

# COCKBURN SOUNDINGS

DECEMBER 2013



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## COMMUNITY GROUPS RALLY TO SAVE COCKBURN, LET'S SUPPORT THEM



**HANDS  
OFF  
COCKBURN**  
cockburn.wa.gov.au/reform

As we were all enjoying the Christmas season, community groups across Cockburn have been rallying to keep the community together.

As this edition of Cockburn Soundings went to print, a group of Community Leaders, strongly backed by thousands of residents and ratepayers were to take a proposal to the Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB). The proposal recommends uniting the cities of Cockburn and Kwinana, minus Leeming. The LGAB is the body that will decide the future of your City by making recommendations for future local government boundaries to the State Government in the first half of 2014.

Community groups are anxious about a scheme to delete Cockburn from the map, and to split Cockburn's facilities and services into three different council areas. The potentially affected groups include not-for-profit, sporting, environmental, cultural and historical groups.

See a tiny selection of what residents had to say about your City on page 5 of this newsletter. Keep up to date with the reform process here:

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

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It is a dedicated website that will help you discover authors of a similar genre and will help you find your perfect holiday reading. Just follow the link from our eResources page on our website.

**Australia's Top 100 Favourite Homegrown Reads**



In June 2013, for the first time 'Get Reading!' began an extensive, nationwide search for our favourite Australian books of all time. The Australian public told us their thoughts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and at [getreading.com.au](http://getreading.com.au).

After almost 6000 votes for more than 1100 nominated titles, the results are in. Is your favourite book on the list?

At No. 8 was Bryce Courtney's "Jessica", No. 6 was Matthew Reilly and at No. 2 spot was Marcus Zusack's "The Book Thief." To find out the No. 1 title, well, you will just have to go to the website: <http://www.getreading.com.au>

**Where will reading take you?**

Join the Premiers Reading Challenge these summer school holidays.

The Premier's Summer Reading Challenge is not a competition, but a challenge for children to read every day, for a minimum of 15 minutes, over the 9 weeks, commencing on 2 December 2013 and ending on 31 January 2014.

You can register your child online through our website <http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au> or at <http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.au/> and create a reading profile for them. Their profile is then used to keep track of their reading hours and sent in electronically when they have completed the challenge. This will put you in the draw for a chance to win a family holiday for four to a Qatar anywhere in the world with an extra \$2,500 towards accommodation.



Need some boredom busters for the kids these summer holidays?

Keep an eye out for FREE school holiday fun @ your Cockburn library. Check out our website for what's on at <http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au>



The State Government's announcement on local government reform on Tuesday 12 November essentially seeks to carve up Cockburn and distribute its population and assets to neighbouring local governments. Our community is rightly outraged by their 'left field' decision. It was a decision made without consultation and at odds with

their announcement on 30 July 2013 that saw Cockburn amalgamating with Kwinana. In reaction to this shock announcement, a Cockburn Community Steering Group (representatives from community, sporting, cultural and other organisations) was established to put prepare and put forward a proposal to the Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB) articulating the community that is Cockburn. This was done in the latter part of November, including a rally at Parliament House where the State Government was sent a clear message; 'Hands off Cockburn'. The LGAB is an independent body that will be reviewing each of the submissions presented to them and making subsequent recommendations to the Minister for Local Government and Communities on the shape of future local governments in the Perth metropolitan area. Current legislation allows the Minister to accept or reject the recommendations, however the Minister cannot alter the recommendation. Public submissions will be called by the LGAB early in 2014 and herein lays a further opportunity for each and every person and organisation to make a submission. I am comforted by the outpouring of support from across our community

to prevent Cockburn being carved up for the benefit of neighbouring local governments. We must maintain the focus on preventing Cockburn from being carved up. Keep up to date on what you can do through:

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

Our City has a strong financial position, a focus on strategic planning, a steadily increasing rate base and provides a comprehensive range of social and community services backed by committed staff and a strong volunteer base. These are the attributes needed by any progressive local government and one that will ensure Cockburn retains its position as a leader in local government in Australia. The continuation of the City's community infrastructure program will see the completion of the integrated health and community centre (including a new library) in June 2014 and work continuing on the proposed integrated regional aquatic and recreational centre at Cockburn Central West. A refurbishment program for existing facilities will continue to ensure the best possible resources are available for our community.

In closing, I thank the elected members, staff, volunteers and the Cockburn community for their contributions towards making Cockburn a place of destination, increasing importance and vibrancy in Western Australia. My best wishes for the festive season and a 2014 that realises your personal dreams and aspirations and those of your family.

**Logan K Howlett, JP**  
Mayor

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## CITY'S ENVIRONMENT DEFENDER RECEIVES TOP AWARD



The City's Environment and Waste Education Officer, Vicky Hartill, received an award for 'Outstanding Professional Service' at the Professional Teaching Council of WA Awards 2013. Vicky also has volunteer roles at the Australian Association for Environmental Education and in Cockburn.

You may have seen Vicky in and around Cockburn educating people about recycling and how to change habits for the good of the environment.

Vicky's passion for the environment and sustainability played a role in the City being named the Australia's Sustainable City for 2012 by the Keep Australia Beautiful Council.

To stay up-to-date with the City's sustainability events and information visit:

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



(L-R) Jennifer Pearson, Chair A2E2 WA Chapter, Vicky Hartill and the City's Environment Manager Chris Beaton

## TEAM FOCUS – STRATEGIC PLANNING



The strategic planning team is responsible for helping guide the future growth of the City of Cockburn. This responsibility is shared with the community - that is, the team sees its role as working in partnership with the community to collectively shape the future we want for our City. Our team deals with three key aspects - strategic planning, land administration and cartography.

Strategic planning is focused on strategy development, regulating the design of new urban areas and the maintenance of the town planning scheme which establishes the zoning of land.

Land administration deals with the City's land holdings, and ensuring this is managed to extract the most value for the community across social, environmental and economic objectives.

Finally our cartographic division helps maintain the City's industry-leading GIS system, which is made available to the community via the City's website.

The team has a broad skills base and extensive experience in helping continue to shape Cockburn for a prosperous future. The award-winning team has been recognised for its work in recent projects including the Phoenix Revitalisation Strategy and Local Commercial Centres and Activity Centre Strategy.



*The Strategic Planning Team headed by Andrew Trosic*

## COCKBURN FINANCIAL COUNSELLOR NAMED BEST IN THE STATE!



Co-ordinator of Cockburn Financial Counselling Services, Colleen Crowley has won the *2013 Synergy Financial Counsellor Award for Excellence*. Colleen was picked out of 144 Financial Counsellors in WA.

Colleen has worked at the City for nearly eight years. She has helped hundreds of clients achieve financial autonomy and reach economic independence.

The City offers free and confidential financial counselling services at Coolbellup and Atwell. The service aims to enable people to gain economic power over their lives.

To set up an appointment with a financial counsellor call:

### City of Cockburn Financial Counselling Service - Coolbellup Office

90 Cordelia Avenue, Coolbellup  
Phone: 9411 3850  
Hours: 9-3pm Monday to Friday

### City of Cockburn Financial Counselling Service - Atwell Office

Atwell Community Centre  
1 Lombe Gardens, Atwell  
Phone: 9414 6302  
Hours 9-4pm Monday to Friday



*Colleen Crowley and the team from Coolbellup Financial Counselling Services.*



## What is this all about?

The WA Government unexpectedly announced the carving up of Cockburn to subsidize surrounding local governments by dividing the City's assets. Your valuable assets will not disappear, but they will belong to a different local government which means you and your community groups may not gain access to the facilities paid for with your rates! These assets include the City's buildings, parks, recreation centre, seniors centre and more which could potentially be sold off to pay the debts of the cities of Fremantle, Melville and Kwinana.

## What is the community groups' proposal?

At the time of print, groups across Cockburn came together to put forward their views to the WA Government and point out all the negative implications of dividing Cockburn. To find out more visit: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/reform](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/reform)

## How can I strengthen the community groups' proposal?



Knowledge is key, so 'Like' the City of Cockburn's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/cityofcockburn](http://www.facebook.com/cityofcockburn) to stay up-to-date with the latest developments on saving Cockburn. You should also link in with your local group or community association. For a list of the groups visit:

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

Once you've done that you'll know when the public submission period opens (this is expected for early 2014). You can make a submission to have your say about the carving up of Cockburn.

In the meantime be sure to contact your Member of Parliament and let them know you want to keep your services, and no rates increase! A list of contact details for your representatives is available at

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

## What the community said on Facebook:



**Rebecca Millman** Why destroy a Council that has built an awesome place to live, I've been living in the area for over 13 years and love how this Council supports families, businesses and the community. The excellent work they have done on developing roads, community buildings and planning for a better future is second to none. I'm really having a hard time understanding why...



**Justin Hansen** Look at all the development industry awards this Council has achieved over the last few years; more than the others combined. Cockburn to stay!



**Angie Harper** I think this is a shame if it happens. As someone who works for a NFP organisation covering all three of these councils Cockburn stands head and shoulders above the others in providing for their residents...

## What the community told us:

"KidSport was a massive winner for us as a club. We nearly doubled the number of applicants and this certainly bolstered our playing numbers and allowed more kids to participate. Once again, Cockburn championed this initiative and in my dealings with City of Fremantle, Melville and Cockburn, by far the easiest, friendliest and efficient was Cockburn."

– **Darryl Power – Cockburn Junior Cricket Club**

"In the last 30 years you are the best council we have dealt with, and our club's been around for 100 years. Council seem to bend over backwards to help us".

– **Club Survey Comment 2013**

"The newly installed floodlights that were kindly donated by the Council have made a huge difference to the overall visibility, safety and playing conditions for our players during training sessions."

– **Grant Moir, Vice-President of Phoenix Lacrosse Club**



Look out for the City's 2014 calendar coming out this month. If you didn't receive your copy email [customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au) and we will post one out to you.



## ELECTED MEMBERS VISIONS



Elected members were asked to provide their vision for Cockburn in 25 words!

The City's plan for Cockburn is to make Cockburn a thriving, commercial, residential and industrial hub.

Surrounded by wonderful beaches, our metropolis is a place to live, work, play and invest in.

To stay up-to-date with latest news about Cockburn, like us on Facebook at

[www.facebook.com/cityofcockburn](http://www.facebook.com/cityofcockburn)

### WEST WARD



**Cr Kevin Allen**

"A vision that rewards our ratepayers by Council being financially, socially and environmentally strong."



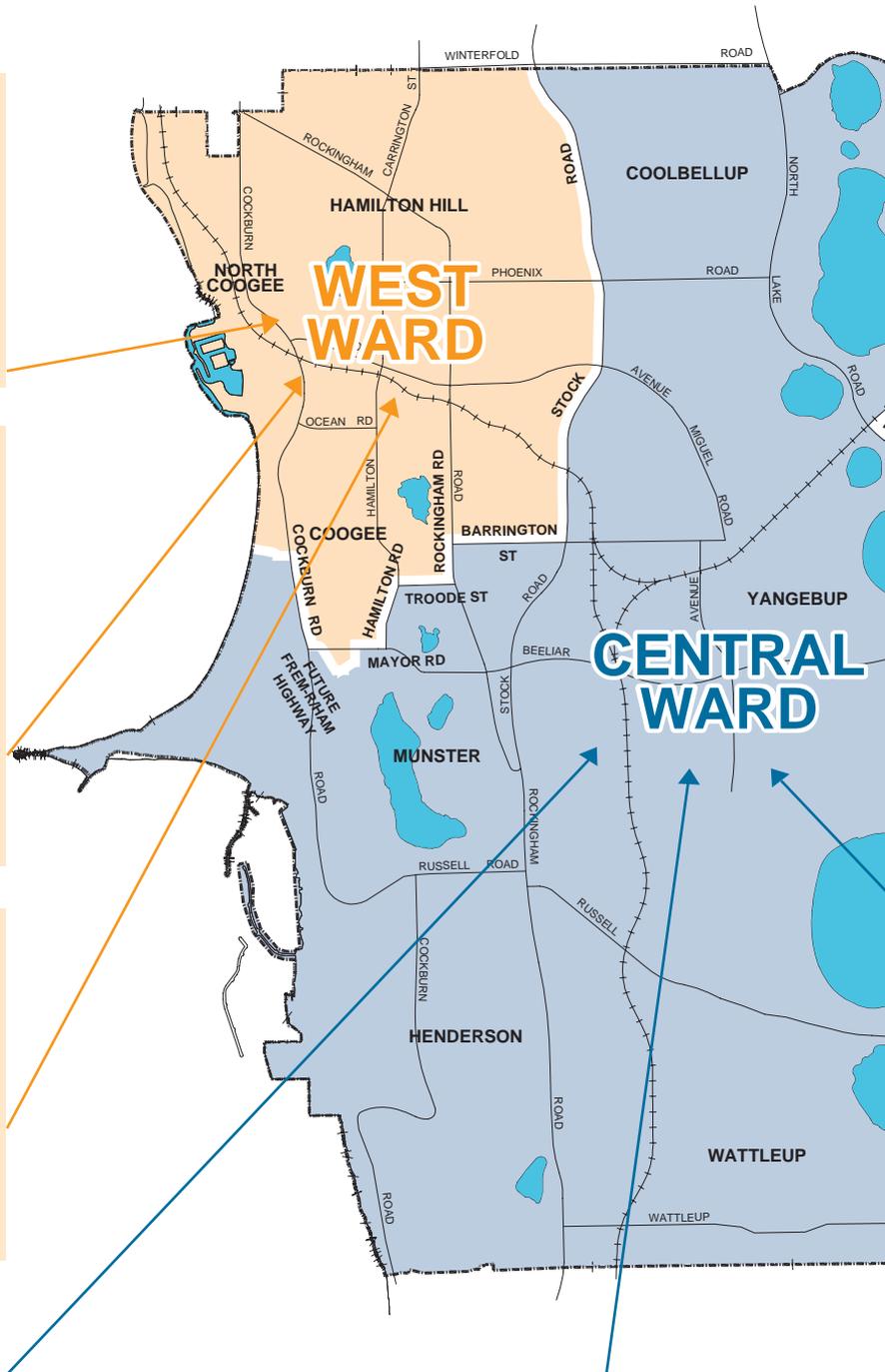
**Deputy Mayor  
Carol Reeve-Fowkes**

"New homes and shops along Cockburn Coast. Family-friendly activities at Enright Reserve. Aquatic and Sporting Facility coming soon. New Skate Park at Market Garden Swamp."



**Cr Lyndsey Wetton**

"Our community can achieve a vibrant, prosperous and sustainable City that is the jewel in the crown of our State."



### CENTRAL WARD



**Cr Philip Eva JP**

"As Cockburn's goes through an exciting period of growth, our diverse and inclusive community can achieve its goals and aspirations for a progressive future."

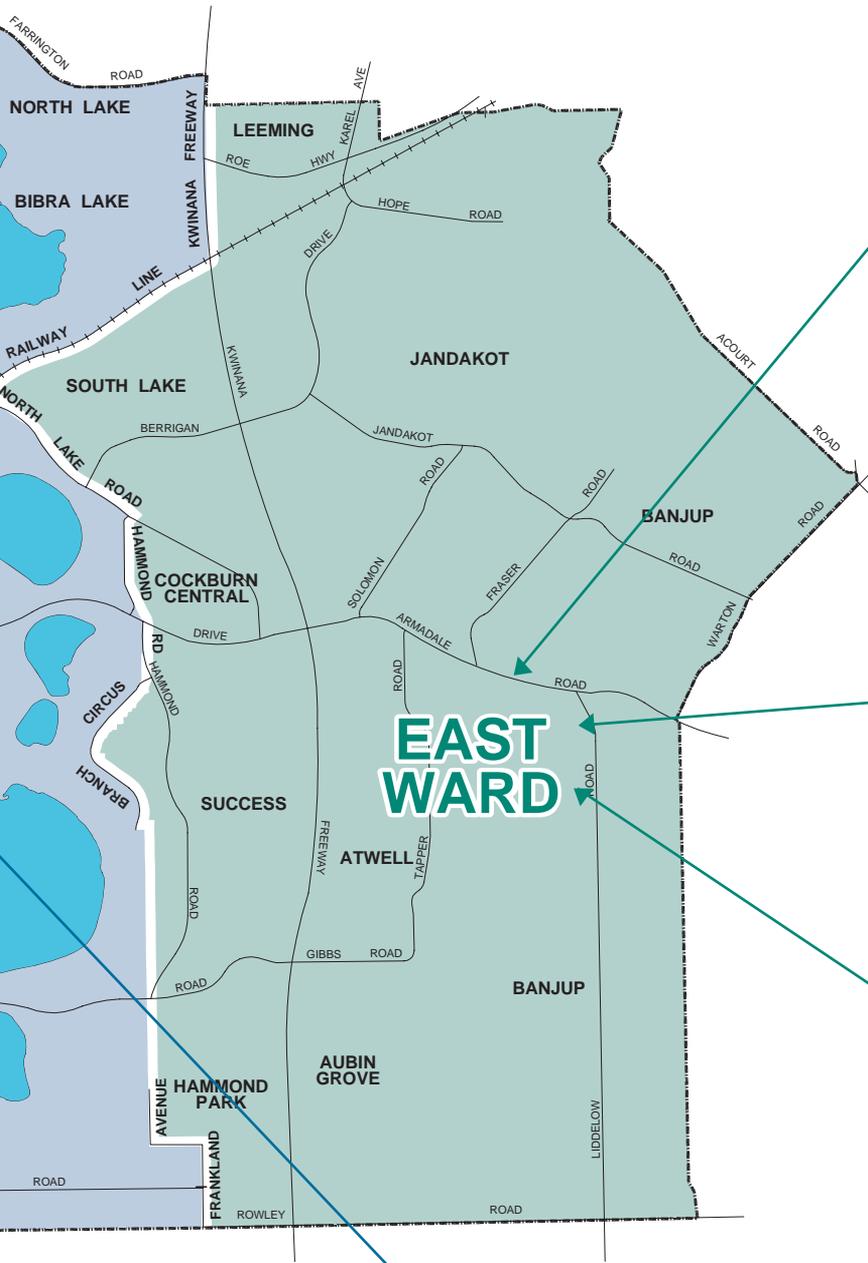


**Cr Bart Houwen**

"A cohesive community led by business, residents and investors in the City for strong and sustainable economic management."

## Mayor Logan Howlett

"Building active, inclusive and resilient communities through strong leadership, with the involvement of professional staff and volunteers that deliver timely, sustainable, transparent and accountable outcomes."



## EAST WARD

### Cr Steve Portelli



"Passion and commitment to balancing development with amenity of life and minimise traffic congestion. Slow down and let our roads and pedestrian infrastructure catch up."

### Cr Yaz Mubarakai



"A proud resident of the City of Cockburn, I say with pride that we are the talk of the town, the crown of the south!"

### Cr Lee-Anne Smith



"A Strategic Regional Centre leading the way in responsible and sustainable development, supported by a prosperous economy, connected by a safe and efficient transport network."



### Cr Stephen Pratt

"My vision for a progressive Cockburn includes enhanced community consultation, improved environmental strategies, implementation of healthy lifestyle plans and activities that connect our growing suburbs."



The City's Jean Willis Centre provides a range of activities and outings catering to the physical, social and emotional needs of members. The program also functions as respite for carers. Volunteering is an important part of our community and the Centre is looking for people to help.

The Centre is seeking volunteer drivers to provide transport to and from client's homes and destinations and to provide support to clients who have appointments and require someone to stay with them at appointments if necessary.

### Centre-based Activities

The centre-based programs provide a wide and varied range of activities and outings that cater to the



physical, social and emotional needs of all members. Lunch and refreshments are included in the day's programs and transport is also provided to and from the centre in specifically equipped vehicles to accommodate the needs of our members.

The Centre also provides the following:

- A specifically designed program on Mondays and Fridays for people with disabilities.
- Programs for seniors that run Tuesday to Friday and;
- A program specifically designed for seniors with dementia.
- The Kwobarup Centre-based Day Program (HACC) Monday to Wednesday, caters specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

All the activities and outings are customised to meet the needs of our members.

The Jean Willis Centre aims to build relationships with other day centres by inviting their members to join in activities at the centre and for Jean Willis members to visit other centres.

Anyone wanting to register their interest in volunteering or to arrange a visit to the Centre you can contact them on 9314 6363.

## GET READY FOR KINDY!



The City of Cockburn runs a 3yr old **Playclub** at the Atwell Community Centre, which helps children develop the skills needed in kindy and school.

Run by a trained Playclub leader, this group helps children settle more easily into kindy and parents attending with their child can apply what is learnt at home.

The City of Cockburn is currently taking enrolments for February 2014.

For more information and bookings please call  
T: 9411 3444

### LINKAGE AVENUE – COCKBURN CENTRAL

The right hand turn into Linkage Avenue on Beelias Drive is now permanently closed and the intersection has been modified to a left in, left out turn only. This is due to the widening of Beelias Drive at this point to three lanes.

These works are being undertaken by Cockburn Gateway Shopping City as part of the upgrades to Beelias Drive.

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





### The vision for Cockburn Central

The City is inviting residents to contribute their ideas and thoughts on what Cockburn Central should be like in 2031. Over the summer, the City will be circulating a Discussion Paper designed to stimulate ideas and get residents thinking of what sort of place they want Cockburn's city centre to be like in the future.

The Paper presents readers with a number of broad visionary ideas and concepts before providing readers with a comment sheet to provide feedback to the City. This information will be used to guide the City in the formulation of the Cockburn Central Activity Centre Plan.

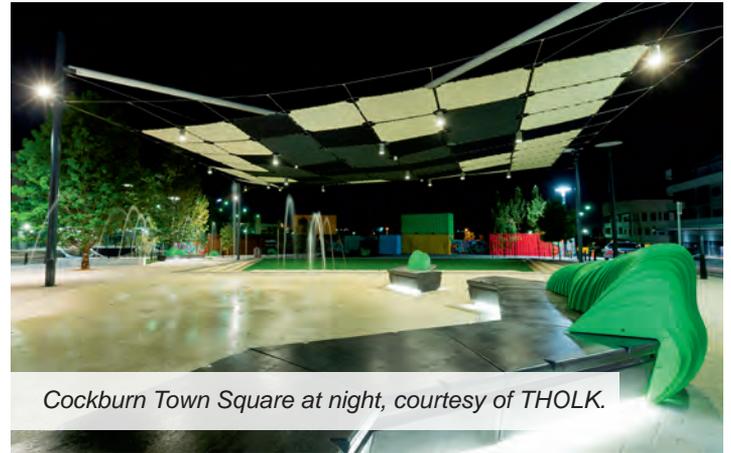
### What is the Cockburn Central Activity Centre Plan?

The Cockburn Central Activity Centre Plan is a strategic planning document designed to provide broad direction for the development of Cockburn Central Activity Centre through to 2031. The Plan will assist in the creation of a connected, vibrant and responsive activity centre as desired in "Directions 2031 and Beyond" and "State

Planning Policy 4.2". The vision of the Plan is for Cockburn Central to be positioned as a primary centre and the most influential activity centre in the South West Metropolitan sub-region by 2031.

To have your say visit:

[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/consultation](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/consultation) or phone the City on 9411 3444. The public consultation period will be open for public comment for at least 60 days.



*Cockburn Town Square at night, courtesy of THOLK.*

### WANT TO BE PART OF THE COMMITTEE? - REGISTER YOUR INTEREST



How would you like to make your mark on the Cockburn Central Town Centre? The newly established Cockburn Central Town Centre Association (CCTCA) is inviting locals to have a say and help shape the future of the community.

Facilitated by founding member LandCorp, in collaboration with the City of Cockburn, the CCTCA is now ready to set up its Committee of Management and to pass the torch over to locals.

To help create a place that reflects and promotes the interests of people living and working in Cockburn Central and surrounding suburbs, the CCTCA is calling out to local residents and businesses to register their interest in being part of the Committee of Management, or as casual members.

The Association will provide an important forum for locals to come together to share ideas, discuss concerns and develop workable solutions which will see Cockburn Central Town Centre continue to flourish into a thriving and lively community.

For further information about the CCTCA or to express interest in a Committee of Management role or general membership, please contact Jennelle Horsford, Cockburn Central Town Centre Place Manager on 9284 0910 or email [Jennelle@creatingcommunities.com.au](mailto:Jennelle@creatingcommunities.com.au).

To keep updated with the latest news from the Cockburn Central Town Centre, visit

[www.cockburncentral.com.au](http://www.cockburncentral.com.au) or facebook.



*Community members enjoying the space the Town Centre already provides.*



**How can the City of Cockburn improve employment opportunities for people with Disability?**

The City requires your help in developing the seventh Outcome in our City of Cockburn, Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2012-17.

Outcome 7: *"People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to obtain and maintain employment within a public authority."*

If you wish to assist the City in improving and maintaining employment opportunities for



people with disabilities, we encourage you to attend a public meeting and have your say.

**Date:** 3 February 2014

**Time:** 1pm-3pm

**Where:** Cockburn Youth Centre

**Address:** 25 Wentworth Parade, Success WA 6164

To reserve your place at the consultation meeting please contact the Disability Access and Inclusion Officer by Friday 24 January on Phone: 9411 3444 or Email: [jhoggan01@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:jhoggan01@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

Or if you can't attend the meeting visit our website to complete an online survey: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au)

COUNCIL DECISIONS



**Proposal to improve our parks and reserves**

At a recent ordinary council meeting the City's Council endorsed the proposed expenditure of almost \$1.5 million to upgrade various parks and reserves around the city with shade sails, exercise and playground equipment, lighting and shelter.

The proposals will be referred to the Western Australian Planning Commission for consideration and recommendation to the Minister for Planning and

Infrastructure. If this is approved the City will then receive a report with the approved expenditure and delivery timeframes.

The proposed upgrades include public open space in the suburbs of Atwell, Munster, South Lake, Hamilton Hill, Beeliar, Aubin Grove, Jandakot and Hammond Park.

A full list of the proposed public open space upgrades can be found at:

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



Harmony Park, Atwell

# Term 1 - 2014 Swimming Lessons

Saturday 1 February - Friday 11 April



- Parent and Child (6-36 months)
- Preschool (3.5 to 6 years)
- Levels 1-14
- Swim & Survive
- Go Swim
- Sunset Parent and Child
- Junior Lifeguard Club
- Adults (Beginner and Intermediate)

10 Weeks for \$140.00

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

## Cockburn Youth Centre

Summer School Holiday Programs now out!  
Wednesday 18 Dec 2013 – Monday 3 Feb 2014



### YC Holiday Program

- Activities in Youth Centre
- Henna Body Art
- Laser Shooting
- Cooking Classes
- Giant inflatable's
- Cycling & Bushwalking
- Circus workshops

Prices vary from \$5 - \$8 per day. Plus heaps more activities happening each day! Come check out the program on the website or come and see us at the Youth Centre.

More info: 9411 3888 or  
E: [youth@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:youth@cockburn.wa.gov.au)  
W: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/youthcentre](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/youthcentre)

### Outrage Holiday Program

- Out and about in Perth
- Water Skiing
- Outdoor Go-Karts
- Movies & Timezone
- Learning to surf
- Adventure World
- Paintball

Get in early for December special and keep your young person active for only \$18 per day, (before Christmas)

More info contact the Youth Development Officer on 9411 3884  
E: [satherton@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:satherton@cockburn.wa.gov.au)  
W: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/youthcentre](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/youthcentre)



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25 Wentworth Parade, Success





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

January 2014	<p>Big Aussie Day BBQ Brekky          Sunday 26 January          Coogee Beach Reserve          7am - 11am</p>		March 2014	<p>Summer Nights Concert #2          Feat. Kate Ceberano          Saturday, 15 March          Manning Park, 6pm - 10pm</p>	
February 2014	<p>Summer Nights Concert #1 Feat. Samantha Jade and Justice Crew          Saturday, 22 February 2014          Success Regional Sporting Ground 6pm - 10pm</p>		March 2014	<p>Hello Baby          Wednesday 19 March 2014          Manning Park          10am - 12.30pm</p>	

**FREE EVENTS**

City of **Cockburn**  
 wetlands to waves

**AUSSIE DAY BBQ BREKKY**

Sun 26 Jan 7am - 11am  
 Coogee Beach Reserve Powell Rd. Coogee  
[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/carnivalofevents](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/carnivalofevents)



Over the past 18 months a small group of volunteers led by mosaic artist Sarah Francis, have been designing and creating a mosaic mural at the Cockburn Seniors Centre.

The idea for the mural emerged from the classes that Sarah has been teaching at the Centre. For many people they had very little room to display work that they had produced in their own homes, so why not create a mural for the centre?

The theme came from listening to the stories of many of the participants who grew up in the Cockburn area.

The design evolved to include representations of the early European settlement of Cockburn and the social and economic activities in the area including the horse racing on CY O'Connor Beach, market gardens, Robbs Jetty, the lighthouse, fishing industries and the brick kiln. By using a diverse range of materials from hand painted tiles, local kap rock, broken crockery and decorative ceramics, the mosaic provides a three dimensional representation of part of Cockburn's history. The mosaic can be viewed at the Cockburn Senior Centre by December 2013.



(L-R) Geraldine Jones, Meg Spencer and Sarah Francis with the mosaic.



## HOLIDAY WATCH

GOING AWAY ON HOLIDAY?

CoSafe offers a confidential "Holiday Watch" service, where random patrols of your property are carried out while you are away.

To lodge your holiday date(s) and address for this service, or to find out more, call CoSafe on 9411 4387 or visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/cosafe](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/cosafe).





For more information  
on your move visit:  
[www.yourmove.org.au](http://www.yourmove.org.au)

3613+

people registered for the Your Move  
program that motivates people to  
enjoy more active lifestyles

95%

of participants have agreed to  
receive personalised phone  
coaching

2385+

the number of phone calls made  
since the launch of the program to  
recruit participants

10,000

the goal for the number of  
participating households in  
Your Moves

34,000

the number of houses offered  
the program.

INSPIRING ARTWORKS UNVEILED AT ELIZA PONDS



The past and present were brought together in a stunning collection of giant artworks unveiled by Mayor Logan Howlett at a special art exhibition at the new Eliza Ponds estate in Spearwood during September.

The public artworks have been inspired by the former Watsonia factory site, which is being transformed into 350 home sites as part of the stunning Eliza Ponds community.

Destined for the parklands in the new residential estate, the six artworks were created by renowned Western Australian artist Ken Sealey after being commissioned by George Weston Foods, the current owners of the site.

Mr Sealey explains the public artworks celebrate the Watsonia site's rich 100-year history.

"My goal was to keep the history of the area alive for future generations, while also giving each work a modern feel," Mr Sealey said.

The artworks were unveiled at the launch function by William Watson's great-grandson, Greg Preston. Mr Watson was the founder of Watsonia and a significant local businessman, philanthropist and federal politician.

"It's incredible to see how these designs have been inspired by artifacts from the original factory," said Mr Preston. "It means a great deal to me and my family and we're very pleased they have been created for future generations to enjoy."

The six larger-than-life artworks will be positioned within the parklands of Eliza Ponds this summer.



William Watson, Eliza Ponds

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



We are approaching the warmer weather so now is a good time to check that your home swimming pool meets the safety standards. You can download a copy of the Home Pool Safety Checklist at [www.homepoolsafety.com.au](http://www.homepoolsafety.com.au) and ensure that your pool is safe this summer.

Some things to consider:

### Swimming Pool Gates

The gate of a pool fence is crucial in preventing a child's access. It is unfortunate that all too often pool gates are not secured properly and drowning does occur. A child does not need a great deal of strength to push open an unsecured gate. Gates must be:

- self-closing,
- self-latching,
- must open outward from the pool,
- latch must be more than 1.5m from the ground and
- must be self-closing and self-latching from all positions.

### Swimming Pool Fences

Fencing is another essential layer of defence in drowning prevention. The fence acts as a barrier to the pool and as such, helps prevent access to the water by young children. In addition, pool fencing is a legal requirement in all States and Territories in Australia. Heavy penalties can be imposed for non-compliant pools. Swimming pool fences should be:

- Secure and in good working order
- No more than 100mm from the ground
- Pool fence should be at least 1.2m high
- Boundary fence should be at least 1.8m high
- No vertical gaps more than 100mm apart.

You can also find out more information at [www.buildingcommission.wa.gov.au](http://www.buildingcommission.wa.gov.au)



The 2013/2014 council rating year is well underway with the third payment instalment option falling due on 7 January 2014.

Those electing to pay by this option must ensure their payment is made by this date in order to avoid late payment penalty interest.

Direct Debit facilities are now available at Council for payment arrangements and forms can be obtained by downloading from our website or contacting the City by email, phone or the front counter. Customers who default on their original payment arrangement will be required to enter into a direct debit arrangement.

Please note that overdue accounts accrue daily penalty interest and could incur additional costs if legal proceedings are pursued.

Unfortunately, the City is not in a position to allow this matter to go unresolved indefinitely and it is in your best interests to contact Rates Services on 9411 3444 to discuss your payment options if you are experiencing financial difficulties.

Cockburn Financial Counselling Services are available by phoning 9411 3850 or 9414 6302.



Dean Huxley with Taylor Cadman, Lee Cadman

Considering doing a wildlife training course? Native ARC run multiple training course on a variety of topics including wildlife first aid, baby bird rehabilitation and turtle rehabilitation. Here is what a recent attendee had to say:

These workshops have been a great success, don't just take our word for it, book yourself in now by contacting the Training Coordinator at [training@nativearc.org.au](mailto:training@nativearc.org.au)

*What did you like about the 2 day course?*

The course had a good combination of theory and practice. I liked this because of the possibility to practice skills several times as there was a lot of practice material to get confidence in like tube feeding etc. Good care was given to hygiene with aprons, gloves etc. I liked the use of a role play this is far more appealing than listening for hours to a presentation.

*Did this course meet your expectations and suit your level of understanding?*

Yes, definitely, it actually exceeded my expectations. I loved all the hands-on practice, the fact that we got a lot of help from a number of volunteers from Native ARC. They were all very nice!

Thanks for this training; it will help me a lot in my volunteer work (and probably daily life).

## MEN'S SHED SUCCESS



The City of Cockburn now has its own community Men's Shed thanks to the hard work and dedication of more than 20 volunteers.

The idea of establishing a men's shed in Cockburn was initially investigated by the City, but soon after, a range of keen volunteers put their hand up to drive the project. On 9 November, the doors to Cockburn's first community Men's Shed opened.

An overwhelming amount of support has already been received with local businesses donating materials and local residents donating preloved equipment.

The group is now looking for members to join the shed. If you are interested and would like more information please contact:

[mensshed@cockburncommunity.asn.au](mailto:mensshed@cockburncommunity.asn.au)



Lakes Junior Football Club had reason to celebrate this September when they were awarded the GOLD level through the AFL/WAFC Quality Club Program. The GOLD level award recognises the club as 'an exceptional club administrator' and a community leader in Cockburn.

As the only junior football club within the district and only one of six in WA to attain the gold level, the club prides themselves on creating a quality environment which children, parents, officials and businesses in the local community benefit from.

One of the standout criteria for achieving gold level is having a positive impact on the community. Lakes Junior Football Club leads by example donating to Telethon, participating in community events,

involving local community with social and fundraising events and sharing their equipment with other groups and schools in the area.

This is an exceptional achievement for one of Cockburn's own junior football clubs, and sets great examples for other clubs to follow. Congratulations to all the teams and the volunteers that put in so much effort, it's great to see all their hard work paid off.



Grand Final Runners Up Photo courtesy of AFLWAFC

SCHOOLS MARKET A SUCCESS IN SPEARWOOD



The Cockburn Community Parents Group's Schools Market event, the first of its kind in the City, provided entertainment to the local Cockburn community earlier this year. Held in October, this fun-filled event featured a variety of stalls and activities from a number of local schools in the car park of the Phoenix Shopping Centre.

Many of those who attended, children and adults alike, enjoyed the delicious goodies, funky finds and activities available on the day including a bake sale, homemade arts and crafts, pre-loved clothing and book sales, as well as fishing games, a chocolate wheel and lucky dips.

The Cockburn Community Parents Group, consisting of representatives from a number of local school P&C's/ P&F's organised the market to create an opportunity for schools and families from around the City to network.

The Cockburn Community Parents Group would like to thank the Phoenix Shopping Centre, Alcoa and the

City of Cockburn for their generous support along with the assistance of a number of volunteers who helped to make the event a brilliant day.

If you would like to find out more about the Cockburn Community Parents Group or joining your local P&C or P&F email: [communitydevelopment@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:communitydevelopment@cockburn.wa.gov.au)



North Lake Senior Campus



Exciting things are happening in the Boronia Estate in Success! A new community group is on the scene and undertaking some amazing work!

The newly formed Boronia Estate Residents Group (BERG), with the assistance of the Department of Conservation, has helped to transform a large area covering the frontage of Frankenia Turn, Jacksonia Promenade and Susetta Approach, bringing it to life with 800 seedlings and six tonnes of mulch!

The group has a number of exciting projects in the works and is currently in the process of incorporation. The group encourages any new members who are interested in establishing and maintaining the flora and fauna of Boronia Estate and Thomsons Lake Native Reserve to contact them.

For more information about this group contact President Robert Gesmundo at:

Robert@absolutecelebrancy.com.au or 0414 755 722



BERG 1st planting - Before



BERG 1st Planting July 2013 - After

THE GREAT TOY UPGRADE @ ATWELL TOY LIBRARY



The Atwell Toy Library was successful in obtaining a Community Grant from the City of Cockburn in March 2013 to expand their variety of toys and replace older well-loved toys.

The Toy Library provides families with children aged 0-6 with access to a wide range of toys on a fortnightly basis. Families can borrow toys they may otherwise not be able to purchase.

The new toys for the library have been well-received with one member saying "Since joining the Atwell Toy Library, the new items I have been able to borrow has encouraged my son's skill, development and imagination. We did not have the option of buying these toys ourselves."

The library is run completely by volunteers who are committed to improving the well-being of all young children through positive play experiences. The library is open every Saturday from 9.30am to 10.30am (excluding various holidays).

You can contact the Atwell Toy Library via email at: [atwelltoylibrary@hotmail.com](mailto:atwelltoylibrary@hotmail.com)



Atwell Toy Library - Toy Car

## FREE SPIRIT DANCE



The free spirit dancing community was established in 2010 and since then has provided Cockburn residents with the opportunity to dance in a non-competitive, safe and nurturing environment. Based in Bibra Lake, they run group classes and workshops for the community at affordable rates.

The group runs over 10 events a year including 'Hafla's' also known as performance nights, which gives dancers the opportunity to perform for the public. Annually the Free Spirit Dance Community organises the Free Spirit Fusion Festival to showcase a variety of dancing, but also to offer local residents the opportunity to take part in beginner classes to broaden their dancing horizons.

For more information contact:  
[freespiritdancecommunity@gmail.com](mailto:freespiritdancecommunity@gmail.com)



*The ladies from Free Spirit Dance encourage anyone to want to have a go.*

## RANDWICK STABLES COMMEMORATIVE AND COMMUNITY GARDEN OPEN DAY



A group of active volunteers pulled up their sleeves to help make the celebration of Cockburn's rich history a reality for over 1000 local community members.

The Randwick Stables Commemorative and Community Garden Open Day was a huge success, celebrating the 90th anniversary of the establishment of Randwick stables, the 180th anniversary of the first horse race held in WA on nearby C.Y O'Connor beach and the official opening of a new community garden the site of the original 'Hamilton Hill Farm'.

The purpose of the day was to provide the community with the opportunity to celebrate the rich natural, Aboriginal, colonial, horse racing and trotting heritage of Randwick Stables and the surrounding area, and the contributions that they have made to the rich community fabric of the district.

The event was supported by the City of Cockburn, Fremantle Ports and a variety of proactive community volunteers. A special thank you to Alison Bolas for all her hard work in coordinating the event.



*Participants who helped and took part in this great community event.*



Leah from Spearwood Library

The suburb we now know as Yangebup was not officially named and marked until 1977, but the name was in use throughout Cockburn's history. Believed to have originated from the Nyungar word yanget, a name for a local bullrush, it was first recorded in 1841 and went on to become the name of a lake and a major rural road in the area. Settlers around Yangebup Lake came to think of themselves as Yangebup residents, building a community of farmers and gardeners in an area known statewide for its natural beauty.

Unfortunately, Yangebup Lake's beauty became a prime target for game hunters, with many local men spending their summer weekends shooting native birds. It was eventually declared a Native Game Reserve in the late 1920s, and anyone caught killing its wildlife faced hefty fines. In 1924 a local scientist discovered a new species of prehistoric crustacean living in the lake, supporting the new theory of a southern 'supercontinent'.

Yangebup Road was an important link between Fremantle and Jandakot, joining Forrest Road at Yangebup to connect everything with Armadale and beyond. Pioneer farmers fought long and hard for electricity and a railway to be run along it, but without success. Yangebup Road was realigned in the early 1990s and effectively became Beelias Road.

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