# **Cockburn**Soundings





# **\$20,000 LandCorp donation** gives quad bike boost



Pictured: Narissa Coleman from Cockburn Police, City of Cockburn Mayor Logan K Howlett, City of Cockburn Ranger Russell Hallberg and LandCorp Business Manager Luke Willcock.

The City of Cockburn has been given a boost with the purchase of two new quad bikes, thanks to a \$20,000 LandCorp donation.

The quad bikes will be used to assist in monitoring illegal trail bike riding and other anti-social activities in the Latitude 32 industrial area, currently being planned by LandCorp.

City of Cockburn Community Safety Coordinator Shirley Elliott said the quad bikes could also enable beach and bushland areas to be patrolled more effectively.

Rangers will receive free quad bike training at the Joondalup Police Academy and the bikes will also be shared with Murdoch and Cockburn police. The quad bikes will also play an integral role in fire control and prevention, searching for missing persons and emergency management.

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## **Community Training FREE Events Calendar**

6:00 - 8:30 or 9pm City of Cockburn Dining Room (except November – Seniors Centre) All WACOSS training concludes at 9pm Training includes a 15 – 20 minute break

Wednesday 27 May (volunteer) Disability Awareness City of Cockburn Amy Neale 9411 3490

**Wednesday 24 June** (organisation) Finding Your Inner Accountant City of Cockburn *Kellie Bennett 9411 3499* 

Wednesday 22 July (Volunteer) Indigenous cultural awareness City of Cockburn Amy Neale 9411 3490 **Wednesday 26 August** (organisation) Grant Writing – focus on Cockburn grants City of Cockburn Alex Cullen 9411 3499

**Wednesday 23 September** (organisation) Marketing Your Not-For-Profit Organisation City of Cockburn *Kellie Bennett 9411 3499* 

**Wednesday 28 October** (volunteer) Developing Promotional Materials for your Community Organisation City of Cockburn *Alex Cullen 9411 3499* 

Wednesday 18 November (organisation) Volunteer Burn out Seniors Centre Amy Neale 9411 3490

### **Emergency Risk Management Survey**

WA is a diverse state with a variety of hazards and risks that may differ from one local government area to another.

The Emergency Management Act 2005 requires all local governments to develop local emergency arrangements for each individual area. To assist the City of Cockburn with this process, FESA has provided a \$30,000 grant through AWARE (All West Australians Reducing Emergencies).

The community is being consulted to help identify potential risks and hazards that may significantly impact, cause disruption or cause damage to the City of Cockburn, helping the City to plan and prepare accordingly. For more details, or to take part, contact Community Safety Coordinator Shirley Elliott on 9411 3468 by 13 August or go to www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/ ERMSurvey

Survey results will be available on the City's website from 20 September, 2009.





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## Message from the Mayor



In June, I had the opportunity to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government (NGALG) in Canberra with more than 450 Mayors and Shire Presidents from across Australia. The business agenda included opportunities for job-creating infrastructure programs, funding for other community programs, managing the effects of climate change and continuing the dialogue of long overdue constitutional reform and the recognition of local government.

I also attended the second Australian Council of Local Government forum, where the focus was on building resilience in local communities. This event was hosted by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and his parliamentary colleagues and sought to identify ways to "future-proof" our communities. Following the collation of the forum outcomes, they will be shared across local government for their consideration and actioning where practicable.

Cockburn has already been the recipient of more than \$2.6 million in recent months and a further \$273,000 for community infrastructure projects was confirmed in an announcement by Prime Minister Rudd during the forum.

Most people would have heard of the fire that destroyed the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council's Regional Recovery Resource Centre in May and of the efforts of several local governments, including Cockburn, to ensure that recyclables continue to be collected and processed. I urge everyone to keep recycling as normal, using their yellow-topped bins, and to continue to promote the concept of recycling in their neighbourhoods while plans for the establishment of a new recycling centre can be brought to fruition.

As usual, if you have anything you would like to discuss please contact myself or your local councillor.

Mayor Logan K Howlett JP Ikhowlett@cockburn.wa.gov.au

### Youth Centre - Rooms for hire

The Cockburn Youth Centre has rooms for hire, ideal for birthdays or functions, including:

- Youth Pod (Computer Room) – Capacity 50 persons
- The Hive (Meeting/Activity Room) – Capacity 50 persons
- The Corner (Kitchen)
   Capacity 8 persons

- Sounds (Music/Jam Room) – Capacity 13 persons
- Mooditj Mia (Main Hall)
  Capacity 270 persons
- The Dream Scene (Main Foyer) – Capacity 50 persons

For more details, call 9411 3888 or email youth@cockburn.wa.gov.au



## Important changes to waste and recycling collections

Collection days for parts of Banjup and Munster, and fortnightly recycling weeks for South Lake, Spearwood and Hamilton Hill, are about to change.

Properties affected by the changes will receive a letter and a sticker on their bins in August. The accompanying map details the specific changes (see legend) and supersedes information previously provided in the 2009-10 Resource Recovery Recycling Bin Collection Map sent in July. The changes are a result of existing and proposed residential growth across the City of Cockburn to maintain an efficient waste collection service.

As with the previous arrangement, yellow-topped recycling bins need to be put out fortnightly on the same day as the green-topped bin.



## Need more bins?

If you generate more waste and recyclable products than normal services allow for, the City of Cockburn has additional 240-litre bins available at affordable rates. Various options are available:

- Green-topped bins: \$185 annual service charge; \$100 per 6 months or \$25 each month.
- Yellow-topped bins: \$80 annual service charge; \$50 per 6 months or \$15 each month.



## World Environment Day 2009

Students from seven Cockburn schools learned valuable lessons in animal care, local wetlands and the environment at the 2009 Cockburn Schools World Environment Day event.

The event involved student groups rotating through a series of events held at the Wetlands Education

Centre and Native Arc Animal Rehabilitation Centre in Bibra Lake. It included a raptor workshop, snake-handling class, identification of invertebrates that inhabit wetlands, Aboriginal studies and adventure opportunities related to scouting.

### Students dive in and learn the value of volunteers

Students from Coolbellup Community School and Newton Primary School have scored themselves iPod nanos, a Wii and book vouchers for expressing their thoughts on volunteers.

The Dive Into Volunteering competition, organised by the Cockburn Resource Volunteer Centre, encouraged students to think about how volunteering positively contributes to the community.

Newton Primary School student Daniel Santich, 11, won a Wii and certificate for his entry that had the tagline "Get into gear and volunteer" while Joshua Oreb, 11, took out second place, winning an iPod nano and \$30 book voucher.

Coolbellup Community School student Munirah Ahmad Niza, 9, scored an iPod nano and \$30 book voucher for her design.



Pictured: Daniel Santich, 11, receives his first prize – a Wii – from City of Cockburn Deputy Mayor Kevin Allen.





## 2009 Summer of Fun

### Bibra Lake Fun Run

It's on again! Don't miss this year's Bibra Lake Fun Run on 13 September, 2009.

**Venue:** Bibra Lake – Corner Gwilliam Road and Progress Drive.

**Time:** Race starts at 9.30am. Gun goes off at 10.00am.

Age range: Open to all ages.

Registration is FREE if done before the day – or \$5 on the day!

**Prizes**: Trophy and vouchers, cash vouchers for male/female winners from each division.

\*\*Lots of prizes to be won, including corporate and family group prizes and encouragement awards\*\*

Registrations are available online www.cockburn.wa.gov.au or call 9411 3444.

### **Road closure**

Corner of Gwilliam Road and Progress Drive, Bibra Lake will be closed from 9.30am – 10.30am.

### Upcoming Events...

### **Teddy Bear's Picnic**

28 October 2009 at Manning Park, Hamilton Hill.

### Senior Citz Christmas Blitz

19 December at the Spearwood Dalmatinac Club (tickets on sale 3 November, numbers are limited).









## Hamilton Hill Memorial Hall scores major architecture award

Following extensive renovations and its official reopening in March 2008, the Hamilton Hill Memorial Hall has scored a 2009 WA Architecture Award.

Designed by Palassis Architects and built by SM Building and Maintenance, the hall won the heritage category with judges highlighting it as an outstanding example of conserving a significant heritage building while adding a contemporary new building. "Thorough research and bold design based on Burra Charter principles has reinstated a civic quality to this site that had been lost," the judges said in their summary.

Hamilton Hill Memorial Hall was originally built in 1925 on the site of a lime kiln, in response to community fundraising efforts.



## Southwell Community Garden

The City of Cockburn is supporting the Southwell Community Association and the Salvation Army to develop a community garden in the backyard of the Salvation Army in Hamilton Hill.

The Alcoa/City of Cockburn Projects Fund recently awarded the Community Garden Project \$10,000 to develop technical plans for the garden, install a rainwater tank and buy some building materials.

The aim is to turn a bare and empty back lot into a native garden for all the community to enjoy. There are plans for a small amphitheatre, barbeque area, and raised garden beds for people with disabilities to participate. The entire garden will be wheelchair accessible.

Anyone wishing to participate in the development and implementation of the garden please contact the City's Community Development Projects Officer on 9411 3499.







## **Home sweet home** for SMP Fremantle lifeskills2work

The City of Cockburn is helping SMP Fremantle lifeskills2work (formerly known as South Metropolitan Personnel) by leasing a Hamilton Hill house to the group at a peppercorn rent.

SMP Fremantle lifeskills2work is a not-for-profit organisation providing an alternatives-to-employment program, as well as employment services in the south metropolitan region.

City of Cockburn Mayor Logan K Howlett said the house would be used for people with disabilities to provide activities and programs to help them gain the necessary skills to participate in the wider community.

"The house is currently being renovated by community businesses to meet the needs of the people that will be using it – Bunnings, Coats Hire, Pioneer Cottages, TMS Plumbing and Gas and SMP Fremantle are all generously supplying the equipment, materials and labour," he said.

Nineteen clients using the service are currently employed through the City of Cockburn. The house is scheduled to be completed within the next few months.





### **Rates Round-up**

With the issue of rate notices on 14 July, 2009, Council is again pleased to offer instalment options for you to choose from by the due date of 18 August, 2009.

If these options are not suitable, ratepayers wishing to commence a special payment arrangement, or who have not yet received their annual notice, are asked to contact Rates Services on 9411 3444 to discuss the matter.

FAILURE TO PAY THE FIRST INSTALMENT BY THE DUE DATE MAY FORFEIT YOUR OPTION TO PAY BY INSTALMENTS AND/OR INCUR LATE PAYMENT PENALTY INTEREST.

Please retain your notice in a safe place, as a fee of \$20 may be applied for replacement copy notices and/or rates certificates.

Seniors and pensioners (including those with deferred rates), are reminded that all service charges, arrears and current, are payable by the due date on the rate notice. There is no concession applicable and these charges cannot be deferred.

It is strongly recommended that pensioners who cannot pay the lump sum of their service charges set up a Centrepay Option. By completing a form available at the City of Cockburn, pensioners can arrange for a minimum of \$20 per fortnight to be deducted from their pension payment and paid directly to the City of Cockburn. Further information may be obtained from Rates Services on 9411 3531.

The Centrepay Option is also available for those wishing to pay their rates in full, via a fortnightly pension deduction payment system.

If no attempt is made to clear the outstanding service charges, the City may have to take necessary action for the recovery of the debt.

# LEARN TO SWIN

Vacation Swimming 29 September - 9 October 2009 4, 5 or 9 day programmes Classes for Penguins, Dolphins School-Age, and Swim & Survive

### Term 4

10 October - 18 December 2009 Infant, preschool, school-age & adult classes available 10 Weeks for \$115 Enrolments open 21 September 2009

90 South Lake Drive South Lake WA 6164 Telephone: (08) 9417 3003 Facsimile: (08) 9417 3099 swim@cockburn.wa.gov.au





## Make the "Split" to Croatia

Ever thought about splitting overseas? The City of Split, Cockburn's Croatian Sister City, is welcoming people travelling through Europe to its summer festival.

In 2008, Split and Cockburn exchanged civic visits and have formed a continuing alliance based on creating strong links between people in both communities.

Part of this arrangement is promoting both regions as tourist destinations when residents from each area are visiting the Sister City. A special guest register was presented to the City of Split last year to record and welcome people from the City of Cockburn visiting the historic Dalmatian port while overseas.

Several Cockburn residents have already made the journey and experienced warm hospitality from Split council offices.

City of Cockburn Mayor Logan K Howlett can provide a letter of introduction for any Cockburn residents wishing to visit Split – call 9411 3577 to request the letter and gain contact details.

## **30th Anniversary** – FREE EVENTS

The City of Cockburn celebrates 30 years in 2009 and we want you to join us for our free community celebrations. Mixing it up and celebrating with a range of cultural, sporting, historical, community events and displays between 1 September and 31 October, 2009.

Some of the activities include:

- 5 7 September State History Conference
- 13 September Bibra Lake Fun Run
- **15 September** Cockburn Business Lift out Magazine in Cockburn Gazette
- 25 September Sustainability Awards Gala Evening

**School Holidays** 26 September – 11 October Celebrating Women @ Cockburn Libraries

- 17 October Ordinary Council Election
- **10 16 October** Tours of Council & Cockburn bus tours for community & schools
- 10 11 Oct Cockburn Community Annual Arts & Crafts Exhibition at the Spearwood Dalmatinac Club. The Cockburn Celebrates photographic exhibition displays over 300 historical photos depicting places and events in city as part of the exhibition. Contact Bill Wallington on 9337 3814 / 0404 302 182
- **15 Sept** Cockburn Business Lift out Magazine in Cockburn Gazette
- **18 October** 2 weeks of historical displays: Cockburn Gateway Shopping City, Phoenix Shopping Centre & Azelia Ley Museum

- 25 October Spring Fair & fireworks
- **26 October** 30th Anniversary Time Capsule Ceremony

Children's Week 26 October - 30 October

- **28 October** Teddy Bears' Picnic Manning Park, Hamilton Hill
- **29 October** Universal Children's Day Spearwood Library

Grants have been awarded for various community events and programs and include a multitude of events across the City. For more information and updates visit: www.cockburn.wa.gov.au





## Celebrating the new Cockburn Seniors Centre



The new Cockburn Seniors Centre officially opened its doors on August 1, celebrating with an open day featuring presentations, workshops, line dancing and songs from a choir.

Located at the former Civic Centre, next to the City of Cockburn's administration building, the Cockburn Seniors Centre has a focus on providing a healthy lifestyle to maintain mind, body and soul.

The centre will promote independence, good health and community connection for the City's multicultural population of seniors, which is in keeping with the Council's Age-Friendly Strategic Plan.

Activities, events and services are designed to meet physical, mental and social needs through physicallyactive sessions, intellectually-stimulating workshops, leisure activities, arts, crafts, clubs, talks, healthy meals, outings and social events.

Open 9am to 4.30pm Mon- Fri, activities include Tai Chi, ballroom dancing lessons, line dancing, a scrabble club, movie afternoons, singalongs and lunch three times a week. There are also weekly outings and the centre is available for hire to community groups.

The winter menu features soup and a main meal while the summer menu features a main meal and a dessert. All lunches are \$7.50 each.

Membership is \$30 and open to people who are 50 years or older. Alternatively, they can pay a casual user fee of \$3.50 per visit.

For more information, call the Cockburn Seniors Centre on 9411 3877.



## Community Perception Survey 2009 Outcomes

This community survey provides an insight into how the City of Cockburn's services are perceived and was conducted using a random sample of residents across all suburbs. It is utilised as a useful tool to evaluate and monitor performance of the City.

### **Celebrations**

The outcomes of the survey show resident satisfaction as relatively high overall at 75%. The City of Cockburn has set the industry standard for resident satisfaction with the area's character and identity (74%) and its leisure and recreation centres, such as the South Lake Leisure Centre (75%).

The survey showed residents were extremely satisfied with a range of services including festivals, events and cultural activities (83%), facilities, services and care available for seniors (76%), access to services and facilities for people with disabilities (71%), Council's involvement in bushfire prevention and control (73%) and the City of Cockburn website (74%).

Events such as the Summer of Fun concerts, Bibra Lake Fun Run, parenting and children's events, new Cockburn Seniors Centre and environment protection and rehabilitation programs have been part of this focus. The City of Cockburn has numerous waste strategies and is now recycling at a new facility in North Coogee since the recent SMRC fire. Other initiatives include a wind turbine generator at

the Henderson waste recovery Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (landfill) site and a

new Cockburn Recyclables Co-op Shop opening soon.



### **Road Construction project investments**

As a growing City, management of traffic on local roads is a priority. Residents have indicated their desire to see more improvements in this area:

- Spearwood Avenue (Sudlow/Barrington) Construction of four-lane road \$1.4M (total cost, incl. land acquisition is \$7.5M).
- Spearwood Avenue (Stock/Doolette) Construction of second carriageway \$390,000.
- Beeliar Drive (Watson/Stock) Construction twolane road \$170,000 (total cost incl. land \$2M).
- Beeliar Drive (Stock/Cockburn) Land acquisition \$800,000 (total cost \$8.5M).
- Frankland Avenue (Russell/Gaebler) Stage 2, construction of two-lane road \$900,000.
- Russell Road (Freeway/Ashendon) Construction of dual carriageway \$580,000.

### **Other Positive Findings**

The City's customer satisfaction survey also provided positive results, indicating people had an 84% or higher satisfaction rating for numerous services including Henderson Waste Recovery Park (98.1%), library services (98%), sports field hire and booking services (96.6%), customer service administration reception & contact centre (90%), swimming pool inspection services (88%), building services (86%), health and planning services (both 84%) and community facility hire and booking services (86%).



### **Other Areas of Focus**

The City has identified some areas of concern including safety and security, mobile security patrols, management and control of traffic, youth services and facilities and controlling graffiti, vandalism and antisocial behaviour.

## The City is focused on the prevention and removal of graffiti. To report graffiti call the hotline 1800 44 22 55.

Steps have been taken with the addition of two quad bikes enabling rangers to respond more quickly to illegal activities, anti-social behaviour and emergency response times.

The City of Cockburn is committed to community consultation on issues such as local government reform, the Phoenix Central revitalisation and Coolbellup Hub (89% of respondents are familiar with community consultation projects). 94% are familiar with how the City informs residents about local issues with 66% satisfaction – so we have room to improve.

### The Way Forward

The City continues its strong commitment to investing in our community, services and infrastructure. With the generous support of many funding partners, there are improved services for many, including:

### **Cockburn Youth Centre**

The Cockburn Youth Centre received a Lotterywest grant of \$968,182, helping to meet the overall \$5.2 million cost of the facility, designed to give young people access to training information and programs, recreation, events and courses.

### **Coolbellup Community Hub**

A \$4.8 million project to redevelop and expand facilities in Coolbellup to create a community hub has recently been awarded a \$1,149,200 Lotterywest Service Accommodation and Community Facility Grant.

### Other Community investments in 2009:

- Cockburn Central Library and Office Construction, \$4M (total cost \$16M).
- Cockburn Interim Senior Citizens Centre Finalise construction, \$80K (total cost \$0.85M).
- Regional Surf Lifesaving Club & Beach Access Node \$9.93M Stage 1, car parking and site development \$3M and \$2M from Australian Government Community Infrastructure Program.
- Bibra Lake Landscape, Recreational & Environmental Enhancement \$13.1M over 9 yrs – average of \$1.45M a year and funding of \$623,000 from Australian Government Community Infrastructure Program.
- DIY Graffiti Removal Program: \$21,100 from the Office of Crime Prevention (WA).
- Aubin Grove Community and Sports Facilities \$3.6M \$807,000 from Department of Sport & Recreation (WA).
- Success Regional Community & Recreation Facility \$9.6 M – \$600,000 from Department of Sport & Recreation (WA).





## **Nominate a Cockburn Volunteer** 2009 City of Cockburn Inspirational Volunteer Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2009 City of Cockburn Inspirational Volunteer Awards. The awards recognise and publicly acknowledge the invaluable contribution made by volunteers in the Cockburn community. Entries close on Friday, 25 September 2009. Nomination forms and detailed information about the awards can be obtained from the City of Cockburn on 9411 3444 or email volunteering@cockburn.wa.gov.au or http://volunteering.cockburn.wa.gov.au



Pictured: Bianca Bech, Madison Campbell, Patrick Connor, Challenge TAFE art/youth lecturer Emma Margetts, Kaleb Clarken, Beth Mitchell, Bronson Swann and Mike Holt in front of the Cockburn Youth Centre mural.

## **Cockburn Youth Centre mural celebrates youth identity**

A picture paints a thousand words – and a mural at the Cockburn Youth Centre has highlighted how students have learnt to work as a team through the GATE program.

Various students involved in the project described their mural as a celebration of youth identity.

"(The mural) identifies who we are as a group and seeks to create self-respect within ourselves through the pride to create art without worrying about judgment from the wider community," they said.

Certificate 1 in Gaining Access to Training and Employment (GATE) is an alternative Year 10-equivalency program helping students gain admission to TAFE.



## Grants, donations and sponsorship funding opportunities

### Applications now open

Applications are now open for the following funding opportunities to support local groups, organisations and individuals for a wide variety of activities and services:

**Community Grants** assist local community groups and organisations to provide projects or activities that benefit residents of Cockburn. Applications are to a maximum of \$15,000, with smaller amounts encouraged.

**Sustainable Events Grants** assist local community groups and organisations in the provision of ongoing programs and activities for the benefit of the residents of Cockburn. The maximum grant provided to any one group will be \$7,000, over a four-year period.

**Donations** are available to provide financial assistance towards the day-to-day running costs of not-for-profit groups, not for a specific project or activity. Donations are limited and highly competitive.

**Sponsorship** is a mutually beneficial partnership arrangement where the City of Cockburn makes a financial contribution to a group, organisation or individual for a specific purpose, project, activity or event and, in return, the City receives public recognition for its contribution. The maximum is \$20,000 for organisations and \$2,000 for individuals.

**Cultural Grants** support local arts and cultural activities. Applications to a maximum of \$4,000, with smaller amounts encouraged.

**Youth Art Scholarships** (under 18) are available for those who live in Cockburn and are either doing further study or travelling in relation to their art. These scholarships are to a maximum of \$500 to assist with fees, materials or travel costs.

For further information on:

**Community Grants, Sustainable Events Grants, Donations & Sponsorship** contact Melissa on 9411 3583 or email communitygrants@cockburn.wa.gov.au

**Cultural Grants & Youth Art Scholarships** contact Cassandra on 9411 3433 or email culturalgrants@ cockburn.wa.gov.au

Please visit the website www.cockburn.wa.gov.au for more information and a copy of the relevant guidelines and application forms.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE at 4pm Wednesday 30 September 2009.





## Be sure you are entitled to vote!



To be able to vote at the upcoming Council elections, your name MUST be on the Council Electoral Roll currently being prepared.

You should be automatically enrolled for your residential address, but if you own more than one property in the

District, you may be entitled to vote in more than one Ward Election.

Check with our Rates Department, on 9411 3475, on your eligibility. Registrations to be included on the Roll close **FRIDAY 28 AUGUST 2009.** 

## **Local Government Elections 2009**

Are you interested in being Mayor or a Councillor of the City of Cockburn?

Elections will be held in the City of Cockburn on **17 October, 2009** for the following vacancies on Council:

MAYOR4 year termEast Ward1 Councillor4 year termWest Ward2 Councillors4 year termsCentral Ward2 Councillors4 year terms

The terms of the incumbent Mayor and five Councillors expire at that time.

If you are interested in Council affairs and are thinking of nominating for one of these positions, council is hosting a seminar to provide information to prospective new Elected Members.

Details of the seminar are:

### DATE: Saturday 29 August, 2009

- **TIME:** 10.00am-4.00pm
- PLACE: Cockburn City Council Reception Room, Coleville Crescent, Spearwood

The session is free of charge to Cockburn electors and a light lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Please complete the form below and return it to Council by **TUESDAY 25 AUGUST, 2009**.

I, ..... (NAME)

of

(ADDRESS)

wish to register for the City of Cockburn Elections Seminar to be conducted on Saturday 29 August, 2009.