



## teddy's and children came out to play...

This year's Teddy Bears Picnic was the biggest ever, – attracting almost 2,000 people over the day!

Mum's and bub's lined up to have their photo's taken at the Teddy Bear-tography Booth and took part in the many activities on offer including biscuit decorating, arts and crafts, baby animal farm, face painting, pony rides, story telling and live entertainment from Queen Fairy Caroline and Constable Care.

There must have been some tired little children after the picnic but fun was had by all.



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## seniors having a ball

The City of Cockburn's Annual Seniors Social was held on Saturday, 10 November and was attended by over 300 guests.

The evening proved to be a huge success with this year's event breaking record numbers!

Seniors were treated to a sumptuous three course meal plus live entertainment by the smooth, classic sounds of Earl Cole and Cockburn's own Events Coordinator Marilyn Mclean, who wooed the crowd with some modern day tunes that had seniors on their feet and giving the dance floor a workout.

Seniors, pencil in this event for next year so you don't miss out.





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## mayor's message

As we farewell 2007, on behalf of Council and myself, I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year.

It is the festive season and to celebrate another fantastic Summer in the great City of Cockburn, we will once again be holding our popular free community concerts.

Each year, the City of Cockburn organises a series of concerts, picnics and events for local residents and ratepayers called 'Summer of Fun'.

This year, we have an exciting line-up of artists for our family-friendly community concerts beginning in early 2008 that will be sure to please all tastes.

Artists will include Libby Hammer and her 12-piece band playing swing, blues and jazz; popular cover band LA Gold; and Hells Bells and support band Vamp, for all those ACDC fans.

And I'm excited to announce that Vanessa Amorosi will feature for our major regional concert on March 2 at Manning Park, so be sure to mark this in your calendar.

It is shaping up to be a great Summer for Cockburn and I hope to see you at one of the concerts in the new year.

As always, if you have anything you would like to tell us about or discuss please don't hesitate to contact myself or your local councillor.

Stephen Lee  
Mayor



## the City's wins Heart Foundation award!



The City of Cockburn is pleased to announce that its Youth Active Program has won a Heart Foundation Kellogg Local Government Award for the category 'Programs that Improve Heart Health in Priority Groups'.

The City hosted a presentation ceremony on November 14 at Council to celebrate the success of the program with participants, clubs, staff and program stakeholders. The award was presented to the City by the Heart Foundation's chief executive Maurice Swanson.

The City's Youth Active Program has assisted some 300 children since it began in 2005. The aim of the program is to provide assistance for disadvantaged youth to participate in a local club sport. The program is specifically targeted for young people (5-18 yrs) from low-income families who live in Cockburn.

## where's the VRC?

Since the administration building is now complete and Council staff relocated back to the main building the VRC also has a new home.

The Volunteer Resource Centre has moved to the Council Civic Centre at 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood.

We are always on the lookout for more volunteers, so if volunteering is something you've wanted to try why not contact us? We can match you to something you enjoy doing or have an interest in.

Volunteers registered with Cockburn's VRC are entitled to be part of the VIV (Very Important Volunteer) Program.

This program allows volunteers to get discounts at participating Cockburn businesses.

You can get up to 20% off! To find out which businesses are participating in this great program visit the Cockburn website [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au) and follow the links.

Find out more by visiting us at the VRC or by phone on 9411 3490 or email the Volunteer Resource Centre Coordinator [lgallagher@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:lgallagher@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

It's open from Monday to Thursday 9am – 4pm.



## council hours over X-mas

Friday, 21st December 2007 – 8.30am – 12.30pm

Monday, 24th December 2007 – 8.30am – 4.30pm

Tuesday, 25th December 2007 – **CLOSED**

Wednesday, 26th December 2007 – **CLOSED**

Thursday, 27th December 2007 – 8.30am – 4.30pm

Friday, 28th December 2007 – 8.30am – 4.30pm

Monday, 31st December 2007 – 8.30am – 4.30pm

Tuesday, 1st January 2008 – **CLOSED**

Normal hours resume from Wednesday, 2nd January 2008.

**Please note the Council is not open on weekends or Public Holidays.**



## volunteers celebrate

The City of Cockburn and the Cockburn Volunteer Resource Centre would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all Volunteers in Cockburn.

Cockburn Volunteers were honoured at the annual Inspirational Volunteers Dinner Awards night on Wednesday, December 5 at the Dalmatinac Club.

Look out for more details on this fabulous evening in the January edition of the Cockburn Soundings.



# Your Summer of Fun...

## **Cockburn's X-mas Concert**

**Saturday, 1st December 2007**

**6pm- 9pm**

**Council Building, 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood**

**Live entertainment by various performers, lollie-bags for the kids and Santa will be there and MC for the night, Em from PMFM 92.9!**



## **FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES**

### **Libby Hammer and Hip Mo' Toast**

**Saturday, 19th January 2008**

**Beeliar Reserve, Lakefront Ave, Beeliar**

**7pm - 10pm**

**If you like swing, blues, jazz, then this is the concert for you.**

### **L.A. Gold**

**Saturday, 2nd February 2008**

**Lakelands Reserve, Southlake Drive, Southlake**

**7pm - 10pm**

**Playing all the classic hits you know.**

### **Hells and Bells - A Salute to ACDC**

**Saturday, 16th February 2008**

**Davilak Oval, Rockingham Road, Hamilton Hill**

**7pm - 10pm**

**For all those closet fans, this is your chance to thunder!**

### **Regional Concert - feat. VANESSA AMOROSI**

**Sunday, 2nd March 2008**

**Manning Park, Azelia Road, Spearwood**

**7pm - 10pm**

**Cockburn residents, it's your time to shine with Vanessa as she plays all her hits plus some new tunes.**



## pool blankets arrive at South Lake Leisure Centre

As part of this year's sustainability initiatives, three pool blankets have recently been installed at the South Lake Leisure Centre, which will save a massive 424,800 litres of water per year and a Greenhouse Gas saving of 109 tonnes per year.

## calling all primary school teachers...

The City of Cockburn has developed its environmental education initiatives for 2008 and is offering it to all primary school teachers as they prepare for another year.

The environmental initiatives have been grouped into four broad themes:

- Greenhouse Gas
- Biodiversity
- Waterwise
- Liveable Communities

These initiatives have been designed to raise awareness and help educate the students about the environment and ways in which they can contribute to conserving our natural areas.

The City also provides a range of programs and in-class lessons.

All of the environmental initiatives have been carefully developed to achieve the widest range of curriculum learning area outcomes.

There is also sufficient overlap across the programs to enable you to cover a number of different learning outcomes under the one theme, if so desired.

If teachers are interested in receiving a copy of the programs please contact the City's Sustainability and Environmental Education Officer Kate Ringvall on 9411 3466 or email [kringvall@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:kringvall@cockburn.wa.gov.au).



## phoenix central revitalisation project update

The Phoenix Central Revitalisation project is now well underway. Before preparing any plans, the City first went to the community for their ideas and input. This was undertaken through the use of a survey to land owners in the study area and through employing a consultant “Village Well” to help conduct a Community Vision Forum, as well as surveying the retailers/traders in the study area.

The City sent 4,268 landowners surveys in the study area. The study area is an approximate 10 minute walk from the Phoenix commercial hub and includes parts of Spearwood and Hamilton Hill.

The survey results show overwhelming support by landowners for the area to be allowed to redevelop and that a significant majority of residents wanted to redevelop their own properties.

The Community Vision Forum also gave the community a chance to express their ideas and concerns. On Saturday, October 27, approximately 150 people from the community spent three hours describing their concerns and aspirations for the future of the area. Some of the key hotspots / issues for improvement identified by the community were:

### **Traffic**

Creating traffic calming and safe pedestrian access along Rockingham Road, Lancaster Street and Coleville Crescent.

### **The Shopping Centre**

Beautifying and landscaping, including better quality food, boutiques and places for the community to meet and spend time.

### **Council Land**

Providing facilities and open space for community use and the proposed Seniors Centre.

### **Small Traders/Businesses (Near corner of Phoenix & Rockingham roads)**

Improving the look and connectivity and increasing family-friendly night time activity.

A more detailed summary of the project and of the community feedback from the landowner surveys and the Community Vision Forum are available from the City’s administration office and from the City’s website.

The City is now preparing draft plans and options for the area having regard to the community’s ideas and concerns. These draft plans will be made available for the community to review hopefully by April next year.

The City wishes to thank all those who filled in surveys and provided input into the process.

## walking the streets of Cockburn

Streets Alive – Reclaim the Streets walks were on again around the Cockburn community throughout November.

Around 100 residents came to each of the walks and joined in on the fun to help build a safer community.

Streets Alive is an exciting initiative of Cockburn Neighbourhood Watch and the City of Cockburn.

The Streets Alive walks are designed to improve community safety and health by encouraging residents to participate in walks and get to know their neighbours.

Each of the walks were around 2km and were followed by a free sausage sizzle and entertainment including Wozzo the Clown, face painting and an animal farm. There were also many prizes given out from our sponsors.

The City would like to say a special thank you to its two major sponsors, Alcoa and South Metropolitan Public Health Service for your valuable contribution.



# youth outrage school holiday program

Aged between 12 and 16? Need some extra excitement during school holidays? Why don't you get involved with the Cockburn Youth Services Youth Outrage Holiday Program! Join the group and be part of the holiday excitement visiting all sorts of cool places around Perth. Activities include tube riding at Bonneys Water Ski Park, days out at Adventure World, Laser Corps, bowling, movies, hang out days at the beach, ice skating, whale watching trips, timezone, archery, Q-zar, indoor rock climbing and heaps more.

If you're interested in being part of the fun pick up the phone and call Paul de Bruin, Youth Programs and Activities Officer on 9418 7153 or 0438 900 136 or email Paul, [pdebruin@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:pdebruin@cockburn.wa.gov.au).

The program is really popular and spaces are limited so get in fast!



## FREE school holiday activities!

Kids you won't need to be bored these school holidays when there's so much to do.

If you're aged 10 to 16 years you can take part in Cockburn's **FREE** holiday activities program!

### Monday 17, December

10am - 2pm

Sport activities

Play station

Hang out

BBQ lunch

### Tuesday 18, December

10am - 2pm

Slip Slide

Play station

Hang out

BBQ lunch

### Wednesday 19, December

10am - 2pm

Movies

Sport Activities

Hang out

BBQ lunch

### Thursday 20, December

10am - 2pm

YMCA Bus

Hang out

BBQ lunch

Pick up available from Beeliar Community Centre if needed. Please contact Kristy Mippy to arrange.

Yangebup Community Centre - Youth Services  
Swallow Drive Parade, Yangebup

Contact the City's Kristy Mippy for further details on 9414 9055 or 0417 936 050