

COCKBURN

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SOUNDINGS



It has been a busy month at the City with representations back and forward between the Minister for Local Government and Cockburn about who is going to bear the cost of the inquiry. We have not changed our position that the City should not bear the full cost of the inquiry.

This inquiry has far-reaching implications for all involved in Local Government and much of the time spent during the inquiry was dedicated to examining procedures and processes of Local Government in general. Many of the recommendations in the report from the inquiry relate to these issues and are not confined solely to Cockburn.

We were extremely disappointed with the Minister's decision of 15 August that Cockburn should pay the full cost of the Inquiry.

The Council has made strong representations to the Minister. In a well-considered argument we

put forward to the Minister a proposal that costs should be shared between the State Government and the City of Cockburn.

The Minister has chosen to ignore those arguments and the strong opposition demonstrated by the community.

Our most recent Council meeting was the night the Minister announced his decision and we included a late agenda item to approve investigation of all aspects of the decision. Some of the things we will be pursuing in the immediate future are:

- is there any legal basis to appeal the Minister's decision
- if compelled to pay this debt, what are our options, and what is the possibility of an extended timeframe for payment
- request an itemised account of the costs of each issue investigated during the inquiry
- continue to make representations to all members of both sides of parliament and the WA Municipal Association seeking their support of our position.

We urge you to be active too. Contact the Minister, contact the Premier and contact the Opposition Leader and the Opposition Spokesperson and all your members of parliament. Be heard, be vocal and most of all let's be united in pursuit of justice on this issue.

Julian Donaldson

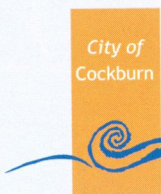
Chairman of the Joint Commissioners

EVENTS CALENDAR

29 August & 12 September	Bingo - Jean Willis Centre	"Eyes Down" 12.30pm
10 September	Bibra Lake Fun Run	8.45am
19 September	Ordinary Council Meeting	7.30pm
12 September	Rates payable	
14 October	Skate Park Launch	11am

RING CO'INFO ON 9411 3553 FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER YOUR EVENT

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au



City of COCKBURN

REPORT FROM THE JULY COUNCIL MEETING

Community Needs Survey

Approval was given by Council at the July meeting for an independent survey company to look at your particular areas of interest/needs and your priorities for them, for council attention. This is part of our commitment to involving the community in the decision making process and open government of your city.

Town Planning Scheme No. 3

Following submissions from the public and assessment of them, Council passed a motion to proceed with Town Planning Scheme No. 3. The Council decision will be forwarded to the West Australian Planning Commission requesting that the Minister for Planning grant final approval.

Review of Wards and Councillor Representation

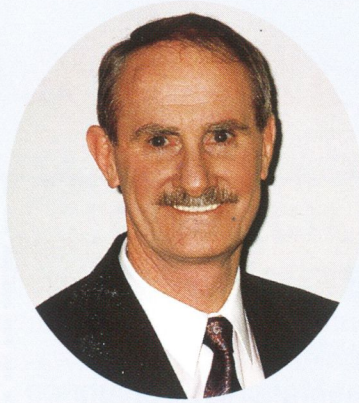
As a result of previous Council decisions going back as far as 1988 we have recently carried out a review of the Ward structure. One of the main reasons this was necessary is because of population growth and shifts of population within the Council boundaries. Following the July Council meeting we have three new wards: West, Central and East and at the elections in December we will have three Councillors in each ward. Late in 1999, Council approved that the position of Mayor would be elected by the electors of Cockburn.

Coming Soon to the Eastern Suburbs... A New Library

The July budget meeting approved funding for a new library to cater for the burgeoning population in the eastern suburbs. Latest news is that final negotiations for a shopfront lease with Gateways shopping centre are complete and the lease has been signed. (More detail on this item next issue.)

**Ordinary Meetings of Council are held in the Council Chambers at
the City of Cockburn on the third Tuesday of each month.**

COUNCIL MATTERS



COUNCIL'S BUDGET FOR 2000/01

With Aussie Crothers, Director, Finance and Corporate Services

In formulating the 2000/01 Budget your Council has again endeavoured to meet the needs of its residents while achieving a balanced budget. A Council such as ours must provide for infrastructure to help the expansion of our residential and commercial base while ensuring that we allocate adequate funding for the essential elements that all local government authorities must provide.

The City is embarking on a major recycling program. In April/May 2001 all ratepayers will be supplied with a second 240-litre bin for recycling. The rubbish rate will be increased by \$19.00 this financial year to commence the program and contribute to the construction of a new recycling plant in Canning Vale.

A shopfront library is to be established at the Gateways Shopping Centre. One of the shop units will be leased and fitted out for use as a lending library. The estimated cost of fit-out and operation for 6–8 months is \$200,000 for 2000/01.

A Community Needs Survey will be conducted to determine community satisfaction with existing services provided by Council and to seek information as to what improvements can be made or new services added.

An extra \$387,600 has been provided for improvements in the Parks Services area. Streetscaping has been targeted as an area of concern to ratepayers and improvements are planned in the standards in existing suburbs as well as maintaining the areas provided by developers in new suburbs. The standard of parks, playgrounds and sportsgrounds will also be improved and increased attention paid to verge maintenance on the City's major entry roads.

The Roads Services area has increased funding to commence implementation of the Cockburn Bike Plan that will see an interconnected series of bike paths across the entire district. A series of new bus shelters will be provided and extra attention will be paid to cleaning up litter on road verges.

Funds have been provided to construct a Transfer Station for use by trailers at a cost of \$400,000. It is anticipated that the station will be operational from July 2001.

An increase in the rate in the dollar levied of 1.5% will occur. This compares favourably with the forecast 2.75% CPI increase (not including the GST effect) as stated in the Federal Budget.

The Council is committed to providing a high quality of service to its residents and methods for improvement are always being considered. This Budget contains many small but significant items that will overall improve the quality of life for the Cockburn community. Full details of all the works and projects planned for the Municipality in 2000/01 are contained in the Budget Document available for inspection at the Spearwood and Coolbellup Public Libraries as well as Council's Administration Offices.

COMMUNITY

An Update on

CHAT

What's Happening

City of
Cockburn

ADHD SUPPORT GROUP Yangebup

Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month (except school holidays and public holidays) to help families in the Cockburn area coping with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

Anyone who is living with this condition in their family/school is welcome to attend to discover strategies and techniques to help our children cope with their daily lives.

Your support and experiences are appreciated. Please join us.

YANGEBUP FAMILY CENTRE
11 DUNRAVEN DRIVE
YANGEBUP
SANDY EDGAR
9417 9995

Spring Fair Update

The preparations for the 2000 Spring Fair on **October 29** are well under way and it is shaping up to be bigger and better than last year.

Apart from all the old favourites of the fair, the rides, the entertainment, the food, the many stalls and fireworks there are some new editions to this year's event.

The Bushfire Volunteer Games will be held in conjunction with the Spring Fair with lots of events and competitions. Novelty events will also be held allowing the public to pit their strengths in tug o war and similar such fun events.

Youth will have a huge presence at this year's fair with the City of Cockburn Youth Services and

Youth Advisory Council running a FROSH Youth Festival with a battle of the bands and many alternative stalls and activities planned for the day including a headliner band.

Bring the family down for an enjoyable day of fun and stay on for the evening concerts and fireworks.

Anyone wanting information on the Spring Fair or application forms for stalls can call **Cassandra Cooper on 9411 3433**.

Rates Reminder

You would have received your rates notice by now.

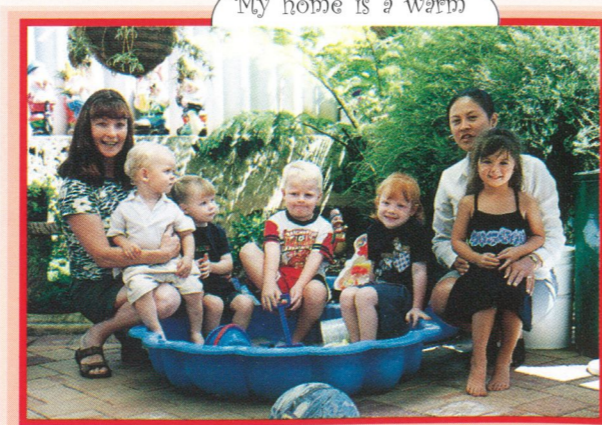
Don't forget they are payable by **12th of September 2000**.

2nd instalment due: 14/11/00
3rd instalment due: 16/1/01
4th instalment due: 20/3/01

"I run my own business from home with the City of Cockburn Family Day Care Scheme"

CHECK OUT THESE BENEFITS:

- ❖ Flexible Hours
- ❖ Steady Income
- ❖ Working From Home
- ❖ Access to equipment, resources & regular support
- ❖ Career opportunity in childcare
- ❖ A Business to suit family commitments



L-R; Robyn, Trent, Aimee, Jarred, Emma, Taylah, Amelia

City of
Cockburn

Join the Network of Professional Operators in Family Day Care
TAKE ACTION, Call Us Today On 9337 7177

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City of Cockburn conducts Ordinary Meetings of Council on the 3rd Tuesday of each month commencing at 7:30pm.

The next meetings are **19th September & 17th October**.

HALL HIRE

The City of Cockburn has recently taken over booking responsibility for Centenary Hall Coolbellup, Coogee Hall in Arlington Loop & the Wattleup Hall.

Booking details for any of these halls and many more, phone Bev Nelson, Booking Officer on 9411 3432.

BINGO

Alternate Tuesdays
Next Game Days -
29th August & 12th September

"Eyes Down" is at 12.30pm for an afternoon of fun and games with raffles, prizes and **FREE afternoon tea!**

At the Jean Willis Centre
Cnr of Healey & Redmond Rd
Hamilton Hill
Ph: 9314 6363

SORE FEET?



Come and visit the 'Foot Doctor' at the Jean Willis Centre and have a professional Podiatrist care for your feet.

Phone the Jean Willis Centre on **9314 6363** for bookings and enquiries.

FREE PEACE OF MIND... SAFER CITY PROJECT

With the City of Cockburn
This project is currently being offered to Senior and Disabled residents of Cockburn and includes;

- *FREE Home Safety Check
- *FREE Assistance to reduce any hazards in your home
- *FREE Referrals to community services or program who help with areas of risk
- *FREE Identification of any valuables in your home inc jewellery & antiques
- *FREE Floppy Disk to record valuables for ID
- *FREE Engraving and UV marking for ID
- *FREE PEACE OF MIND

Phone the City of Cockburn SAFER CITY PROJECT on **9314 3001** to book your free appointment.

Read any good books lately?

These current bestsellers are available from your public library

Cradle and All, James Patterson
When We Were Orphans, Kasuo Ishiguro
The Brethren, John Grisham
To Cut a Long Story Short, Jeffrey Archer
Lines in the Sand, Anne Deveson
Monster, Jonathon Kellerman
The Forest, Edward Rutherfurd
Tulip Fever, Barbara Moggach
'Tis, Frank McCourt
Disgrace, JM Coetzee

City of Cockburn
Public Library & Information Service



Spearwood Library
Coleville Crst
9411 3491

Coolbellup Library
90 Cordelia Ave
9314 1695

ENVIRONMENT

Pesty Problems

The arrival of spring and summer can often herald an increase in the number of midges and mosquitoes.

Midges are non-biting insects and pose no significant health risk. They live most of their lives as larvae in the sediments of the wetland. They emerge as flying adults for a brief period in order to breed and move to other areas. When the adult midges emerge from the wetland they form swarms.

With the onset of spring, midges are found in larger numbers because of the warmer water temperature which increase their development. These swarms are of a nuisance value when they are blown into residential areas. Midges are also attracted to the lights of these areas.

A number of things can be done to reduce the impact of these midges:

- Reducing the number and wattage of outside lights, using yellow lights or sensor security lights
- Using outdoor foggers (*insecticides*) in accordance with the label, when entertaining
- Keeping windows & doors closed or installing fine mesh insect screens
- Placing electrocuting light traps around your house
- Avoid light coloured surfaces around your home as these reflect light and attract midges (*Green & dark blue surfaces are most desirable*)
- Screening light from the source

Another insect associated with spring and summer are mosquitoes, which can cause disease including Ross River Virus. There are number of ways to reduce mosquito numbers around the home.

Mosquitoes breed in standing water, such as may occur in:

- Old car tyres
- Water holding containers
- Pot plants drip trays
- Septic and water tanks

By eliminating these breeding sites, you can help to permanently reduce mosquito numbers in your back yard. You can also avoid being bitten by wearing repellents, screening doors and windows and wearing protective clothing.

Information & pamphlets regarding midges can be obtained from Environmental Services on **9411 3505**. Information and pamphlets on mosquitos can be obtained from the Health Services on **9411 3589**.



Trees in Honour of Hiroshima Day

On Friday August 4, Cockburn school children swapped their pens for shovels in a tree planting ceremony to commemorate Hiroshima day.

The rain held off as Commissioner Julian Donaldson, CEO Rod Brown, Director of Community Services Don Green, and two children from each Cockburn Primary School joined together with Mr Kayashima, the Japanese Vice Consul to memorialise Hiroshima Day with a tree planting ceremony at Hagan Park in Munster.

A spokesperson for Mr Kayashima said that he was honoured to be involved in the City of Cockburn's commemoration for Hiroshima Day. *"It makes me proud to see everyone here today to remember this awful day in our history."*



UPDATE

Tis the Season to be Planting

The commencement of the winter rains in June was the sign that it was time to begin our yearly planting and continue our ongoing rehabilitation work. The sooner the plants can be planted the more chance they have of developing a self supporting root system to allow them to survive through the summer months with minimal watering. A number of contractors were engaged to carry out the planting at many of our wetland, bushland and coastal reserves. The total number of plants planted was 13151 of which more than 70 percent are expected to survive. The following reserves were targeted for revegetation this year.

Cocos Park Reserve -Bibra Lake - 119
Market Garden Swamp-Spearwood - 1512
Yangebup Lake-Yangebup - 3244
Little Rush Lake-Yangebup - 5384
Coogee Beach -Coogee - 656
Naval Base Reserve-Henderson- 824
Freshwater Reserve-Atwell- 1412

Each site is planted with a range of species that are naturally occurring in the area. This complements the existing vegetation and provides habitat and food sources for fauna. Severely degraded areas are chosen as priority sites for rehabilitation. These sites are generally areas that are thought to be unable to regenerate naturally. This may be due to past disturbances that have reduced the natural seed bank and allowed exotic species and weeds to invade.

Planting is not as easy as digging a hole and popping in a plant. To give plants the best chance of survival it is necessary to dig a saucer shaped depression in the ground for each plant. A hole is then dug into this depression and the soil loosened to allow easy root penetration. A slow release fertiliser tablet is put in the hole and slightly covered with soil prior to the plant being placed in the hole. This prevents the roots being in direct contact with the tablet, preventing them being burnt or the plant taking up excess nutrients. The plant is then placed in the hole the roots covered with soil and watered thoroughly. A tree guard is placed around the plant and then a good layer of mulch is spread around the tree guard to reduce evaporation. The plants are watered during the summer months to further increase their chances of survival.

For further information on Councils ongoing rehabilitation program contact Chris on **94113502**

Local Agenda 21

The desired outcomes of a successful Local Agenda 21 are not restricted purely to environmental issues, such as conservation of wildlife or greenhouse gas emissions, but are the widespread shift of community direction to develop a society that prospers both environmentally and economically. It will help minimise environmental and social costs, and allow the City to develop in a manner that does not leave economic, social or environmental debts to future generations.

There are 3 phases to developing a Local Agenda 21 program for the City of Cockburn. Phase one includes a literature review, inter council research and consultation. Phase two will include identifying all the opportunities available within the operations of the City of Cockburn for implementation of the community's vision of sustainability and preparing a draft LA 21 plan. While phase three will take comments on the draft LA 21 plan resulting in the production of a revised final LA 21 report.

Phase one of LA 21 at the City of Cockburn has commenced. Phase one is a critical stage of the development of the LA 21 plan. It assembles and reviews existing and relevant strategies and activities that occur within the City of Cockburn. Understanding all work to date, and the extent to which the community has been involved will mean that the LA21 will build on existing direction. LA21 development will then be sensitive to concerns and ideas that have already evolved through informal council and community actions.

The information obtained in phase one will identify discrepancies between existing direction; objectives and goals that exist within the City of Cockburn's present strategies and any significant gaps in activities that will need to be filled. Phase one will also address current best practise directions in LA 21 development. Phase one outcomes will help to promote greater awareness of LA 21 and develop an issues paper that identifies the existing activities of the City of Cockburn and how these complement or contradict the goals and visions of Council staff and the community for their City.

For more info please contact Kirsty on **9411 3411**



SOUTH LAKE LEISURE CENTRE

Junior and senior course and activities

New for term four:

Craft Classes:	Wednesdays 10.00-12.00 noon 12.30-2.30 pm 4.00-5.00 pm. With Rita Montgomery	Adults Adults Juniors
Touch Football:	(U/12's) 4.00-5.30 pm	Thursdays
Mini Ball:	(U/8's) 4.00-5.00 pm. (U/11's) 4.00-5.00pm	Tuesdays Tuesdays
Yoga:	New for term four: Evening classes Starts in term four, Wednesday nights	



The Skate Park at the South Lake Leisure Centre is well under way. It shouldn't be long now before all you skate-boarders can get out there and show your stuff!!

Don't Forget...
Family Hobby Day
Early September
Phone South Lake Leisure Centre for further details

HEALTH HUSTLE

10-14 years

Monday September 25-29, 2000 or Monday October 2-6, 2000

2.00pm - 3.00pm

\$25.00 for 5 days (inc GST)

registrations close September 11, 2000

Children love to move. They move to get places, to explore, feel, touch and experiment - an open space will send them off leaping, skipping, whirling and twirling their arms - if there is something on which to climb, swing and any thing through which to crawl or creep, children will be there doing it!

Advantages of children exercising:

Fitter, more active.

More enthusiastic and energetic

Better sleep patterns

Better behaviour

Improved social behaviour

Weight control

Music Movement
Circuit Action
Novelty Activities
Aqua Olympics



Do yourself a favour and come on down to the centre and check out our newly improved pool.

SPORTS COMPETITION

New season of sports competition starting in October.

All of our sports competition will be starting a new season after the school holidays in October.

Registrations can now be made, so get your teams together.

We have competition in Mens Soccer, Ladies day and evening Netball, Mixed Netball, Junior and open Indoor Hockey, and Softball.

Meet the Cockburn Youth Services Team

Youth Services Coordinator Vanessa Castlemain. Youth workers – Susanne Cunningham, Darren Head and our new part-time youth worker Monique Fairbairn (filled the vacancy). New **Youth Development Officer** Brian Riley.



Monique has specialist skills in alcohol and drug counselling and residential care. Brian Riley is also a highly experienced youth worker and musician. Brian fills a newly created position, designed to improve service to the community by focusing on assisting mainstream youth. Brian will be working on the development of youth programs and providing info about activities and events. You can contact Brian at the council on 9411 3582

Cockburn Youth Services has an exciting year planned filled with programs and events, designed especially for the young people in the City of Cockburn. Our **Youth Advisory Council** have been involved in our planning process and feedback from the community has also been included. We plan to review our strategies even closer though with a youth forum and continuing close liaison with the relevant community groups. Events for the new year include the following and we will continue to update you in more detail in future editions of Cockburn Soundings:

Young Women's Group – next program will be next school term. We need young women aged 12-17 to be involved on Monday evenings. Call Susanne 9414 9055.

The Afternoon Program – also coincides with the school terms. Is on every Tuesday arvo and provides fun recreational things for young people to do for example, movies, timezone, pot black, q-zar, ten pin bowling etc..

U-Fund – another yearly round is being offered. Small grants between \$100-400 made available to the youth in Cockburn for special projects. Call Vanessa and watch this space.

Skatepark launch – planned for 14th October at the SLLC. Call Andrew in recreation on 9411 3438.

School holiday program – Brian will be coordinating the Youth Outrage School Holiday Programmes. Activities for the programs includes Go-karting, Bowling, Skating, Horseshooting, Movies, and much much more!

Most importantly the CYS provides a confidential counselling, support, information and advocacy service for young people. We are located at the Yangebup Community Centre, Swallow Drive Yangebup and the office is open weekdays between 8.30am – 5pm. Young people can however make appointments as needed and program times vary. Call the youth workers on 9414 9055 or on mobile 0417 173 614 Susanne, 0419 947 139 Darren.

'Cockburn Youth Services will use the available resources to enhance the wellbeing and potential of young people by providing positive opportunities for active participation and expression within the community'

Re-Generate #5

It's that time again. Work has started on the next edition of Re-Generate. We need contributions from YOU. Stories, poems, cartoons, works of art, photo's, music reviews, anything from young people that young people are interested in. It's also your opportunity to have your say. So come on mail it to us at COC or e-mail regenerate@cockburn.wa.gov.au. Don't forget the logo competitions – YAC and Re-Generate, nor our agony 'aunt' Burnt out Burny.

Deadline for submissions
29th September.

Please note that in the previous edition of the Soundings the 'Frosh' youth festival was notified as being on 29th September this was an error it will be on the 29th OCTOBER.

MONEY UP FOR GRABS!!

If your community group needs some money the City of Cockburn has some to give away.

Yes, its time for the next round of Community and Co'Express Grants.

They will go to worthwhile applicants as they have in the past to fund projects which will benefit the community.

If you require an application package contact the Customer Service Officer on 9411 3458 or alternatively come into the council office, Coolbellup or Spearwood Libraries.

If you want more information or have questions to ask, they can be best answered by John Gregg on 9411 3412.

Applications open from the 4th September & close at 4:30pm on the 29th September



2000 BIBRA LAKE FUN RUN

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10

EVENT INFORMATION

Important Times
Course Briefing - 8:45am
Start - 9:00am
Presentations - 10:00am

Entry Fee - \$5.00

Entry Fee will not be accepted without signed entry form.

Children 5yrs and under free
Cheques payable to "City of Cockburn"

Distance - 6km
Meet at car park
Progress Drive, Bibra Lake

**Fundraising Opportunities for Cockburn
Sporting Clubs and Groups**

Proceeds to Community Organisations.



News From Your Waste Services Team...

The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council's development at Canning Vale is becoming a reality.

The site in Bannister Road, next to Canning Vale Industrial Area has been cleared and site works have commenced.

The contract for the construction and operation of the recycling plant has been awarded to WA Recycling Company.

The completion date is expected to be May 28 2001.

The City of Cockburn will be going to tender in the next two months for the supply of recycling bins and for the collection and handling of the recyclables to this new plant.

The contract for the construction of the waste processing plant to convert all of the domestic waste into compost should be awarded by the end of September and be operational early in 2002.

For detailed information on all stages of the waste process visit www.bedminster.com.



COUNCIL ELECTIONS

6 December 2000

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

With the date of the elections for a new City of Cockburn Council having been announced to take place on 6 December, 2000, now is a good time to check on your entitlement to vote at these elections.

Put simply, if you live in the City of Cockburn and you are eligible (at least 18 years of age) and enrolled to vote at State or Federal elections, you SHOULD appear on the Council electoral roll in the relevant Ward of the City, (see map).

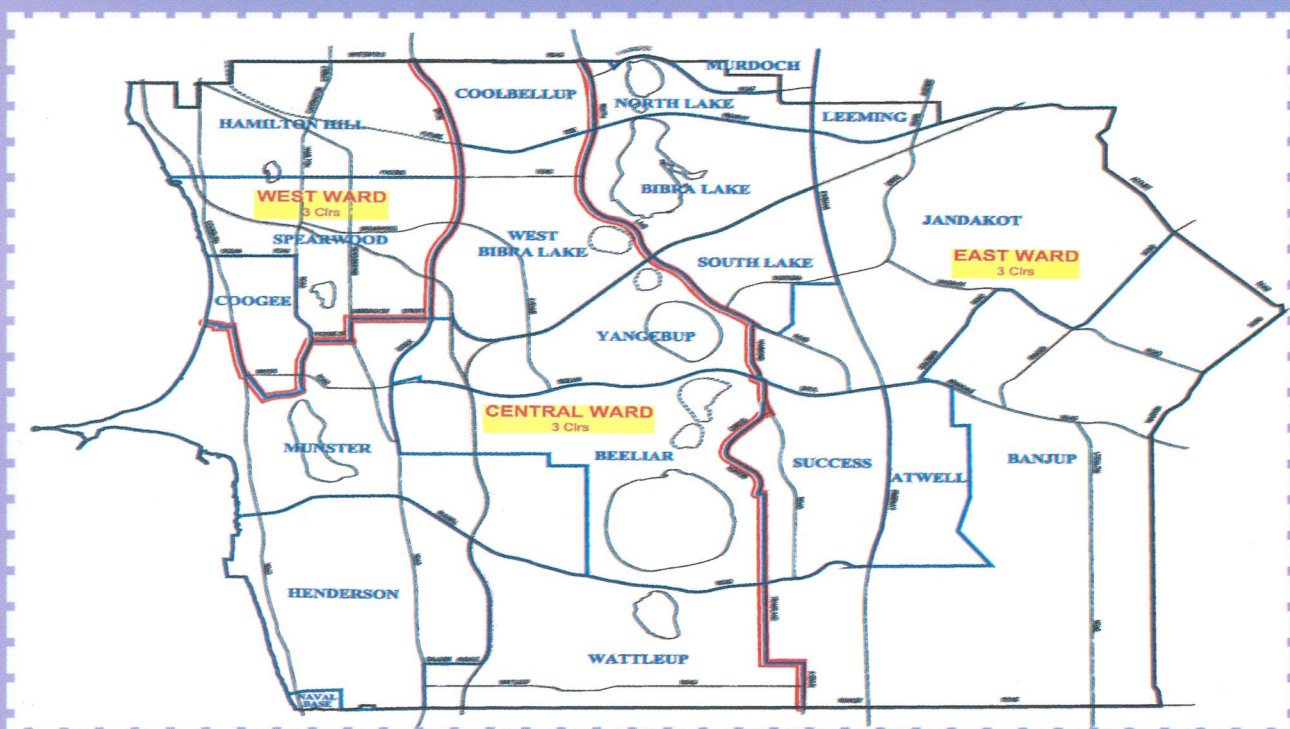
However, if you own a property, or occupy a business in a different Ward to that in which you live, you may be eligible to cast a vote in any Councillor election for that Ward, as well.

In these circumstances, however, enrolment is not automatic, as is generally the case for your residential address.

Therefore, in order to ensure your entitlement to vote is secure, it is suggested you CONTACT COUNCIL'S RATES DEPARTMENT ON 9411 3475 for confirmation. If you are eligible to be registered on more than one Ward roll, you will be advised of what forms need to be completed and by what time.

For general information, the Mayor for the City will be elected by the total electorate, while the elections for Councillors in each Ward can only involve those people registered separately on each of the Ward rolls.

Enrolments for the rolls close on 17 October, 2000, and all residents and ratepayers are urged to check their voting entitlements and ensure their participation in this very important election process.



CREATION OF NEW SUBURB

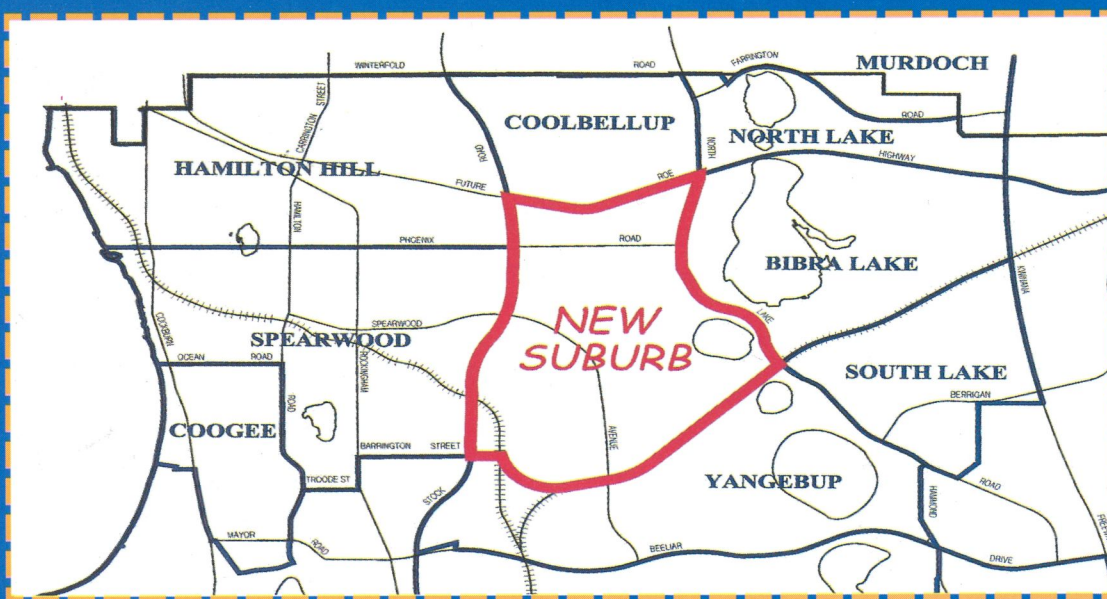
Do you live in St. Pauls Estate (Bibra Lake) or own / occupy a business in the Bibra Lake Commercial area?

If so, we are seeking your input in re-naming that part of the suburb of Bibra Lake.

It is proposed that the part of Bibra Lake bounded by Stock Road (in the West) and North Lake Road (in the East) become a suburb in its own right. The "established" area of Bibra Lake would retain the suburb name under this proposal.

So if you reside, own or occupy property in this designated area, your comments and suggestions would be of great interest to us.

Please complete the form below and return to Council (reply paid) by no later than **FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER, 2000.**



PROPOSAL TO DIVIDE THE SUBURB OF BIBRA LAKE AND CREATE A NEW SUBURB

*I / We,
(name)

of
(address)

*agree / disagree with the proposal to divide the suburb of Bibra Lake.

Preferred new suburb name

Reason / Comment (please attach extra information if space insufficient)

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..... (signed)