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SWIMMING POOL CHANGES: HOW THEY AFFECT YOU

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REGULATIONS which control private swimming pools were amended in November.

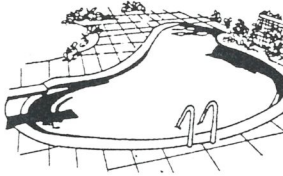
The most significant change to the previous regulations is that a fence between doorways from the residence and the pool area is not compulsory.

A new Australian standard AS1926.1-1993 has been adopted as the technical reference.

These changes will only apply to new pools being installed after November 12, 1993. Existing pools will NOT have to be altered to comply with new regulations.

Suitable barriers to restrict access to the pool by children under the age of five years may include the use of existing boundary fences and buildings, provided that a minimum height of 1200mm is maintained.

No climbing assistance within a 1200mm radius from the top of the fence, or any hand/foot holds to assist climbing, can be allowed.



Access to the pool area via the residence, garages, sheds etc must have self-closing and latching doors, with the latches at least 1500mm above the floor. They must not open towards the pool area. The same rule applies to gates in pool fencing.

Windows must be protected by security grilles or be restricted to 100mm openings.

As the technical rules are complex, assistance can be obtained from Council's building office.

To comply with State government legislation, all private swimming pools must be reassessed for safety before July 1996. A charge for this operation will be made against all pool owners.

The assessment is planned to begin during 1995.

Enquiries should be made to the Building Dept.

PENSIONERS' RATES CONCESSION

ELIGIBLE pensioners may be entitled to a rebate on their Council rates (but not other charges) of up to 50 per cent.

To be entitled to a rates concession for any particular rating year you must, at the 1st of July of that rating year, have:

- * been the holder of a Pensioner Concession Card
- * occupied the property as your ordinary place of residence; and
- * been the owner of the property or have had a relevant interest in the property.

Your land may be considered to be the ordinary place of residence notwithstanding that you no longer reside there due to ill-health, frailty or other causes not within your control.

Although you may not be an owner of the property, nor have a relevant interest in the land, you may receive a rebate (deferral option not available) if your spouse or ex-spouse is the sole owner of the land and deserted the family, leaving you responsible for payment of rates.

Please note that you will have to provide full details of the circumstances in each of the above three (may) situations if Council is to allow you to register.

The concession available is:

- * A 50 per cent rebate on rates or deferral of rates (but not other charges) to eligible pensioners who solely own their residence and occupy the premises with other people.
- * a proportionate rebate up to 50 per cent to eligible pensioners who partly own the residence they occupy.

To receive the concession you must register with Council by:

- * completing and lodging an application form with Council (forms are available from Council offices)
- * produce with the application form your Pensioner Concession Card.

It is important to note that you can only receive a rates concession in a rating year if you have registered at the "registration date". This date is thirty five (35) days from the issue of the rate notice ie the date shown as the "Last Day to Pay" on your rate notice.

In other words, you can pay your rates then register for a concession and still qualify for a rates rebate provided that you were registered before the registration date and were an eligible pensioner as set out above on July 1 of the rating year.

However, if you register after the "registration date" you will not be able to obtain a concession until the following rating year.

After registration you are required to notify Council:

- * if you cease to hold a Pensioner Concession Card
- * if you cease to occupy the property as your ordinary place of residence
- * if your interest or proportion of ownership in the land changes; or
- * if the land ceases to belong to you.

This requirement also applies to pensioners already registered with Council.

If you have any queries please contact Council's rates section.

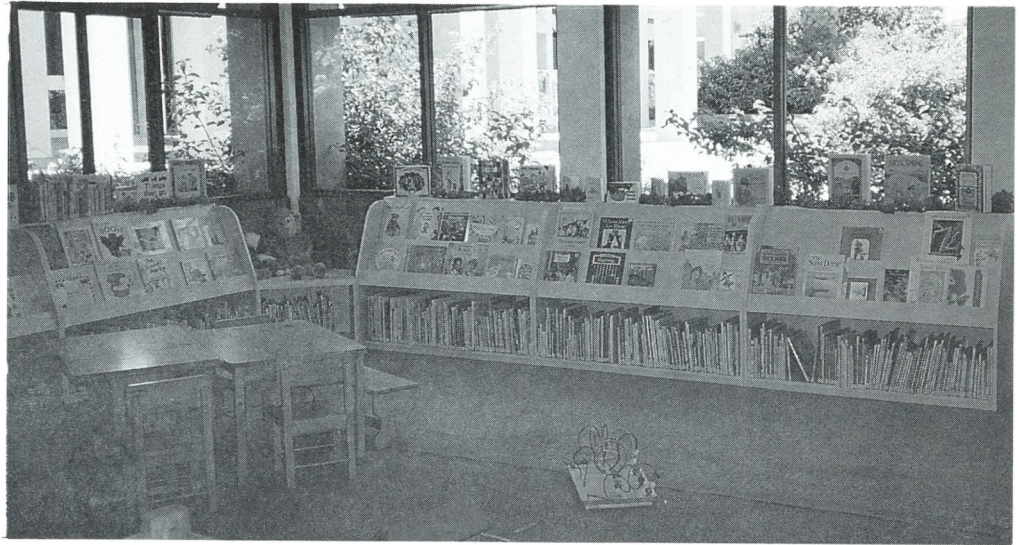
COMMUNITY INFO ON CALL

Need further information about Cockburn Joint Community Association and Cockburn West Ward Association? Call Mrs Jenkins on 418 2117 for details.

*A PEEK AT OUR
PIONEERS*

Why not visit the local Azelia Ley Homestead Museum and recapture the history of Cockburn and its early pioneer days? Open each Sunday from 1.30-4.30 pm and by arrangement with the curator, Mr Willis (telephone 418 2693). Weekday groups and coach parties are welcomed.

LIBRARY SHELVING FOR TOTS



NEW shelving has been installed in the junior kindergarten area of Spearwood Public Library. This section caters for junior members from birth to seven or eight years of age. Two shelves have been built along walls of the J-K area (above) at a height which allows small children to reach display books. A continuous shelf at

floor level provides storage for books in author order.

The flat shelf on top of the unit provides additional display space as well as an area for videos and cassette storage.

This section of the library is well used and children will appreciate the welcoming new shelf arrangement.

BIG RESIDENTIAL GROWTH PLANNED FOR THE DISTRICT

AS a consequence of the growth of the area, the State Government and the Department of Urban Development has identified large tracts of land which are required for residential development.

A substantial area east and west of the freeway extension from Bartrum Road to Rowley Road has been identified as land that can become residential.

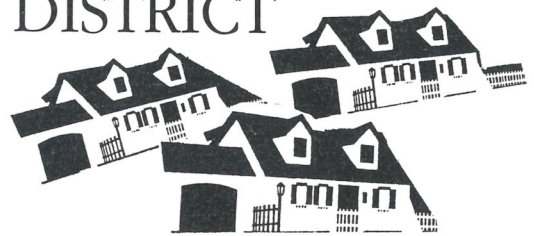
A major amendment to the Metropolitan Region Scheme is currently being advertised for public comment by the State Planning Commission.

The amendments include land within the City of Cockburn, the Town of Kwinana and the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale.

The plan earmarks land for future urban development in the Jandakot/Mandogalup area adjacent to the planned southern extension of the Kwinana Freeway.

The amendment proposes rezoning 1,675 hectares of land from Rural to Urban and Urban Deferred. This land will have the potential to create 15,075 residential lots with an estimated population of 45,225 people.

The amendment also proposes to rezone the Jandakot special industrial area from



Special Industrial to Industrial in accordance with the recommendations for the Jandakot Land Use and Water Management Strategy.

In addition, the amendment reserves 2,250 hectares as parks and recreation for the Jandakot Botanic Park and the Jandakot major sporting complex.

Reservations are also proposed for important regional roads, controlled access highway, public purposes and for the South West Corridor public transport route.

The South West Corridor public transport route is designed to accommodate a future rapid transport system linking Mandurah, Rockingham, Kwinana and Perth via Jandakot and Kenwick. Through Jandakot, the route runs within or adjacent to the existing Kwinana freeway reserve.

Plans and reports describing the details of the Metropolitan Region Scheme Amendment can be viewed at Council's Planning Dept.

WILL YOU BE AT THE FAIR? See Back Page.

CANBERRA'S PRESENT TO COOLBELLUP IS NOW OPEN

THE first public library at Coolbellup was established in 1989 in a small, recycled kindergarten building.

This building was extended in a minor way and renovated by Council's building maintenance staff.

It opened to the public in November 1989.

The stock of 10,000 items, plus our local material, was somehow squeezed in, leaving little space for anything else.

While it had disadvantages, it was all we had, and given the general state of affairs it seemed unlikely that we would get anything better.

It was decided to concentrate our energies on good service and promoting the development of libraries in other localities throughout the city.

But, out of the blue in August 1992, the Federal government announced funding proposals for capital works projects of worthwhile and lasting community value.

Cockburn found itself looking at a potential 'gift' of \$1.9million. It was clearly too good an opportunity to let pass and quick action

was required because work had to start by December 3. Spend it or lose it, were the options.

A brainstorming session of key staff came up with 40 possible projects. The following weeks saw hurried activity as the list was pared and fine-tuned. Council approvals were obtained and money shuffled around to match requirements.

Finally, when proposals went to the Minister in Canberra, the Centenary Hall Community Centre project was one of eight approved.

The project consisted of a new library, office and training areas for Skillshare, and the conversion of the previous library (old kindergarten building) into a resource centre for a number of community groups.

Council appointed the Fremantle architect Murray Slavin to the project. The library, on a prominent corner site, was given a light, airy, welcoming and functional treatment. Two sides are essentially glass walls which give continuity with the environment and strong identification of the building's purpose.

Moving the contents of one building to



■ Mayor of Cockburn, Cllr Ray Lees, opens the Coolbellup library.

another, even though the distance was only a few metres, had its inevitable traumas. We managed, however, to accomplish the move on time after a closure of only two weeks.

The new building was in business on August 4 and, along with the rest of the Coolbellup Community Complex, was officially opened

by the Mayor, Councillor Ray Lees, on October 15.

We feel that the fine quality of this complex will engender a strong sense of community spirit.

We hope as many people as possible will drop by and make use of the facilities.

THE GROWTH ZONE: NOW WE'RE PART OF IT



THE South West Group is an organisation formed by the local authorities of Cockburn, East Fremantle, Fremantle, Kwinana, Melville and Rockingham.

The Group works on behalf of participating Councils to initiate research and action designed to promote community and economic development in the region it represents.

The South West Group identified a need to develop a regional identity for marketing purposes. A competition for a regional logo and slogan produced "The Growth Zone" and a stylized emblem representing a stairway to growth.

The logo will be used in a marketing strategy designed to encourage business to develop in the region with the aim of providing more employment opportunities for locals.

The new logo has been erected at two Cockburn locations to welcome visitors to the Growth Zone.

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FEDERAL government funds have assisted a combined Wetlands Education and Scouts facility building in Hope Road, Bibra Lake.

A Lotteries Commission grant will support a training programme for young people.

SOUTH LAKES SENIORS

South Lakes Senior Citizens meet Mondays 12.30-3.30pm at Jandakot (Anning) Hall, Forrest Road, Jandakot. All those 50 and over are welcome to attend. Enjoy carpet bowls, table tennis, darts and crafts etc. Outings arranged. For enquiries, tel: 417 3139 or 417 3301.

GOOD LIFE TO CONTINUE

PARKS and recreational facilities continue to enhance the quality of life for residents.

The successful basketball practice areas have been increased with new facilities at Poole Park in Coogee and Santich Park in Munster.

A park at Brandwood Gardens in Leeming is being established with lawn watering taking place from the bore through reticulation which has been installed. The blend of natural bush and reticulated grass will make this an attractive park.

COOGEE BEACH RAMP

A CONCRETE disabled ramp has been constructed at Coogee beach, adjacent to the jetty. There have been difficulties with sand drift but with regular maintenance and stabilisation it is hoped the ramp will be successful.

Funds have also been allocated for improvements to the entry to the beach and jetty. Work will take place after the summer peak period.

CENTRES GET A FACELIFT

FUNDS have been allocated to allow plans to be prepared for enhancement work covering landscaping, traffic flow improvements and parking at the Sim/Winterfold shopping centre, and the Coolbellup shopping centre/community facilities precinct in Cordellia Avenue.

The improvements will complement extensive revamping by the shopping centre developers in both locations.

ON THE RIGHT TRACK

RESURFACING of roads in Cockburn continues. Around 4000 tonnes of asphalt costing \$400,000 is laid each year to maintain roads in good condition.

Each road needs to be covered with bitumen every 15 to 20 years before reaching a stage where excessive potholes appear.

Since 1988, the well-maintained local road system has increased from 429 kms to 512 kms.

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COUNCILLOR: WE MUST NOT GIVE IN TO THE VANDALS

WEST Ward Councillor Marinko Pecotic has answered residents who have called for pedestrian accessways to be closed as a means of halting anti-social behaviour by an irresponsible few.

Mr Pecotic says the accessways — commonly known as walkways or pathways — must stay open for the common good. He said:

“Accessways are designed as a short cut to reach schools, transport and community services in the area.

“The accessways are primarily used by children walking to and from school and elderly people who cannot manage the extra long walk to the shop, or to the bus-stop.

“The pedestrian accessways have become a problem because they are being used by irresponsible individuals for activities for which they were never designed.

“At night these narrow corridors separating houses have become a haven for people engaging in activities such as alcohol and drug abuse, vandalism and raucous behaviour.

“Residents whose properties border on accessways have, naturally, been seriously offended by such behaviour and want something done about it.

“Residents who are vandalised and scandalised by these individuals have been very vocal in demanding that the accessways are blocked off. This solution has been applied by the council in a number of instances.

“Although I sympathise with residents who are directly affected, to take this benefit away is inconsiderate and unfair.

“Why should people in the neighbourhood suffer because of the actions of irresponsible hooligans?

“When vandalism and disturbances occur at schools or community centres, are they closed down? Of course not.

“Accordingly, it is a ludicrous proposal to block off pedestrian accessways. Shutting down accessways is a simplistic solution to a complex problem which is merely transferred to the next pedestrian accessway until that one, too, is shut down.

“A number of solutions to this problem come to mind. Better street and accessway lighting, and regular police or security patrols would make these places less attractive for these individuals.

“A local education campaign conducted through the schools would certainly place accessways and their designed use in the spotlight.

“Last but not least, parents have to be aware of their children’s activities and must try to bring their children’s behaviour to the acceptable community standard.

“I do not support the closure of pedestrian accessways. It is a community issue and everyone needs to accept that they are part of the solution.”

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ART IN THE PARK ON AGAIN

THE annual Art in the Park will take place on the weekend of March 19, 20, 1994 at Manning Park, Azelia Road, Spearwood.

Forms with all relevant details are now available at the local libraries, or from Mrs Fay Condren (tel, after hours 364 1205),

The fair will have ample stall space

for those wishing to sell goods. The Best Dressed Stall will receive a prize.

A prize will be awarded to the winner of the Art Exhibition section and there will be varied entertainment throughout the weekend.

PLEASE NOTE: Entries close Tuesday, March 8, 1994.

TAKE THE JET ROUTE TO A NEW CAREER

JOB education and training (usually known as JET) and Family Day Care have made a big difference to the lives of Bindow and her son Pardeep.

Bindow, a sole parent, decided recently to try to get back into the workforce, but she was worried about who would look after Pardeep.

When she had a chat with staff of the City of Cockburn Family Day Care scheme she found that they could organise flexible child care for Pardeep, including before-school and after-school, as well as holiday care.

This meant that Bindow could go to work knowing that her son was secure and happy. Just as importantly, they were able to tell her about the JET advisor at the Fremantle office of the Department of Social Security who could help her with subsidies on the child care fees and information on educational and training courses.

When Bindow met the JET advisor she was pleased to find that many choices were open to her. Through the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) she could participate in community/activity courses, training courses offered by CES and Skillshare, Technical and Further Education (TAFE) courses, or Year 10 to Year 12 studies if she wanted to prepare for tertiary entrance.

Bindow decided to study an office and secretarial course with Melville Skillshare, and after completing the course she took advantage of the word processors at Skillshare

which can be used for the preparation of work resumes and job applications.

Bindow obtained several job interviews, and last month she completed a two-week training programme at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital so she now hopes to be employed in casual shift work.

Bindow plans to continue her studies to improve her employment prospects, and will take a medical terminology course. During all this time the City of Cockburn Family Day Care Scheme has been able to provide reliable child care for Pardeep.



Sole parents on full or part-time pensions have a hard enough time without the difficulties associated with further studying or training. This is why three Federal government departments (Dept of Employment, Education and Training; Dept of Social Security, and Dept of Health, Housing, Local Government and Community Services) together

offer the JET scheme, which combines job and training opportunities with childcare support.

JET and Family Day Care have opened new opportunities for Bindow and Pardeep. If you are in a similar position and would like further information, telephone Margaret Hew (the JET worker at the City of Cockburn Family Day Care Scheme) on 337 7177, or call into the Resources Centre at 213, Winterfold Road, Coolbellup, between 9am and 3pm, Monday to Friday.

JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST THIS PEST

SUMMER rain brings out the worst in road verges: namely, the pest plant calthrop.

Council works hard on reserves and laneways to combat calthrop, a ground cover type plant whose yellow flowers produce a large prickle.

But with more than 500 kms of road in the municipality, the Parks department needs the help of homeowners to control the weed.

Residents are urged to assist by pulling calthrop out of verges and placing it in their mobile rubbish bin.

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR

THE CITY of Cockburn recently budgeted \$10,000 to hold a community fair, the aims of which are to provide an inexpensive family day out, and to promote a feeling of togetherness in the community.

The fair will be held in Manning Park, Spearwood, on Saturday, February 26 (12pm-10pm) and Sunday February 27 (10am-3pm).

Many local businesses and community groups will have stalls and displays at the fair, which will showcase the wide variety of services Cockburn has to offer.

There will be varied entertainment on stage, including a fashion parade provided by the Phoenix Shopping Centre, aerobic displays, local entertainers and much more. Horse and camel rides, helicopter flights and showrides will add to the appeal of the weekend's festivities.

The Lotteries Commission has sponsored an outdoor family concert, starting at 7pm on Saturday evening on the grassed area in front of the park's music shell. The concert will feature entertainment by local talent and will be followed by a grand firework display generously provided by St Paul's Estate.

Refreshments will be on sale for those who

want to picnic on the grass. Demonstrations and displays will continue on Sunday, culminating in a charity auction at 3pm. Many local businesses and individuals have donated large and small items for auction, so come along and join the bidding excitement.

Items to be auctioned include boxes of photocopy paper, a framed and autographed photograph of John Farnham, and a gazebo which will be constructed during the fair by Cullity Timbers and then auctioned off.

Proceeds from this event will be presented to the new Fremantle Hospital Cardiac Unit with best wishes from the people of Cockburn.

Manning Park is home to the Azelia Ley Museum which will be open to the public during the fair.

With great support from local businesses, fair organisers believe that a great day is on the



cards.

This is Cockburn's first community fair for 20 years and it may become an annual event with support from the public.

Local newspapers will carry further details.

All we need now to make the event a gigantic success is YOU, the public.

We'll be waiting to welcome you.

RUBBISH COLLECTION TO GO HIGH-TECH

THE City of Cockburn's new side-loading, high-tech refuse collection vehicles will provide safer working conditions for council employees. They will also create a new category of skilled worker.

Tenders for three of the new trucks were accepted by Council in December and the first of them will be delivered in time for residents to see it on the road in June/July 1994.

Refuse collectors have long been recognised as having one of the most dangerous occupations.

Operating traditional trucks, they risk being attacked by dogs, being hit by passing vehicles, falling over accidentally and being injured by swift-moving machinery as they collect some 70 tonnes of rubbish in the City of Cockburn each day.

The increased safety features for collectors in the new trucks will lead to cost savings because there will be fewer accidents.

The collector will no longer be an unskilled worker — he or she will become a high-tech machine operator.

The trucks revolutionise the collection of domestic waste by using an automated loading

arm to pick up and empty 240-litre wheeled bins into the collection truck's hopper without requiring the operator to leave the vehicle cabin.

This allows the vehicle to operate with a crew of one. The driver controls the fully-automated pick-up, emptying and replacement of the bins with an electronic joystick in a dual-control cabin. A video camera allows a full view of the operation.

The automated arm can pick up a bin within about two metres provided it has been placed on the verge the correct way, which requires the hinge to be facing away from the roadside.

The truck's hopper and compacter are also operated from within the cabin.

The system is safer than the current operation because:

- * It is operated from the left-hand kerb side of the road during pickup, and
- * It does not require collectors to zig-zag across roads to collect bins from both sides
- * The operator does not have to manually move overweight bins.

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