

# COCKBURN SOUNDINGS

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## COCKBURN WELCOMES FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT



*(L-R) Cockburn Mayor, Logan Howlett, Former Prime Minister, Julia Gillard and Federal Member for Fremantle, Hon. Melissa Parke, MP. with Fremantle Dockers Football Club.*

City of Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett recently welcomed former Prime Minister Julia Gillard, who announced \$10 million for the Regional Aquatic and Recreational Facility at Cockburn Central West.

The partnership between the Fremantle Dockers Football Club (FDFC) and the City of Cockburn is set to provide an unparalleled range of sporting and community assets for people of all ages and abilities.

The \$10 million funding represents a significant contribution to this project and is a milestone in the journey to build a state-of-the-art sport and recreation facility for the entire region.

The City has also applied for State Government funding, which we hope is successful. The City along with representatives from the FDFC recently had the opportunity to provide Premier Colin Barnett with an overview of the proposal.

The City of Cockburn is a WaterWise Council. Find out more go to:  
[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/water](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/water)

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## CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S BOOKS AT COCKBURN LIBRARIES

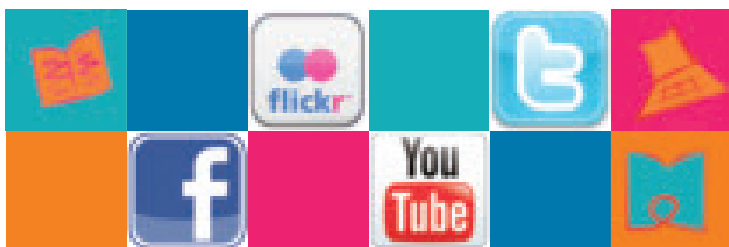
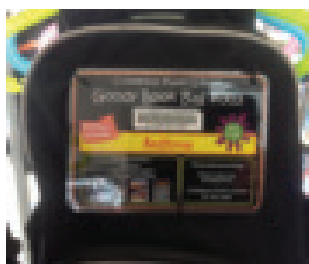


### Pram Jams

Parents and their babies aged 0 to 2 years can join in the clapping, tapping, wiggling and jigging at our 'Pram Jams' program. Give them a head-start in gaining valuable literacy skills. Catch up and chat with other parents and friends after the session, it's a fun social experience for you and your child.

### Try a Goody Bag!

Coolbellup Library has a selection of early literacy kits that contain everything you need to have a fun story-time session with your little ones at home - great books, a selection of matching rhymes, songs, toys and good suggestions for a craft activity to help develop those essential fine motor skills.



### WHY READ TO BABIES?

- Helps your child grow and develop mentally.
- 75% of brain development happens in a child's first three years of life and by age five, 80% of their language is in place. (Better beginnings)
- **People must hear English, in order to learn it.**
- **Promotes reading as an enjoyable and important activity.** Reading to children teaches them to value and appreciate literate practices; associating them with fun, warm and pleasant feelings.
- **Develops social skills and boosts self-esteem** through supportive environments, familiarity and exposure to new topics, reading aids in children's social development and self-esteem.

*(Recent research shows that children's experiences in their early years significantly affect their brain development, ability to learn, social skills and self-esteem – Better Beginnings)*

Find out more about Better Beginnings at your Cockburn Library or online at [www.better-beginnings.com.au](http://www.better-beginnings.com.au)

For more details go to the library website: [library.cockburn.wa.gov.au](http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au)

## COCKBURN COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED

Late last year the City engaged a consultant to look at the feasibility of supporting the establishment of a Community Men's Shed in Cockburn. The City was able to identify a site where a shed could be located on reserve land in Jandakot and also suggested the men could use the old South Coogee Rural Fire Brigade building in Wattleup as an interim location. About 20 men who had been involved in the consultation process put their hand up to be on a working group and have been steadily working through the process of getting the shed up and running with the support of City staff and the Cockburn Rotary Club. A group of dedicated volunteers has also been busy setting

up the interim shed in Wattleup ready for a planned opening in October. There are now more than 900 sheds Australia-wide. The sheds have become a place where men can come together and work on meaningful projects in the company of other men, learn skills, pass on skills and support each other. The shed is also looking for donations of tools and equipment, such as hand tools and wood and metal-working machines. If you have tools or equipment that you would like to donate please contact Michael Manning on 9335 8985. If you are interested in becoming a member of the shed please contact Ross Heseltine on 0429 040 192 or email [rheseltine@inet.net.au](mailto:rheseltine@inet.net.au)



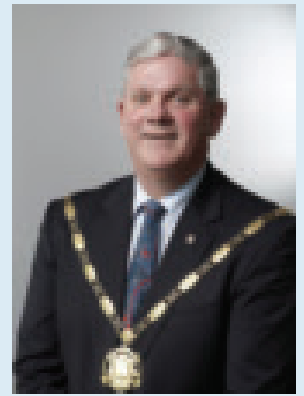


As you read this edition of Cockburn Soundings, the Minister for Local Government, the Honourable Tony Simpson MLA will have announced the Government's response to the Robson Report (Review of Perth Metropolitan Local Government and related matters with Statewide implications). A reduction of local governments from 15 to 20 is still an expectation from the local government sector. Our City is well-placed to respond to the outcomes, and I look forward to working with Elected Members, our staff and the community to ensure Cockburn is best placed to continue the delivery of the exceptional range of services our community has grown accustomed to over the years.

I thank our strong volunteer base for their continued contribution across our social, community, sporting, cultural, service and recreational organisations. Each and every one of you adds a level of value that is unsurpassed and ensures that people who live in or visit our community receive what I often refer to as "the true Cockburn tradition of friendship and respect".

The values of hard work, honesty, integrity, family life and a willingness to contribute to the community have been the foundation stones that have built Cockburn and reflect where we have been, and the prosperous future that lies ahead.

As the face of our community continues to change, we can still reflect back to the days when market gardens, flower gardens, vineyards, orchards, dairies, piggeries and beachside abattoirs dominated our landscape. Today the music, songs, dances and culinary delights of our Indigenous and European history captures the richness and diversity that is evident in Cockburn for all to enjoy.



In closing, I extend the best wishes of Elected Members and staff as we move forward on a broad front that clearly demonstrates our capacity for growth, and that reflects our position as one of the most progressive local governments in Australia.

**Logan K Howlett, JP**  
**Mayor**

**Tel:** 94113 420 (office)

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[Lkhowlett@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:Lkhowlett@cockburn.wa.gov.au)



*(L-R) Neil Harrison, Ross Heseline, Don Watson, Dennis Platts and Michael Manning.*

## CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION

### HELP BUILD OUR COMMUNITY: VOTE 'YES'

The Federal Elections are just around the corner and each person will now be required to vote for constitutional recognition of local government. A 'yes' vote on your ballot paper will ensure that vital community infrastructure and services to our community will continue to be supported and funded.

[localgovrecognition.gov.au](http://localgovrecognition.gov.au)



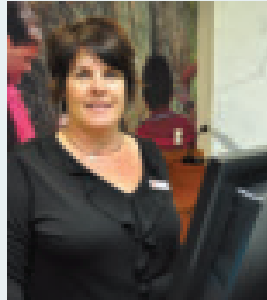
This annual survey provides an insight into how the City of Cockburn's services are perceived by the community. The City uses these results to evaluate and adjust its priorities and programs. The survey is conducted by an independent consultant, using a random representative sample of residents across all Cockburn suburbs.

**WHAT YOU SAY WE DO WELL**

Overall resident satisfaction has increased to 91% this year. Compared to similar growth councils, the City of Cockburn is leading the field.

You told us you were very satisfied with the following services:

- Customer Service
- Rubbish and recycling collections and verge-side pick up
- Cockburn Soundings – Council's newsletter
- Playgrounds, parks and sporting ovals
- Sport and recreation facilities
- Library and information services
- Maintenance of local roads
- Council's website
- Street lighting
- Facilities and services for families and children
- Feral animal control (foxes and rabbits)
- Bushfire prevention and control



*Customer Service Officer, Lisa Turner*

**WHAT YOU THOUGHT HAD IMPROVED THE MOST**

How the community is informed and consulted about local issues

- Issues relating to noise, dust, odour and emissions
- The control of graffiti, vandalism and anti-social behaviour (although this remains a priority area of concern for the community)
- Sport and Recreation Facilities

**WHAT RESIDENTS RATE AS MOST IMPORTANT**

- Management and control of traffic on local roads
- Streetscapes
- Safety, security and mobile patrols

**WHAT WE NEED TO IMPROVE**

The community has clearly identified three areas for improvement.

1. Management and control of traffic
2. Streetscapes
3. Mobile Security Patrols

**WHAT WE WILL DO TO IMPROVE**

1. **Traffic** - This year the City will spend \$10 million on major road projects including completion of the Beeliar Drive and Hammond Road intersection realignment and traffic signals, duplication of North Lake Road from Hammond Road to Kentucky Court and construction of Frankland Ave from Roper Ave to Gaebler Road, as well as a resurfacing program to maintain existing roads.



*Maintaining the City's local roads*



*Success Strikers Junior Netball Team at the City's Regional Recreation Facility, Success*



Significant improvements will also be made in the Cockburn Central area in 2013-14.  
Web: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/roads](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/roads)

The City continues to lobby the State Government for funding for the construction of the proposed bridge at North Lake Road, and for improvements to public transport. The City believes that the State Government's commitment to build a train station at Atwell will reduce traffic congestion in the Cockburn Central area. The City has updated its district traffic study which will assist it to manage growth areas and the growing congestion issues across our City. We will also be developing an Integrated Transport Strategy which will look at linkages between motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

2. **Streetscapes** - The City continues to improve the 'look' of our City's streets and public open spaces. Some of the projects underway include the Hamilton Hill Revitalisation (street lights, tree planting etc.) and the installation of underground power, which will all contribute to improved streetscapes. 2013 sees the start of the Coolbellup Revitalisation and the completion of underground power installation in much of the suburb.

The City will also spend \$5 million this year on constructing new and upgrading existing parks including shade sails and playground renewals (17 different projects).

3. **Safety and Security** - The City has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with WA Police and are working with the community to target hotspot areas and help minimise antisocial behaviour. The City's CoSafe patrol has four vehicles on the road 24/7. The City's CoSafe officers meet regularly with WA Police to exchange valuable information that often lead to the apprehension of offenders. The City is also expanding its network of CCTV cameras along Coogee Beach and will add other priority areas as funding becomes available.



CoSafe patrol the City 24/7

Web: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/perceptions](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/perceptions) to see the full report.



Lake Berrigan, South Lake

# Term 3 Course Enrolments



Term 3 Commences 22 July

Adult and Junior Course Enrolments OPEN 1 July

Junior Courses (6-12years)

- Junior Soccer
- ZumbAtomic (4 - 7yrs)
- Junior Basketball

- Gymini Crickets (Kids Gymnastics 15mnths +)
- Pee Wee Karate

Adult Courses

- Pilates (PM Classes)
- Yoga (AM & PM Classes)
- BA60 (Boxing & Agility)



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[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/sllc](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/sllc)

## COCKBURN YOUTH SERVICES

Cockburn Youth Centre | 25 Wentworth Parade, Success | T: 9411 3888  
[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/youthservices](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/youthservices)

Stay tuned for these great youth events coming up...

End of term Dance Party - 27 Sept  
@ the Youth Centre, live  
DJ, amusements and free feed!

FROSH Youth Festival - 27 Oct  
@ the Spring Fair, Manning Park.  
Live bands, amusements, stalls and heaps more!

For more information or to contact us:  
Cockburn Youth Centre 9411 3888  
E: [youth@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:youth@cockburn.wa.gov.au)  
Check us out on facebook.





## HERITAGE IN THE CITY OF COCKBURN

### Be involved in the annual update of the City's Local Government Inventory

The City has commenced its annual review of the Local Government Inventory and Heritage List, and you are invited to be involved.

The Local Government Inventory recognises the importance of heritage places to the local community, and it provides a record of the places that are an important part of the history of the area. They can be described as a 'local heritage register' and the most important places from the Local Government Inventory are then included on the Heritage List to be protected under the town planning scheme.

### How can you be involved?

To assist the City in this review you are invited to:

- Provide additional information on places currently included on the Local Government Inventory;
- Nominate a place or building that you think has heritage significance for the community;
- Nominate a tree for inclusion on the Significant Tree Register

You can view the Local Government Inventory and find out more about the annual update on the City's heritage webpage at [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/heritage](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/heritage)

Copies of the Local Government Inventory are also available to view at the City of Cockburn Administration building, or any City of Cockburn library.

Any person wishing to provide feedback or nominate a building, tree or place that they believe has heritage value should do so in writing to the City of Cockburn by 3 September 2013.

For enquiries please contact the City's Strategic Planning Department on 9411 3444.



*Memorial Hall, Hamilton Hill*

## COCKBURN BY NUMBERS



The City of  
Cockburn has:

**\$1 billion**  
of Assets

**440kms**  
of Drainage Pipes

**1,459ha**  
of Parks & Environment

**578kms**  
of Footpaths

**126**  
Buildings

# ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

## 1. North Lake Road dual carriageway from Hammond Road to Kentucky Court

**Works by:** City of Cockburn

**Cost:** \$4.1 million

**Start date:** Early 2014

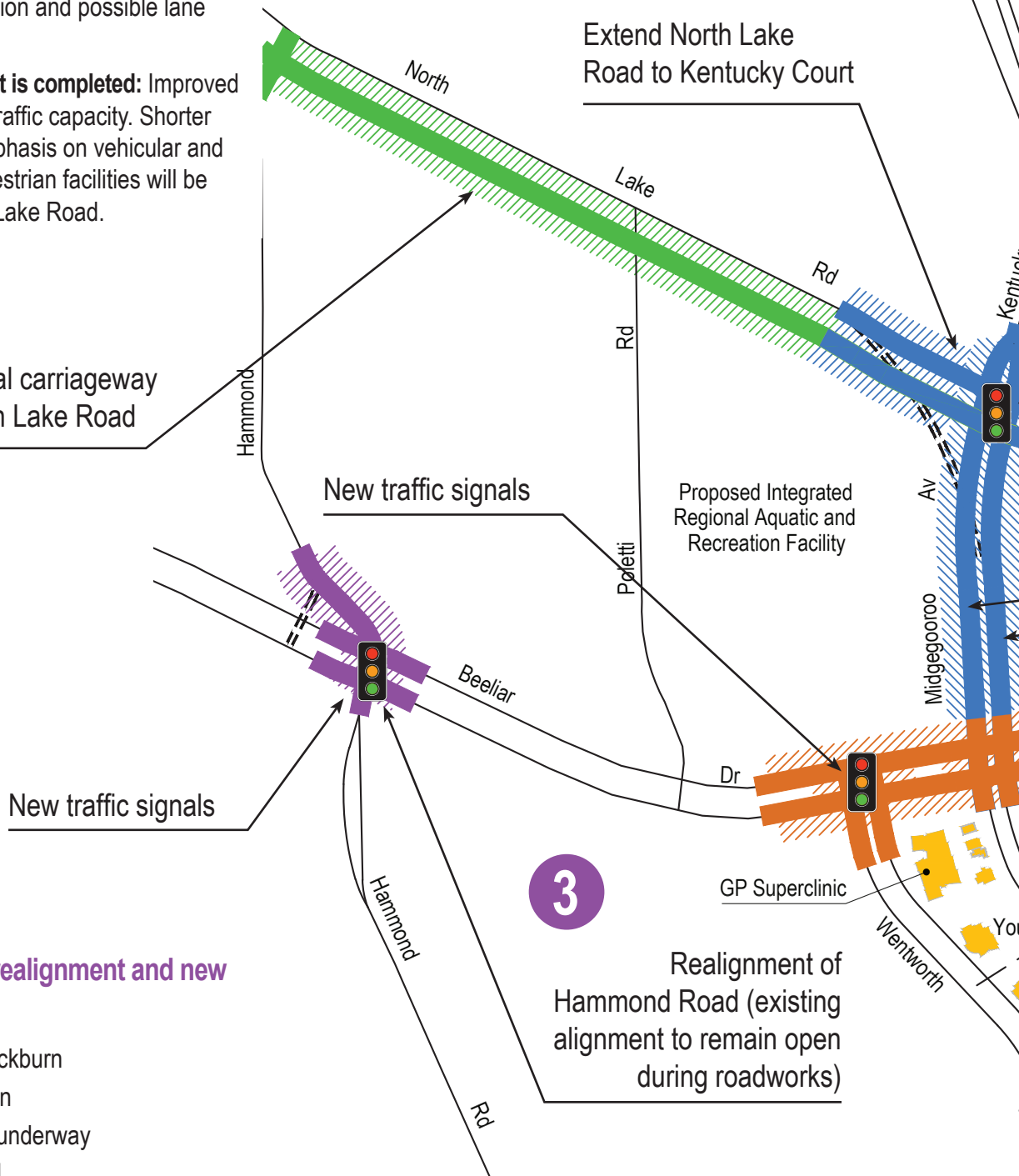
**End date:** Early 2016

**Inconvenience caused:** Traffic congestion and delays due to construction and possible lane closures and detours.

**Benefit once the project is completed:** Improved traffic flow and higher traffic capacity. Shorter queuing traffic with emphasis on vehicular and pedestrian safety. Pedestrian facilities will be upgraded along North Lake Road.

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New dual carriageway for North Lake Road



## 3. Hammond Road realignment and new traffic signals

**Works by:** City of Cockburn

**Cost:** \$3.6 million

**Start date:** Currently underway

**End date:** June 2014

**Inconvenience caused:** Traffic congestion and delays due to construction, lane closures and possible detours.

**Benefit once the project is completed:** Improved traffic flow and safer turning movements at intersection. Improved pedestrian safety and crossing.

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Realignment of Hammond Road (existing alignment to remain open during roadworks)

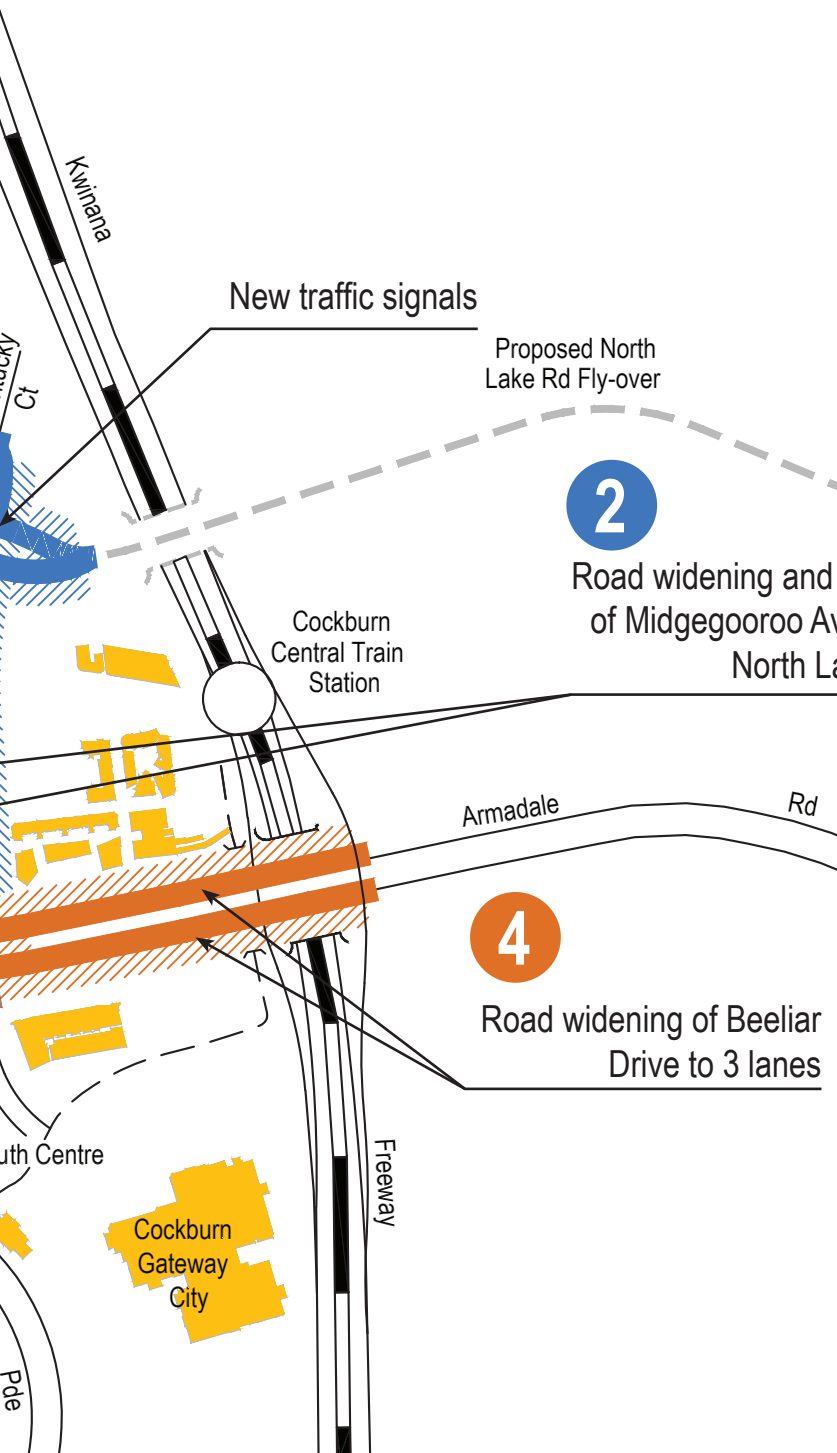
## Have your say on transport

The City is developing an Integrated Transport comment on transport conditions in Cockburn road safety, parking, walking, cycling and public transport. Comments can be made online at [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/haveyoursay) before 15 October 2013. Copies are also available at the City's Administration Centre.



# MOVEMENTS

[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/roads](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/roads)



## 2. Widening of North Lake Road and new traffic signals

**Works by:** LandCorp

**Cost:** Approx. \$1.5 million

**Start date:** August 2013

**End date:** December 2013

**Inconvenience caused:** Traffic congestion and delays due to construction, possible lane closures and detours.

**Benefit once the project is completed:** Improved traffic flow and pedestrian safety. Shorter queuing lengths. Shared path facilities will be provided along Midgegoroo Avenue & in North Lake Road.

## 4. Beelias Drive Widening and new traffic signals at Wentworth Parade

**Works by:** Perron Group

**Cost:** Approx. \$4 million

**Start date:** Underway

**End date:** February 2014

**Inconvenience caused:** Traffic congestion and delays due to construction, lane closures and possible detours.

**Benefit once the project is completed:** Improved traffic flow and higher traffic capacity. Shorter queuing traffic with emphasis on vehicular and pedestrian safety. Pedestrian facilities will be upgraded along Beelias Drive.

Strategy and we are asking the community to that affect you. This may include: congestion, c transport. To have your say visit: Friday, 30 August 2013. Feedback form hard rative Building and libraries.



Over 90 Cockburn residents took part in the recent Community Conversation series. The Community Conversations gave residents an opportunity to meet their neighbours, discuss their community concerns, and come up with some creative ideas that the community could implement through community groups or as individuals.

This initiative was hosted by the Cockburn Community Development Group, which is a forum of all local resident associations in Cockburn, and supported by the City.

The main concern brought up by community members in the east ward was traffic congestion in and around Cockburn Central. In the central and west wards traffic was discussed, but there was less urgency for this community. The major concerns for the central and west wards were safety and security and cleaning up and remodelling older areas. This feedback is representative of the results in the City's latest Community Perceptions Survey (see pages 4 and 5) or view results of this survey at [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/perceptions](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/perceptions)

Both Community Conversations led to some fantastic and creative ideas on what residents can do. Residents identified getting to know their neighbour as a fantastic way to be more connected and to increase security and safety on neighbourhood streets. They suggested starting a street meet.

Other great community ideas included:

- Encouraging people outdoors by creating street life i.e. running farmers markets, creating community gardens and encouraging buskers.
- Increasing community involvement in public spaces



(L-R) Judy Sehotte, Heiltjie Coetze, Caron Molster and Sandra Pflugmacher

like parks i.e. organising community events like kite-making and festivals, and fundraising for more community facilities like public gym equipment.

- Creating better communication between neighbours by creating suburb Facebook pages that link to other Cockburn Facebook pages and websites like '22 Suburbs' ([www.22suburbs.com.au](http://www.22suburbs.com.au)).

Residents also highlighted a need for pop-up style activities and Café's in suburb areas to give residents the opportunity to mingle.

If you would like any further information about the Community Conversations or would like to be regularly updated on community activities email [communitydevelopment@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:communitydevelopment@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

The City is pleased to launch their new Community Events Resource. This resource has been created to assist community groups in running events in the City of Cockburn. To download a copy of this booklet and other great resources visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/communitydevelopment](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/communitydevelopment)

Community Conversations held at the Cockburn Youth Centre





The tastiest and most nutrient-dense vegetables are those that are freshly picked. The Co-Health program has supported three community gardens in the City of Cockburn over the past year, with residents not only enjoying the health benefits but also the camaraderie of community gardening.

The Australian Dietary Guidelines developed by the National Health and Medical Research Council and



Tim Monahan and Brigitte Rieder  
(and at the back Alison Bolas)

the Department of Health and Ageing, recommend 5-6 serves of vegetables daily for most people and what better way to enjoy your veggies than to pick and eat them straight from the garden.



Maria Bakas at Ottey  
Centre Community Garden

Join South Lake Ottey Family Centre gardeners on Thursdays and Randwick Stables gardeners in Hamilton Hill on Sundays. For more details about gardens and a range of Co-Health physical activity and nutrition programs for adults go to:

[www.beactivecockburn.com.au](http://www.beactivecockburn.com.au)

Co-Health is part of the Healthy Communities Initiative funded by the Australian Government.

## GRANTS, DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIP FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Applications are now open for the following funding opportunities to support local groups, organisations and individuals for a wide variety of activities and services:

**Community Grants** assist local community groups and organisations to provide projects or activities that benefit residents of Cockburn. Applications are to a maximum of \$15,000, with smaller amounts encouraged.

**Sustainable Events Grants** assist local community groups and organisations in the provision of ongoing programs and activities for the benefit of the residents of Cockburn. The maximum grant provided to any one group will be \$7,000, over a four-year period.

**Donations** are available to provide financial assistance towards the day-to-day running costs of not-for-profit groups, not for a specific project or activity. Donations are limited and highly competitive.

**Sponsorship** is a mutually beneficial partnership arrangement where the City of Cockburn makes a financial contribution to a group, organisation or individual for a specific purpose, project, activity

or event and, in return, the City receives public recognition for its contribution. The maximum is \$20,000 for organisations and \$2,000 for individuals.

**For further information on the above programs contact Carlie on 9411 3444 or email [communitygrants@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:communitygrants@cockburn.wa.gov.au).**

**Cultural Grants** support local arts and cultural activities. Applications to a maximum of \$4,000, with smaller amounts encouraged.

**Youth Art Scholarships** (under 18) are available for those who live in Cockburn and are either doing further study or travelling in relation to their art. These scholarships are to a maximum of \$500 to assist with fees, materials or travel costs.

**For further information on Cultural Grants or Youth Art Scholarships contact Cassandra on 9411 3444 or email [culturalgrants@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:culturalgrants@cockburn.wa.gov.au)**

Please visit the website [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/grants](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/grants) for more information and a copy of the relevant guidelines and application forms.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 4pm on Monday, 30 September 2013**



[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/summeroffun](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/summeroffun)

MONTH	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
August		Saturday 17 August <b>Seniors Social Evening</b> Tickets on sale 24 July		
September		Sunday 15 September <b>Bibra Lake Fun Run</b>		Sunday 22 September <b>Coogee Beach Surf Life Saving Community Open Day</b>
October			Wednesday 23 October <b>Teddy Bears Picnic</b>	Sunday 27 October <b>Cockburn Rotary Spring Fair</b>



**Coogee Beach Surf Life Saving Club FREE Community OPEN Day**  
Sunday, 22 September 12noon - 2pm.

Come down to celebrate the opening of the brand new integrated community facility. There will be activities and fun for all the family to enjoy and you can also join up on the day - stingrays 5-6 years, nippers 7-12 years, cadets 13-21 years and seniors.

For further details call 9494 1433 or go online [www.coogeebeachslsc.com.au](http://www.coogeebeachslsc.com.au)



# BIBRA LAKE 2013

## REGISTER NOW!

**Sunday 15 September**  
**Race starts at 10am**  
 6km Timed run or Family Walk  
 Cnr Gwilliam and Progress Drive  
 Cash and Spot Prizes  
 Largest Group Prize (Club/Team/Organisation)  
 Entries close Sunday 8 September

# FUN RUN



T: 9411 3444  
 E: [recreation@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:recreation@cockburn.wa.gov.au)  
[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au)  
[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/bibralakefunrun](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/bibralakefunrun)



Committed to accessible and inclusive events.



### Get back on your bike

Our first cycling course for seniors was a great success with some of the participants getting back on their bike for the first time in many years and some who didn't learn how to ride as a child. The course covered basic cycling skills to develop confidence on a bike. If you are interested in participating in a regular seniors cycling group please contact us at the seniors centre, details below.



*Gillian Lowe, Alice Johnson, Jane Sandeman, Polly Craig, Murry Combs (coach) Mari Cavilli.*

### Seniors Centre Open Day

When: Saturday 10 August  
10am to 2pm

New and existing members welcome, FREE devonshire tea and sausage sizzle, white elephant stall, demonstrations and entertainment on the day.

### Information Morning Teas

Presented by the Birds of Prey Centre  
Monday 19 August 9.30am -10.30am

A unique presentation about the wonderful birds of prey of Australia. For catering purposes please book.

### Art Drawing Classes with Vicky

Perspectives and Composition

Six week block of classes

Cost \$25

Starts Monday 5 August 1pm-3pm

**\$3 per day for non-members plus course cost.**

**T: 9411 3877 A: 9 Coleville Crescent Spearwood**

**W: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/seniorscentre](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/seniorscentre)**

## HISTORY WITH LEAH



### Suburb of Jandakot

The name Jandakot was recorded in 1844 as the Aboriginal name of a lake in the area, now Forrestdale Lake - said to mean 'place of the whistling eagle'.

Before the gold rush boosted the colony's economy, Jandakot had been mostly unused land but once new settlers started arriving in droves in the 1880s, Premier John Forrest was looking for a reason to entice them to stay.

Under his plan to develop the south-west as farming land, the Jandakot Agricultural Area was created in 1890, allowing settlers to select plots of land close to Fremantle and its produce markets. The scheme was a great success and Jandakot soon became a thriving market garden and dairy community that fed the skyrocketing population of Fremantle and Perth. It gained a Roads Board and a railway, but the advent of electricity in other suburbs meant that Jandakot fell behind in the 1920s. It was to go without power for another 30 years.

The Jandakot Roads Board was disbanded in 1923, and farming in the area went into decline. It has remained a largely rural and industrial suburb and is home to Jandakot Airport, opened in 1963, which became a weather observation station in 1972.



*Spearwood Library Reader Services Librarian Leah Napier*

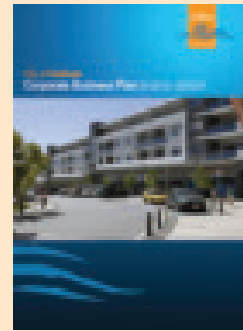


The City's Council recently adopted the following:

**Business Plan**

The City's Annual Business Plan for 2013-14 outlines the projects that will be undertaken during the next year including roads and community infrastructure.

Web: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/publicdocuments](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/publicdocuments)



**Budget 2013-2014**

The City of Cockburn has handed down its budget for 2013-14, which will see a 4.75 per cent rate increase to the average household.



*Success Library and GP Super Clinic and Integrated Health Facility*

“Council has delivered a balanced budget and one that will continue to deliver a comprehensive range of services, an extensive capital works program and one that takes into account increases in utility charges such as electricity, gas and water,” said Mayor Logan Howlett.

“As always, the City will continue to offer a range of rate payment options and the provision of financial counselling services to assist individuals and families.”

**Budget Highlights**

- \$54.5 million (M) will be spent on community assets for roads, drainage and community infrastructure (out of the \$164M budget).
- Completion of the Success Library and GP Super Clinic and Integrated Health Facility (\$15M).
- Planning continues on the Regional Recreation and Aquatic Facility at Cockburn Central West.
- \$5M on parks including shade sails and playground renewals (17 different projects).
- Continuing funding for Bibra Lake Management Plan and environmental works in wetlands including planning for the Bibra Lake Adventure Playground.
- Capital works for Naval Base Shacks, Coogee Beach Caravan Park as well as upgrades toilets at Coogee Beach and Manning Park.



*Road project underway in the City*



The City currently owns and manages more than \$1 billion of infrastructure assets, delivering services to the City's residential and business communities.

The Asset Services team ensure the City's assets are kept in a good condition and the services provided are financially sustainable now and into the future.

To support the 2013/14 budget and the creation of the City's long-term Financial Plan 2012/22, the team developed Asset Management Plans (AMP) for roads, footpaths, buildings, drainage and parks and environment.



*Assets Team  
Terry Green, Joanne Smith, Jim Green and Cindy Elder*

To view any of the City's five AMPs visit its new webpage: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/assetmanagement](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/assetmanagement)

SUPERSIZED FUN AT COCKBURN CENTRAL TOWN CENTRE



Large outdoor building blocks, a giant snakes and ladders board and a jumbo ring toss – Cockburn Central Town Centre is now serving up a supersized dose of fun.

There's been an explosion of fun at Cockburn Central Town Centre in the form of six new giant games including snakes and ladders, outdoor building blocks, Connect 4, tic-tac-toe, a jumbo ring toss and foam dominoes. And the best part is they are free for the entire community to enjoy. As part of its commitment to develop communities where people want to live, work and play, LandCorp commissioned the giant games which are sure to capture the imagination and keep the feet moving of both the local residents and nearby workers.

LandCorp General Manager Metropolitan Luke Willcock said the free community giant games would contribute to the growth of Cockburn Central Town Centre, which was shaping up to be a modern urban centre with a host of new things to see and do every day.

"We are committed to helping meet WA's growing demand for more homes and strive to create communities where people want to be," Mr Willcock said.

"We believe recent Town Square additions, such as the giant games and with a range of shops, public transport and schools nearby, Cockburn Central Town Centre is fast becoming a place that more people will want to call home."

The giant games are located in front of Mooba Café at Cockburn Central Town Square and free to use by enquiring within the cafe.

To find out more about the giant games and other fun activities at Cockburn Central Town Centre, visit [www.cockburncentral.com.au](http://www.cockburncentral.com.au)





**Cr Stephen Pratt**

The City has recently passed its Budget for the next financial year, with a range of developments and road projects planned for the coming year that will improve our City and make it one of the best cities to live in Perth. Despite

the continuing uncertainty with Local Government Amalgamations, it is great that the City of Cockburn is continuing to move ahead with plans to make the suburbs we live in even better.

Youth in our City will be excited by the proposed new Skate Park, which recently went out for public consultation and I have heard lots of great ideas on the design, and hopefully Council will soon make a determination on this.

If you have any concerns please feel free to contact me.



**Cr Steven Portelli**

It's hard to believe that nearly two years has already gone by serving as a Councillor! We are blessed with great staff and administration and there have been robust discussions on priorities. I still find our progress on traffic in Cockburn

Central too slow. With a focus on getting path/road infrastructure in place, before or at the very least in conjunction with new developments, we should manage the increased traffic that flows. From new estates in Banjup, to the Aquatic and Recreation Facility at Cockburn Central and Cockburn Coast Redevelopment, we are blossoming into an even better Cockburn. I'm here to help make Cockburn an even better place.

Feel free to call me or your relevant Ward Councillor to progress our City.

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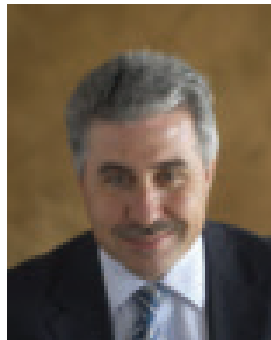
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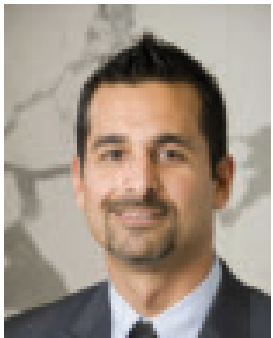
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