "I've made more friends," says Danny (aged 10) and Petre (aged 11) says, "It's great playing soccer most afternoons." Parents and teachers have also noticed improvements in school work and behaviour.

With the help of their new bus, the Adventure Club can now go on more outings and give these kids a chance at being happy, productive members of the community.

30 Years and Still Going Strong

The Coolbellup Community Association recently celebrated its 30th birthday with much pride and excitement for the future.

The Association originally met in the Coolbellup Hotel in 1975. They were lobbying for basic facilities that we now take for granted, such as a park, a hall, and a kindergarten.

Today the Association is actively involved with preserving local bushland and lobbying for improved recreation facilities in their parks. Fun events such as the annual fete and Christmas concert are also organised by the Association.

If you would like to get involved in the Coolbellup Community Association



Left to Right: Greg Paterson (President), Lyndsey Jackson (Secretary), Mayor Stephen Lee, Laurie Humphreys (Founding President)

call Greg Paterson on (08) 9337 1641 or Lyndsey Jackson on (08) 9337 2750.



Country 'n Western Afternoon Tea for Seniors

Friday 29th April
2pm - 5pm
Civic Centre, Coleville Cres.
Spearwood

Live Music
Bootscootin'
\$1 Beer & Wine

Entry by gold coin donation

Enquiries to Bev Nelson on
(08) 9411 3535 or
bnelson@cockburn.wa.gov.au

SPEARWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

*What do you think would make
Spearwood a better place?*

This new group is dedicated to
improving the quality of life for those
people living and working in
Spearwood.

Come along and have your say!
Next meeting Tuesday 3rd May
Committee meeting 7:00pm
Public meeting 7:30pm
Venue: Spearwood
Alternative School, 370
Rockingham Rd Spearwood
Contact: Jane on 040 033 6317
or j.hawdon@ecu.edu.au

Out of School Care Programs

The City of Cockburn sponsors Out of School Care Programs in South Lake, Yangebup, Spearwood and Atwell.

All centres provide After School Care and fun filled Vacation Care and South Lake also provides Before School Care.

These programs provide a safe, caring environment for primary school aged children with varied activities and outings (during Vacation Care) such as movies, roller skating, the zoo and many other fun activity days.

The fees are very reasonable and can be reduced by Childcare Benefit. Parents who are working, studying or just need a break should call:

Yangebup (08) 9417 5353 (Gina) Spearwood 0419 941 198 (Sam)
Atwell 0409 119 124 (Gabby) South Lake (08) 9417 7771 (Diane)

The Program Coordinator, Beth Townend is available on (08) 9337 8746.

Controlling Portuguese Millipedes

Unlike native millipedes, Portuguese millipedes tend to congregate in large numbers. While they don't pose a health or agricultural threat, they can cause distress and inconvenience to home and business owners. They seek shelter in homes and buildings after spring and autumn rainfalls. Portuguese millipedes are not controlled by the City's Local Laws and managing them is up to the individual. Here are some steps that can be taken:

Environmental Controls

Clean away leaf litter
Turn off external lights

Chemical Controls

Surface spray to ground surfaces, walls, door and window frames.



There are a number of chemicals available eg. Ficam, Carbaryl, Baythroid, Mortein, Baygon and Baysol. Read the instructions carefully!

Note: using chemicals may adversely affect other insects, including potential predators

Physical Barriers

Smooth vertical surfaces, half-round barriers and moat and trap systems can be installed to prevent entry

*For more information visit
www.agric.wa.gov.au or call the WA
Department of Agriculture on
(08) 9368 3333.*

Have You Witnessed a Crime?

Suspicious and illegal activities occur all too frequently.

When witnessing such an activity, many people assume someone else will report it. However, if you report a crime immediately, it greatly increases the chance of the perpetrators being caught.

A new police call centre has been created to handle your reports of criminal activity. Rather than calling your local police station, the call centre can despatch the nearest available unit regardless of which station it is from. There are also many more staff to assist you promptly and increase the response time. Try to provide as much information as possible to assist the police in their work.

Just remember, the number is not for life threatening emergencies or general enquiries. Fighting crime is in your hands!

REPORT IT EVERY TIME, AT THE TIME: 9222 1111

New Life for Tongan Traditions

Ever since they arrived in Australia in the 1980s, Kalo and Uta Fotu wanted to recreate a special Tongan tradition they carried in their hearts. Now, with the help of a City of Cockburn Cultural Grant, their dream is literally materialising.

The traditional tapa cloth was something that all Tongan families made over the years to use on special occasions and as gifts. Several metres wide and tens of metres long, Tongan tapa cloths are made from mulberry bark fibres and printed with plant dyes in a complex dual-layer process. Kalo and Uta's Koka-anga Project aims to replicate the effect of the traditional methods with modern materials, and with their \$2000 grant under their belts the experimenting has begun in earnest.

"We use these cloths for special birthdays, wedding and funerals," says Kalo. "They are a labour of love from the community and mean so much more than a gift of money." The cloth can also be used for ceremonial purposes, such as when a Tongan dignitary visits.

The project is based out of Kalo and Fotu's garage in South Lake. Fotu has purpose-built tables for the project and ladies from the Tongan community and their friends have come together for the Koka-anga



(the making of the tapa cloth). Most treasured is Kamela Tomasi who, in her 70's, holds the traditional methods in her head.

An intricate pattern made from string has been stuck fast to the table and the first spool of cloth is spread out over it and pasted with red oxide mortar. They have had a number of attempts to find the right kind of cloth for the desired effect. An authentic tapa from Tonga adorns the wall as inspiration. Kalo explained the symbolism of each

pattern to Mayor Stephen Lee, who came to inspect their work in progress. "One of the big strengths of the City of Cockburn is that it has so many cultures together, which gives the City its distinctive flavour," he said.

Once their technique is perfected Kalo plans to share what they have learnt. "This is for the whole community," she says. "We will be inviting school art classes to learn how we do it, and to make their own designs for us to print. At the end of the year we will have a showcase to share our art. We want to keep Tongan traditions modern so our children can enjoy them."

COUNCILLOR'S CORNER - Ian Whitfield

I was at the Council meeting the other night, as you do. Great to hear so much passion and interest in our great City.

I would like to thank all those committed people of Cockburn who come to Council meetings to share their thoughts. We don't always agree, but in our great democracy we have the chance to make our point.

I would like to add some of my own passions and comments: let's keep as much of our natural environment (trees and animals)

yet still enjoy the pleasures of a new expanding city. So, lock up your cats at night - before you read to your children. The precious resource of the natural environment needs to be protected and the precious resource of the young mind needs to be nurtured.

A Council Sonnet

Went to a council meeting the other night.

Lots of interest, in that Mayoral fight.

Questions of expenses in 3

minutes were asked.

More research for Council officers was tasked.

Many told of differing views for our coast.

Yet our coast is the best, we all boast.

Kevin talked of rainwater tanks to serve us best.

Linda wanted air conditioners, after exercise to rest.

Richard extended time, for Amanda to have her say.

And Martin asked for 50km bin signs and a survey.

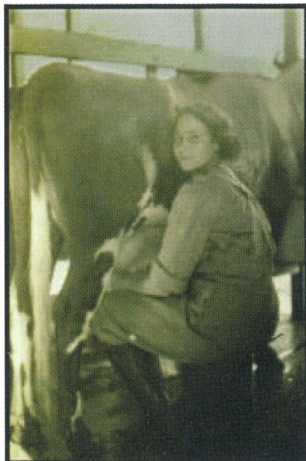
Reading Rocks @ your Cockburn Library

Australian Women's Land Army

The Australian Women's Land Army were a group of women from the ages of 18 - 60 who provided much needed labour on farms when the men went to war. They first began their work in Western Australia in 1942 following training at Fairbridge Farm in Pinjarra and were demobilised in 1945. After the war, when the men returned to the farms, these women were given no rehabilitation or retraining. There was a lack of recognition of their valuable work from both the government and the public. All their records were destroyed and it was only in 1985 that they were allowed to march in Anzac Day parades and in 1995 that they received a medal for their service.

Hilda Grey, Hon. Secretary of the West Australian Branch of the Australian Women's Land Army, will talk about their service and recent oral history project (funded by 175th Anniversary grant) on

Wednesday, 27th of April from 10.30 am to 11.30 am at Spearwood Library. Phone 9411 3491 for bookings.



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Spearwood Library is offering a series of Free, Informative & Fun Workshops that will take place throughout the year.

The Positive Parenting Programme has been

Better Beginnings

designed for parents of 0-5 year olds.

Sue North, a leading WA children's literature specialist, presents a wonderful workshop on the benefits of reading to and with your young children.

Lots of practical advice and handy hints.

Free Creche on the night.

Date: Tuesday May 3rd

Time: 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Venue: Spearwood Public Library

Places are limited, So book today! Ph: 9411 3491



**Nestlé
Write Around
Australia**

**LOCAL KIDS CAN NOW ENTER
NATIONAL WRITING COMPETITION
NOW ON AT Cockburn Libraries**

The nation's largest creative writing competition for children, Nestlé Write Around Australia, will this year be hosted by Cockburn Libraries.

Youth Services Librarian Samantha Hughes, who is delighted to be hosting the program, said students in years 6 and 7 can enter by writing a 500-word story and either submitting it online at www.writearound.com.au or posting it on or before the competition closing date – Friday 13 May 2005. Printed entry forms can be picked up from any Cockburn Library or from local primary schools.

"In a wonderful way Nestlé Write Around Australia encourages kids to write by making it fun and rewards them with great prizes for their efforts. It also encourages them to use the library by coming in to pick up an entry form," said Sam.

"During the second stage of Nestlé Write Around Australia we also have the pleasure of hosting a published Australian author. They will be here for a week in July to run a series of creative writing workshops, not only for the competition finalists but also other local school students," she said.

Annually, Nestlé Write Around Australia gives away over \$200,000 worth of prizes including Australian book collections for the winning students and their school libraries, backpacks full of Nestlé goodies and even two laptop computers with software packages for the two overall winners.

For further information on Cockburn Libraries involvement as a Nestlé Write Around Australia host this year, please call Sam on 9411 3491.

Coming Soon...

- More Positive Parenting workshops on Baby Massage.
Making Your Own Baby Toys.
Establishing Good Sleep Patterns.
- Coolbellup Library will be celebrating Library and Family Week by presenting the 2005 Coolbellup FREE Family Fun Day During May. The date of the event has not yet been finalized but there will be lots of exciting activities for all of the family, including a Bouncy Castle, Gym Bus, Face Painting, Clowns, Farm Animals and a Sausage Sizzle. The library will also be presenting a talk from one of the state's many fabulous authors. Call the library closer to May to find out the details.

Further details will be available from the libraries closer to all events.