

Cockburn Soundings

APRIL 2011

Youth Centre rocks out!

*For Our Hero*

The Youth Centre will be pumping on 23 April with an amazing line-up of punk and rock bands. Just 1,000 tickets for this event are on sale at \$29 each from the Youth Centre or moshtix.com.au

From midday to 9pm, 11 bands will be rocking out on the inside and outside stages, with food and drink available for sale on site. This is a drug, smoke and alcohol free event.

The bands include **Mandalay Victory**, **For Our Hero**, **Wake The Giants**, **We Can Breathe In Space** and **The Milkshake Strategy**.

Youth Centre

Address: 25 Wentworth Parade, Success

Phone: 9411 3888

Website: youth.cockburn.wa.gov.au

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Weekly Recycling Collections – Some Facts

Just six weeks after the City started weekly recycling collections, the average volume of recyclables in yellow-top bins increased by 240 tonnes and the average volume of waste from the green top bins has reduced by 292 tonnes.

Q: Why has council introduced weekly recycling collections?

A: To reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and to increase what the City recycles.

Q: Will this cost Council more?

A: No the weekly recycling service will reduce costs.

Q: How?

A: The cost of processing waste from the green-top bin is currently 217% higher than processing recyclables from the yellow-top bin, so the more you recycle the less it will cost the City and therefore you.

Reduce-Reuse-Refill-Recycle-Recover

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/waste





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Message from the Mayor



Natural disasters across Australia have focused our attention on the vulnerability of our communities, the impact such events can have on our lives and what plans we have in place to prepare, respond and recover.

The City's Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) reviewed and adopted its emergency arrangements in February 2011. Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds AM JP has been invited to address the Cockburn LEMC on recent fires in Kelmscott and Roleystone. As always, there is much to learn from the aftermath of major incidents affecting our communities. Further details on the LEMC can be found in this edition of Soundings, at our local libraries and on the City's website.

On another note, the City of Cockburn ANZAC Youth Parade and Service will be held on Monday 18 April, commencing with a parade from the City at 9.45am followed by the official service at the RSL Memorial Park adjacent to Beale Park at 10am.

The RSL Cockburn Sub Branch will again be conducting a dawn service (6am) at the Hamilton Hill Memorial on ANZAC Day and a march-by and service commencing at 9.45am at the same venue. Members of the public are encouraged to attend each service.

The 'Summer of Fun' concerts, Cockburn Idol competition and Coogee Beach Festival proved to be as popular as ever and complement a range of on-going activities available in the community for people of all ages and abilities.

On behalf of the elected members and staff I take this opportunity to convey our best wishes to you, your family and friends and trust that you have an enjoyable Easter. We also remind drivers to be extra vigilant on the roads during the coming school holiday period.

Logan K Howlett, JP Mayor

Tel: 9411 3420 (office) | Mobile: 0407 337 650
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Winner February Waste Competition

R Mahon, Bibra Lake. Congratulations. A \$250 Today Voucher is on its way to you.



Hop along to Froggy's



Top left: Jessica enjoying her first time at Froggy's on the Green



Top right: Tahlia Bradley with Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett



Below: Trinity and her froggy

Over 70 families enjoyed the launch of Froggy's Fun on the Green at Manning Park and Freshwater Reserve in February.

The free play session saw mums, dads, grandparents and children painting, playing and doing craft. Mayor Logan Howlett also popped in to share in the Froggy fun.

Each term, Froggy's will include weekly outdoor play sessions at two parks, one session of special entertainment and information for parents on Cockburn services and the importance of the early years.

Staff are on hand to make Froggy's Fun on the Green a fun day for all, but children remain the responsibility of parents or carers at all times.

If you'd like Froggy to visit your parents' group or playgroup call 9411 3431.

Play sessions will vary from term to term so check our website for the latest details: www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/froggy

Wetland health



Despite community concerns about Bibra Lake drying out, it's normal for water levels in natural wetlands to rise and fall. Trees alone can pump up to 500 litres of water daily. Records show Bibra Lake regularly drying out since the late 1800s.

Development and clearing of vegetation has led to wetlands holding water year-round, but with low rainfall they are again drying out. Wetland-dependent plants and animals have adapted to this and it's considered a return to a more natural process, so the City does not

pump water into natural wetlands.

However, prolonged dryness has endangered some turtles. The City is monitoring this and effected turtles are taken to sanctuary Native Arc. The City will work with a specialist and consider both moving turtles to new habitats and a population-monitoring program.

If you see a turtle in danger, or have moved a turtle, call the City on 9411 3444.

Make your Safe Speed Promise

The Cities of Cockburn, Fremantle and Melville have joined forces to launch the 2011 Safe Speed Promise.

When drivers sign the Safe Speed Promise, they commit to driving within the speed limit; driving carefully and courteously; and slowing down to consider cyclists, pedestrians and other road users.

Residents who sign up before 25 April go into the draw to win a Margaret River getaway for two, or one of 12 \$50 vouchers. People who sign up will also receive a safe speed pack, while stocks last.

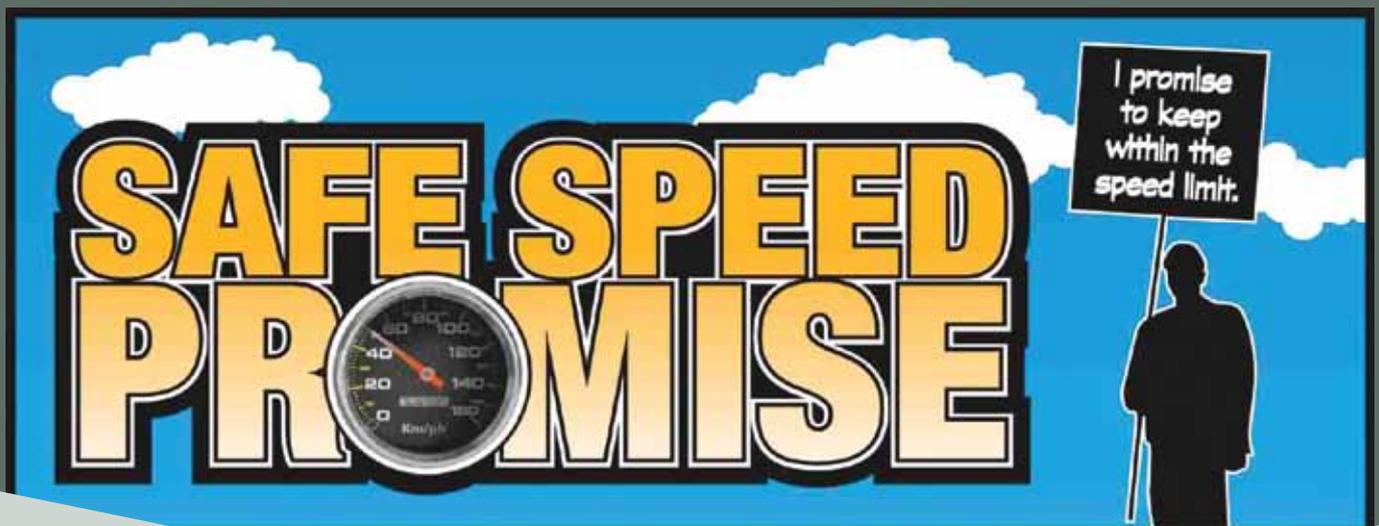
Travel speed greatly influences the chance of accidents and survival in the event of a crash.

The City of Cockburn launched the Safe Speed Promise at its Regional Concert on 5 March.

Make your promise by visiting www.beactivecockburn.wa.gov.au or by visiting any City library.

To find out more, contact TravelSmart Officer Gilly Street on 9411 3503 or email gstreet@cockburn.wa.gov.au

Bottom: Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett and Fremantle Mayor Brad Pettit sign the safe speed promise at the City's Regional Concert on 5 March.





Dog-friendly beaches in Cockburn



The City of Cockburn has received numerous complaints about dogs on beaches and would like to remind the community which beaches are 'dog-friendly'.

CY O'Connor Beach stretches from South Fremantle to McTaggart Cove to the south, which is gazetted by the City as a dog exercise beach where dogs are able to be free of a leash as long as they are under effective control at all times.

The small stretch of unvested beach south of the CY O'Connor Beach boundary (McTaggart Cove) in front of old power station is not classified as a dog exercise area. Dogs are allowed at this beach if they are on a leash.

The only Cockburn beach that is strictly a 'no dog' beach is Coogee Beach.



SHOW OFF

A By Invitation Art Exhibition
featuring the Artists of Cockburn

Memorial Hall
Cnr Rockingham Rd & Carrington St.
29 April—8 May
Open 10am - 3pm daily
Contact Cassandra 9411 3433



City leads the way in emergency management

The City is committed to ensuring the safety of our residents and has emergency management systems and plans in place should an emergency or large scale incident occur.

A critical part of managing an emergency is being able to communicate with our residents. In light of the recent bushfires and floods it is important residents know how to receive alerts and updates immediately after an incident.

Radio is considered the best communication tool to provide you with immediate information. Tune in to ABC local radio 720 which will provide up-to-date alerts. The



City would also relay public information messages via its website www.cockburn.wa.gov.au and its Facebook and Twitter pages. If you are required to evacuate your home the City will provide community evacuation points such as a community centre for refuge.

The City has adopted an Emergency Risk Management Plan and is currently in the process of finalising local arrangements including a recovery plan. The City is one of the first local governments in the Perth metropolitan area to have done this and our plans are used as a benchmark to other councils by organisations such as FESA.

The State's Emergency Management Act 2005 also requires all Local Governments to establish a Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC). The City's LEMC meets quarterly and includes Mayor Logan Howlett, Cr Carol Reeve Fowkes, City staff and representatives from agencies such as FESA, the SES and WA Police.

Left: The City's LEMC

Underground power update

The City of Cockburn was successful in the State Underground Power Program. The areas include Hamilton Hill (east) and Coolbellup East.

The City recently met with representatives from Western Power to discuss the project, the process and delivery timeframes.

Western power will now commence the detailed design of the project which will enable them to provide an accurate project cost. The initial program has tentatively scheduled work to commence in October 2012 with the project taking approximately 12 months to complete.

The City has previously estimated costs of \$3,300 per household within these subject areas (not including eligible discounts) for underground power, however once the City has information from Western Power it will be able to clarify proportional cost contributions and consider various funding and repayment methodologies.

The City of Cockburn, the State Government and Western Power will invest 72% of the total cost. Ratepayers will be asked to contribute the remaining 28%, which is approximately \$3,300. www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/undergroundpower



Before



After



Cockburn Community Care

The City of Cockburn supports aged and disabled people living independently through Cockburn Community Care (CCC). CCC is funded by State and Federal grants through Home and Community Care (HACC) and Community Aged Care Packages (CACAP).

Programs include:

- **Centre-based programs:** dedicated services for the elderly, adults and youth with disabilities; Aboriginal specific and dementia specific programs.
- **Home Support:** domestic assistance, respite, personal care and social support (such as shopping).
- **Carer Support:** support for carers of the frail aged, disabled or people with a chronic mental or physical illness.

- **Community Aged Care Packages:** a Commonwealth-funded scheme to care for individuals referred via a hospital (ACAT) assessment.
- **Transport:** to help clients attend medical appointments.
- **Basic home maintenance and lawn mowing:** help with odd-jobs like changing light bulbs and lawn mowing to keep gardens safe. These services are available at a small fee for HACC-assessed clients with an ongoing functional disability.

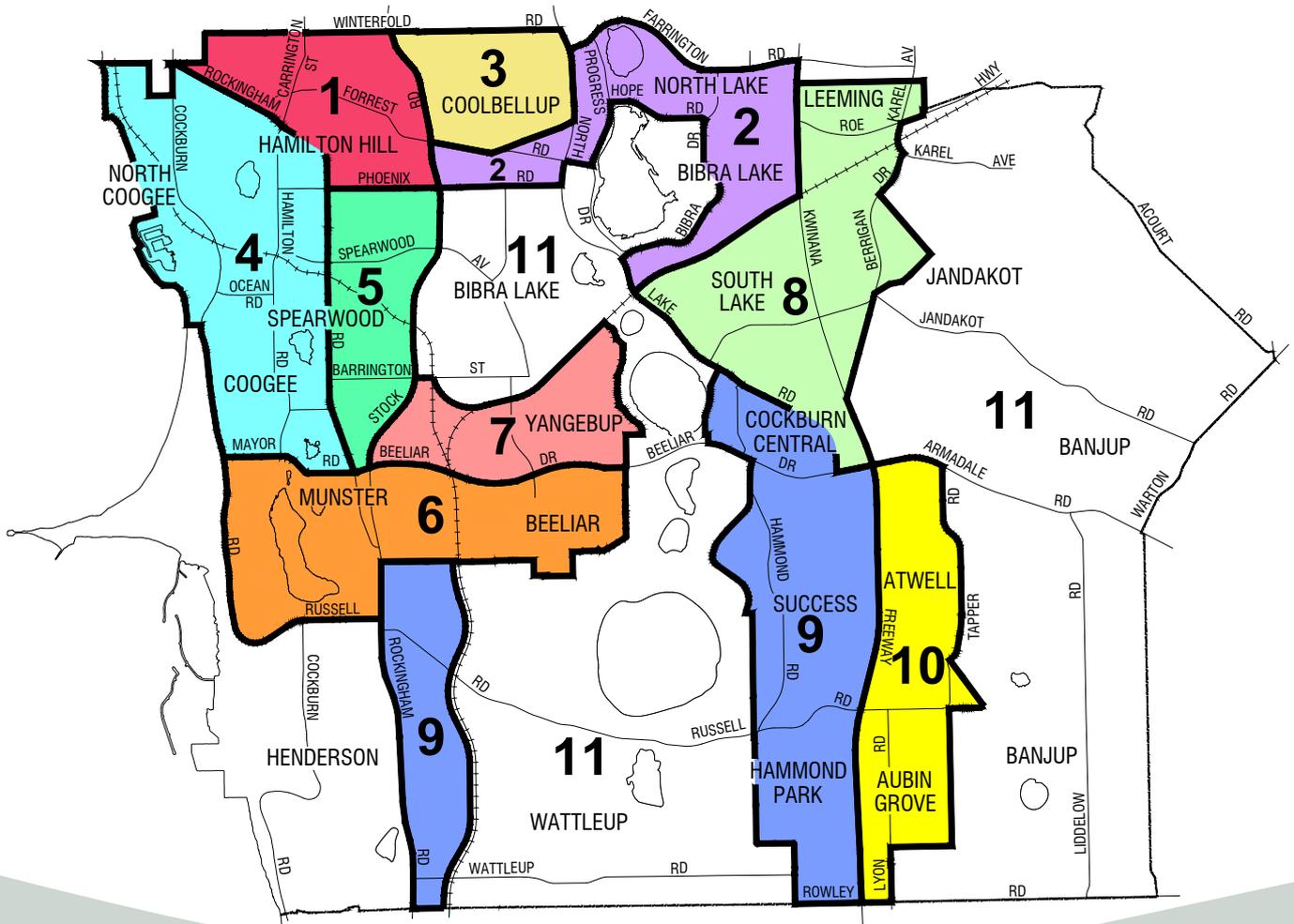
To organise support, phone 9314 6363 or contact the Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre on 1800 052 222.



Jean Willis Centre, Hamilton Hill, home of Cockburn Community Care.



Bulk verge collection



As of 1 July 2010 the City divided into 11 areas for the new Bulk Verge/Green Waste Collection Program. Please refer to your calendar for the pick up date in your area.

Alternatively residents may check our updated website www.cockburn.wa.gov.au or call on 9411 3444 for further enquiries.

GREEN WASTE COLLECTION

There are now 11 zone areas to the City of Cockburn's Verge Collection, please ensure you have checked the area map in your calendar or please call us on 9411 3444 to confirm zone areas or dates. Green Waste / Verge Collection information is available on our website through Intramaps. An enlarged area map is also available.

AREA	GREEN WASTE 2 2011	GREEN WASTE 3 2011
WEEK STARTING		
1	7 February	18 April
2	14 February	2 May
3	21 February	9 May
4	28 February	16 May
5	7 March	23 May
6	14 March	30 May
7	21 March	7 June
8	28 March	13 June
9	4 April	20 June
10	11 April	27 June
11	Rural dates to be advised in 2011	



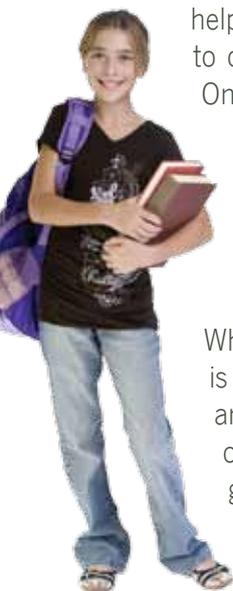
Your Cockburn Library

<http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au>

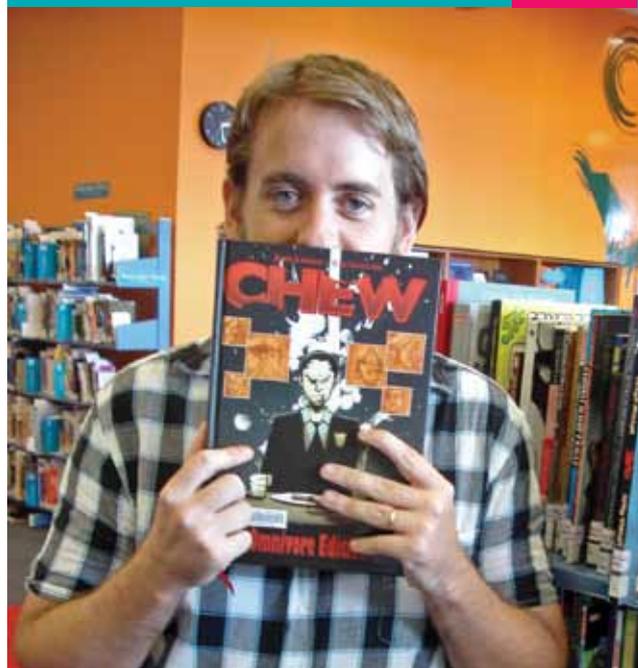


Homework help!

Looking for help with a project? Just ask a library staff member for help! Cockburn Libraries offer a range of study guides and study technique books to help you get a head start. Staff can guide you to our electronic databases such as Britannica Online, EBSCO and relevant internet sites for more specific information. When visiting a Cockburn library bring your library membership card, photocopying money, materials to take notes and your project requirements.



When starting a project visit us early as there is often competition for the same information and it allows us to retrieve books from all over the State for you. Follow these simple guidelines to ensure a stress-free term for you and your parents.



Meet Michael

Meet Michael, our resident expert on all things graphic! Graphic novels at the Cockburn Libraries that is. He's helped co-manage two different comic stores as well as running a web comic for a few years. Michael also works in the comics industry assisting colourists and in digital colour reconstruction.

Cockburn Libraries offer an excellent range of graphic novels at our three libraries with over 1,200 books making up our collection, so you should be able to find something to suit any taste or age.

For younger readers we have Garfield, Peanuts, Owly and more.

For the older kids we have Manga, and superhero comics galore and for the more mature readers we have books like Fables, Sin City, Sandman, Y: The Last Man, and the Walking Dead.

For Michael's regular updates and expert opinion on all things comic, check out the library blog at <http://cockburnlibraries.blogspot.com>



Come and listen at our blog!

If you can't make it to one of our author talks or workshops then check out our blog for a podcast. Once a month we select one of our activities for you to listen to at your leisure. The topics are many and varied so check our events calendar to see what's happening. You'll find the calendar at <http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au> and the podcasts at <http://cockburnlibraries.blogspot.com>

Doris from Hamilton Hill was the winner of the 'Camino Footsteps' competition. Doris was presented with a book from authors, Kim and Malcolm Wells. If you missed the event the podcast is now available on the library blog.

South Lake Leisure Centre

Mixed Volleyball!

WINTER SEASON COMMENCES

5 April 2011

OPEN Adult Competition every Tuesday night
6 players on court (maximum of 3 male players)
\$96 team registration and
\$48 weekly game fee per team

Enquiries and to register your team call us, register at
reception or email sports@cockburn.wa.gov.au

Call Now!

T: (08) 9411 3355

Term 2 Swimming Lessons

Saturday 7 May – Friday 8 July 2011

9 weeks for \$108.00

- Infants (6-36 Months)
- Preschool (3-6 years)
- Level 1-14
- Swim and Survive

ENROLMENTS OPEN MONDAY 18 APRIL 2011

Call Now!

T: (08) 9411 3355





Aubin Grove Open Morning

Cockburn Support Services, in collaboration with Child Health (Success and Atwell), are preparing to run a 'cuppa and company HUB' for parents of young children from the Aubin Grove Sports and Community Facility.

To get started we will be holding an open morning for families living in the areas of Aubin Grove, Success, Hammond Park, Banjup and Atwell. Come along and enjoy refreshments and activities, meet the organisers and have your say about how you would like the HUB to operate.

When: Tuesday 19 April,
9.30am to 11.30am

Where: Aubin Grove Sports and Community Facility,
Camden Boulevard, Aubin Grove
(In the community room)

For more information call Child Health on 9414 3589
or 9414 6304

Or call Atwell Family Support Services on 9414 6011

*Support services are sponsored by the Department for
Communities & the Department for Child Protection.*

International Day of the Family

International Day of the Family highlights the importance of the family in promoting self reliance and resilience. The City of Cockburn Support Services is holding a free annual International Family Day event on Sunday 29 May from 12pm to 2.30pm at the Atwell Community Centre, 1 Lombe Gardens, Atwell.

There will be a variety of international foods for people to try and activities including cultural music, face painting, a petting zoo, a craft room and story telling.

For more information call
9414 6011.

All residents welcome.



‘Be surprised’ Baby Boomers

Fancy indulging in sundowners, outings to destinations like Rottneest, dancing, Zumba and lots of new friends?

Surprise! The Cockburn Seniors Centre welcomes people as young as 50. In fact, over 50% of members are under 65 and many aren't even retired.

Some people are put off by the word 'seniors', so we're actively campaigning for younger people to take advantage of the centre's fantastic facilities and exciting events.

Even Coordinator Paul Hogan will himself be a member of the Seniors Centre, come July.

“Dye out the incipient grey hairs, get over yourself and come and check us out; you won't regret it!” Paul said.

Activities cater for all tastes and fitness levels, so check out our program today.

The Cockburn Senior Centre is situated opposite the Spearwood Library on Coleville Crescent. To find out more, just drop in, call 9411 3871 or visit www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/seniorscentre



‘You're welcome’ at Cockburn

The City of Cockburn is a proud participant of the You're Welcome project, which provides information about access to local facilities for people of all ages and abilities.

The project, an initiative of the Disability Services Commission, also encourages organisations to make services and facilities accessible to people with disabilities.

The You're Welcome website details the access features of 2,400 business and community facilities. To search for facilities in Cockburn, visit www.accesswa.com.au.

Mayor Logan Howlett said the project will help people enjoy the City's many venues, activities and events.

“It's important for people to know exactly what locations around the City are accessible, whether they want to attend a community concert, exercise or just go on a picnic,” Mayor Howlett said.

Cockburn businesses and community groups are encouraged to make their facilities accessible. To find out more, call the City on 9411 3444.



Beach matting at Coogee Beach from April 2011! Soon there will be beach matting leading down to the sand at Coogee Beach making it easier to access. To find out more contact the City's Disability Access and Inclusion Officer on 9411 3502.



Public Consultation – keep informed!

RELEASE OF RESIDENTIAL LOTS – HAMILTON HILL

The City of Cockburn has commenced subdivision of a new residential estate within Hamilton Hill.

The subdivision consists of 25 single residential lots ranging in size from 302sqm to 500sqm; two duplex lots; and two small grouped dwelling sites.

It is located off Grandpre Crescent in Hamilton Hill, just north of the Southwell Primary School. The subdivision is close to public transport with Fremantle only 20 minutes away, and the Phoenix Shopping Centre less than 1km away.

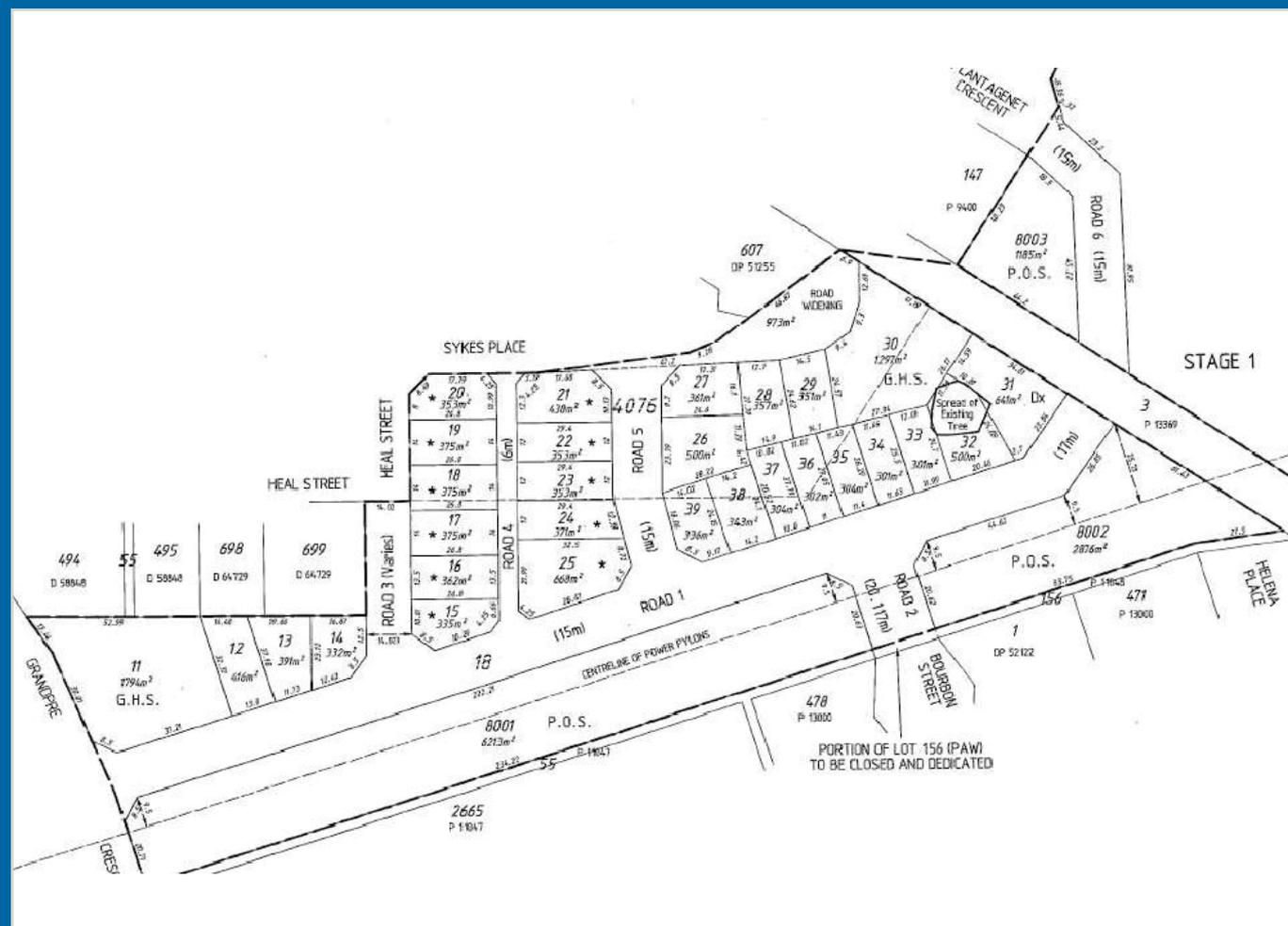
The roads and footpaths in the subdivision have been designed to provide convenient and safe pedestrian access to Southwell Primary School, Goodchild Recreation Park and a local shop on Southwell

Crescent. A large tuart tree has also been retained within the subdivision on its own individual site. With the provision of landscaping and park furniture, it is expected to become a landmark feature for the subdivision.

Site works are expected to be complete by September 2011 and the lots will be ready for sale at this time. Lots will be valued by a licensed valuer with the valuation being the basis of a future marketing campaign to be undertaken by a reputable real estate company, on behalf of the City.

The City is currently advertising a public tender for the civil works to be undertaken. Submissions close Thursday, 3 March 2011.

For any further information please contact the City's Property and Land Officer on 9411 3546.



CoSafe Intelligence leads to Prosecution

The City's new CoSafe security service has been a great success with officers attending to more than 5,000 call outs from residents since it was introduced in July 2010.

On average CoSafe attends to more than 700 call outs per month with the average response time being 15 minutes.

CoSafe operates 24 hours a day, 7 days week, 365 days a year including public holidays.

The City has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with WA Police to exchange crime intelligence and information with CoSafe, which has led to the apprehension and prosecution of 15 offenders.

CoSafe officers respond to a wide range of issues including:

- Anti-social behaviour
- Vandalism
- Suspicious behaviour and activities
- Noise complaints
- Reporting of graffiti on property



CoSafe also offers residents a holiday watch service so if you're going away on holidays CoSafe will patrol your property to give you that added piece of mind.

Visit www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/cosafe or call 1300 26 72 33 (1300 CoSafe)

Sustainability at Cockburn

Resident Plant Subsidy Scheme

We are once again offering the subsidised native plant scheme to residents from 1 to 31 May. For details and to redeem this offer, download a voucher from the City's website.

Limited stocks are available.

Home Retrofitting Expo

We are hosting a Home Retrofitting Expo on Sunday 15 May at Memorial Hall from 10am to 4pm.

Come along and view displays and exhibits, attend workshops, obtain free advice from experts on water wise gardening, renewable energy, water and energy conservation, latest technology, products and services. Gold coin donation entry. Child minding available.



Revegetation for Habitat Creation

The City's community winter planting program is back. Do your bit for the environment and meet other interested local people. Visit the City's website for a list of dates and locations.

All of these events can be found at www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/sustainability

Call the City on 9411 3444 or email customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au



Councillors Corner – Bart Houwen

What makes you proud to be a Councillor at the City of Cockburn?

To represent the people of Cockburn at a time of urban renewal when our sense of place and identity is being challenged from many directions. We must conserve our rich historical legacy and natural environment, and strengthen our social fabric and economic potential. Global issues require us to be independent, proactive, and growing in confidence to ensure Cockburn becomes a more liveable, prosperous and resilient community.

Your favourite piece of music?

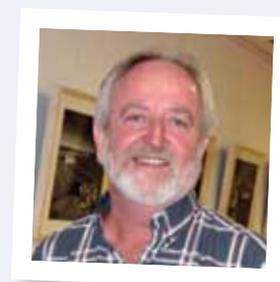
The Enigma Variations by Edward Elgar, especially the Ninth, where each variation is dedicated to a friend.

What future projects in Cockburn are you excited about?

Planning for the Cockburn coast is an exciting opportunity to reclaim local coastline for the community with a focus on sustainability and community engagement.

If you could have dinner with anyone in the world, who would it be?

Barack Obama.



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