

# Cockburn Soundings

JUNE 2011

## Sports Hall of Fame 2011



The City of Cockburn is once again celebrating local sporting talent by calling for nominations for the Cockburn Sports Hall of Fame.

In 2003/04 the City initiated the Hall of Fame and inducted 11 local elite sports athletes, from disciplines ranging from AFL to sailing. Seven years on, it's time to celebrate more local sporting champions.

Nominees must have been a long-term resident of the City of Cockburn (deceased or living) participating in senior sport or sports administration at a high level.

**Nomination forms can be found at [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/halloffame](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/halloffame) or email [recreation@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:recreation@cockburn.wa.gov.au) or call 9411 3654.**

*Left: Glen Jakovich is featured in the City's current Hall of Fame*

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# Champion Clubs



The City is pleased to announce the launch of the Champion Clubs program, in partnership with the Department of Sport and Recreation.

The Champion Clubs program empowers sporting clubs to become flourishing self-sustainable entities, and promotes health and well-being in our communities.

The program will offer support to clubs through accessible resources for volunteers, educational seminars and individual needs analysis.

The launch of Champion Clubs will coincide with the induction of elite local sports stars into our Hall of Fame in August, a great way to celebrate the grass-roots beginnings of all our sports stars.

**If your sporting club is not already involved, contact [shughes@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:shughes@cockburn.wa.gov.au) or call 9411 3676.**

## Cockburn wins national award

Federal Minister for Local Government Simon Crean has announced the City of Cockburn as a winner in the 2011 National Awards for Local Government, for its work in climate change and sustainability.

The awards recognise local government innovation in a variety of fields. One hundred and fifty two entries were received from across the nation and 17 winners were chosen across 10 categories.

Each year, the City commits more than \$650,000 to invest in renewable energy systems, research, new technology, policy and community engagement.

Cockburn is now eligible to be considered for the overall 2011 National Award for Excellence in Local Government, to be announced in late June.

Stay tuned... this will be a feature in the next edition of Soundings.

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## Message from the Mayor



NAIDOC Week (3-10 July) is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and achievements. NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee and the week is an opportunity for all Australians to recognise contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields of endeavour.

The National NAIDOC Committee stated:

“The 2011 National NAIDOC theme is about taking responsibility for our future. To control the change we need to plan and take action to make it happen. It's our future – change: the next step is ours.”

Cockburn residents can find details of the various activities planned across the City during NAIDOC Week in this publication. I urge you to participate in these activities wherever possible.

The City is in the process of finalising a draft Reconciliation Action Plan and an informative brochure on Indigenous history within our district.

For a second year, the RSL Cockburn Sub-branch ANZAC Day Service saw a traditional Aboriginal smoking ceremony at the commencement of the service and the playing of the didgeridoo accompanied by spirit dancers to conclude the event. Many Aboriginal men have served and continue to serve their country with honour, dating back to the First World War.

On behalf of the elected members and staff I take this opportunity to invite you to a NAIDOC Week flag-raising ceremony at the City's Administration building at 10am on Monday 4 July 2011 and to share in the celebrations that follow.

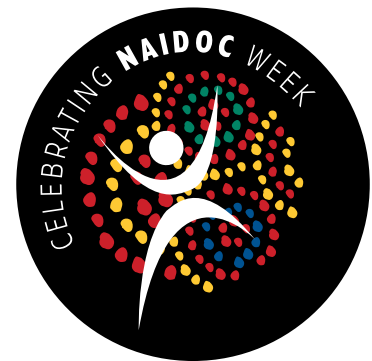
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3-10 JULY  
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## Council's new RAP

The City has been actively working to build strong relationships across cultures based on mutual respect and understanding.

Council's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) has identified goals for the next two years to build respectful relationships and create opportunities with the Nyungar community.

An Aboriginal History Brochure of the local region has been developed and will be used in schools and the community.

Reconciliation Week was celebrated on 31 May at the City of Cockburn with music, food and speakers, and

a guided bus tour of significant local Nyungar sites on 2 June.

We will be celebrating a very busy NAIDOC Week from 2 July. The full program is listed in this edition of Soundings and on the website, and we would particularly like to invite the whole community to come along to the flag-raising and launch of NAIDOC Week on Monday 4 July, 10am at the Council Admin building, 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood.



## Building Cockburn

Many exciting developments are underway around Cockburn.

Construction of the Integrated Health and Community Facility in Success, commencing in 2012, will be the single biggest project ever undertaken by the City, costing just under \$45 million.

The multipurpose community facility will accommodate a GP super clinic offering primary health care, specialist health services, library, tertiary education space, community meeting facilities, a café and Centrelink Office.

Construction of the Cockburn Emergency Services Headquarters in Cockburn Central, due for completion in November 2011, will cost around \$2.5 million, with \$1 million contributed by FESA via a self-supporting loan.

The Botany Park sporting reserve, located in Hammond Park, will primarily host junior football,

junior cricket and little athletics. Completion of the building is expected in December 2011. The project will cost around \$900,000, with a Federal contribution of \$126,000.

All these facilities will be valuable local resources as Cockburn continues to establish itself as a hub of industry, business and residential growth.



Botany Park Sports Pavilion



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# NAIDOC WEEK

## in Cockburn

EVENT	DATE	DETAILS
NAIDOC Youth Ball	Saturday 2 July	Cockburn Youth Centre - 25 Wentworth Parade, Success. 7pm- 10pm. Tickets \$5 from the Youth Centre 9411 3888.
Flag Raising Ceremony and Launch of NAIDOC Week	Monday 4 July	9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood Administration Building. 10am - 12 noon.
NAIDOC Seniors Ball	Tuesday 5 July	Cockburn Seniors Centre - 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood. 10am - 2.30pm. Tickets \$5. Door sales
Bush Tucker Time BBQ (All welcome - while stocks last)	Thursday 7 July	Out the front of Spearwood Library, 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood. 12pm- 1.30pm
Coolbellup Library Event - Talk by Sean Gorman, Author of 'Brotherboys: The Story of Jim and Phil Krakouer'	Saturday 9 July	Coolbellup Library at the Coolbellup Hub, 90 Cordelia Ave, Coolbellup. 10am



For more information about any of the NAIDOC Week events call the City of Cockburn on 9411 3444 or visit the website.



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



## Networking with a difference

Representatives from Cockburn not-for-profit groups enjoyed a networking opportunity with a difference on Friday 18 March – the Cockburn Community Group Bowls. Twenty-four teams played off against each other over two rounds with the goal to take out the Cockburn Community Bowls Cup.

And the winners ... Guides WA Spearwood. Not far behind, taking out the second spot was Lakeside Villas Social Club. Group representatives donned costumes and competed for the best team name. Winner of best dressed title was Native Arc and the best name prize was awarded to TAPSS Community Care for its team

name 'Wii not fit'. Mayor Logan Howlett was on hand throughout the evening assisting on the greens and presenting the raffles and prizes as the night drew to a close.

The Community Development Team coordinates the event as an alternative to the usual networking scenario. "It's a great opportunity for groups to network in a fun and activity-based environment, and a creative way to distribute useful group resources such as stationery, fuel vouchers, tea and coffee and hampers through prizes and raffles", said the City's Community Development Officer.





## Senior/Pensioner rates payments

Ratepayers with outstanding amounts for 2010/11, who have not entered into a special payment arrangement, must finalise payments by 30 June 2011.

Registered Concession Holders must pay council rates before 15 June 2011, so the rebate can be claimed on their behalf from the Office of State Revenue.

Seniors and part-pensioners are not entitled to defer rates and may lose concessional status after 30 June until all outstanding rates are cleared.

Fully-entitled pensioners who intend to defer rates payments must pay the Rubbish Service Charges and the Community Security Charge by 30 June 2011. These charges are not eligible to be deferred.

Pensioners who wish to use the Centrepay Deductions Service are advised to contact Centrelink or the Rates Services Team.

Council Rates for 2011/2012 are anticipated to be issued early July with the expected due date being mid-August 2011.

### **Bank Reference Number for rates payments**

Please note that the Bank Reference Number shown on your 2011/2012 rate notice will have changed from previous years. When you make payments, be sure to use this new Bank Reference Number.

## Skimmer Box safety

Skimmer boxes help remove dirt and leaves from the water, but to a small child, older-style skimmer boxes can resemble a seat or potty.

The immense suction of the pool's filter pump can form an instant seal with a child and cause fatal or severe injuries.

Home owners must check the safety of their skimmer box and if needed purchase a low-cost conversion kit – available from most pool supply shops.

The City of Cockburn's swimming pool inspector checks registered swimming pools once every four years, but the City encourages the community to be vigilant for the safety of their own families.

Homeowners in any doubt about their skimmer box can contact Consumer Protection's product safety team on 1300 304 054 or visit [www.productsafety.gov.au](http://www.productsafety.gov.au)

For further advice visit your local pool shop or call the City on 9411 3564.





## Public consultation – Cockburn Coast update

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### What's been happening?

Planning for the area known as 'Cockburn Coast' between South Beach and Port Coogee continues to gather momentum.

A District Structure Plan for the area was endorsed by the WA Planning Commission in late 2009. This established a vision for the transformation of the area into a mixed use urban development. Since that time, preparation for more detailed planning has been underway; Landcorp has met with landowners and changes to the Metropolitan Region Scheme zoning have been advertised by the State Government.

### So what happens now?

The next step is to change the zoning in the City's Town Planning Scheme for the area south of Rollinson Road. This will also set out the formal processes and requirements needed to develop the Cockburn Coast area. Landcorp is preparing a draft Masterplan to further detail some of the matters in the District Structure Plan.

### I want to comment on this, how and when can I do that?

An important part of the process is public consultation which is likely to be in the latter half of 2011. Before advertising changes to the City's Town Planning Scheme, City officers must seek Council's formal initiation of the proposed changes (termed an 'amendment'). This is likely to occur mid 2011. Following this, Council also needs to seek permission from the WA Planning Commission and the Environmental Protection Authority to advertise.

The formal consultation process will also include letters to landowners in the Cockburn Coast area and advertisements in the Cockburn Gazette. Submission forms will also be available on our webpage.

**To keep up-to-date on this project visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/planningprojects](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/planningprojects) or for enquiries call 9411 3598.**





## Council decisions

**Proposed Closure of Miguel Road Pedestrian Railway Crossing Yangebup** – Council resolved to advise WestNet Rail that the City would like to retain the pedestrian crossing until the Spearwood Avenue duplication from Barrington Street to Sudlow Road road works are completed, after which the Council supports the closure of the pedestrian crossing at Miguel Road.

**Cockburn Integrated Health and Community Facility, Success (GP Super Clinic)** – Council resolved to enter into an agreement to lease floor space within the facility with Gateways Dental Care and the Super Clinic Pharmacy, Success; and request the consent to the leases from the Minister for Lands.

**Cockburn Bowling and Recreation Club** – Council resolved to advise the Cockburn Bowling and Recreation Club that it remained committed to the future relocation of the club to Visko Park, Yangebup. The timing of the relocation is contingent on a future Council decision to sell the land upon which the current premises are located. Decision and funding commitments will be determined with the adoption of the Plan for the District scheduled for June 2012. As an interim measure Council will commit to spending a maximum of \$100,000 in the 2011-2012 financial year to address urgent repairs and maintenance issues at the current premises.

**For more information contact the City on 9411 3444.**



# Be Surprised!

Join the Senior Centre in May for \$8.50  
and receive two free classes of your choice

Non-members - Participate in a program in the month of  
June and pay no casual entrance fee.

### New in May...

- Yoga Classes starting Wednesday 4 May 9-10am \$3.50
- Drawing Classes starting Friday 13 May 1-4pm \$5 per class

Don't forget all the other exciting things we have on the program as well!

To view the program visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/community\\_services/seniors\\_centre](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/community_services/seniors_centre)  
or why not pick one up yourself, you won't be disappointed.

**Call now to find out more T: (08) 9411 3877**  
**A: 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood W: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au)**

# Warm up for Winter

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- Beach entry into pool
- Chairlift into spa
- Changeroom hoist

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

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## Cockburn goes green

From 1 May 2012, the City will require all new residences to be 6-star energy efficient, in accordance with a national COAG agreement.

The City has also been highly commended in the Sustainable Energy Association of Australia Awards for its new Renewable Energy Program.

Mayor Logan Howlett said the City is investing in renewable energy systems, research partnerships and trialling new technology.

“Three hundred and forty solar photovoltaic panels have been installed over six community buildings and live energy data from panels is available via our online Cockburn Virtual Power Station,” Mayor Howlett said.

“Cockburn is also one of the first councils to have mapped its local wind resource, which will soon be available to residents online,” he said.

“Overwhelming community responses indicate local commitment to sustainable living.”

Visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/renewableenergy](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/renewableenergy) to find out more.



## Cockburn leading the community in sustainable development

The City is proud to have recently launched its virtual home, which is a broad reaching educational tool outlining the principles of sustainable design.

This initiative is the first of its kind among local government in WA.

**Visitors to the home can learn about the key principles of sustainable design at [www.ecockburn.com.au](http://www.ecockburn.com.au)**

The City recognises its responsibility in leading the community in sustainable development and this website enables the City to target people far beyond its own borders.





# Your Cockburn library

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



## Homework help!

Celebrating NAIDOC Week

Meet Louise, a proud Nyungar who came to work at the City of Cockburn libraries seven years ago. She has been actively involved with the Nyungar community during this time. Louise has completed an Indigenous Women's Leadership Program in Cairns last year and graduated at a ceremony in Canberra. She is looking forward to doing further leadership studies. Louise is actively involved in work on Cockburn's Reconciliation Action Plan as well as National Reconciliation and NAIDOC weeks.

She has represented the Nyungar community in basketball as part of NATSIBA (National Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Basketball Association) in Darwin, Cairns and Melbourne. This year Louise will be representing the City of Cockburn with its own Indigenous women's team in Adelaide.

Louise has been instrumental in improving the Indigenous collection at Coolbellup Library so that it includes more books on Indigenous participation in sport. She is also responsible for selecting more DVDs and local music CDs to add to the library's collection that will be launched during NAIDOC Week. Watch out for other events and enhancements on our website <http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au>



## Any spare wool?

Brrrrr, winter is finally here and there are many men and women in our community who are homeless and vulnerable to the elements. Last year the Cockburn Libraries Knitting Circle received generous donations of wool that were knitted into scarves, beanies and mittens and distributed by the Freo Street Doctor to the homeless. Beanies were even sent to our soldiers in Afghanistan to wear under their helmets, protecting them from below zero temperatures during the night.

This year the Knitting Circle has grown and two groups now meet at Spearwood and Coolbellup Libraries every Wednesday between 9.30am and 12pm. They are in urgent need of wool so that they can continue to knit and crochet for overseas and local charities and others in need. Donations of wool are welcome at all Cockburn libraries.

## Do you remember the Krakouer Brothers?

Phillip and Jim Krakouer had a meteoric rise to greatness in the early days of the AFL. In his book *Brotherboys* Sean Gorman tells what happened to them on and off the field.

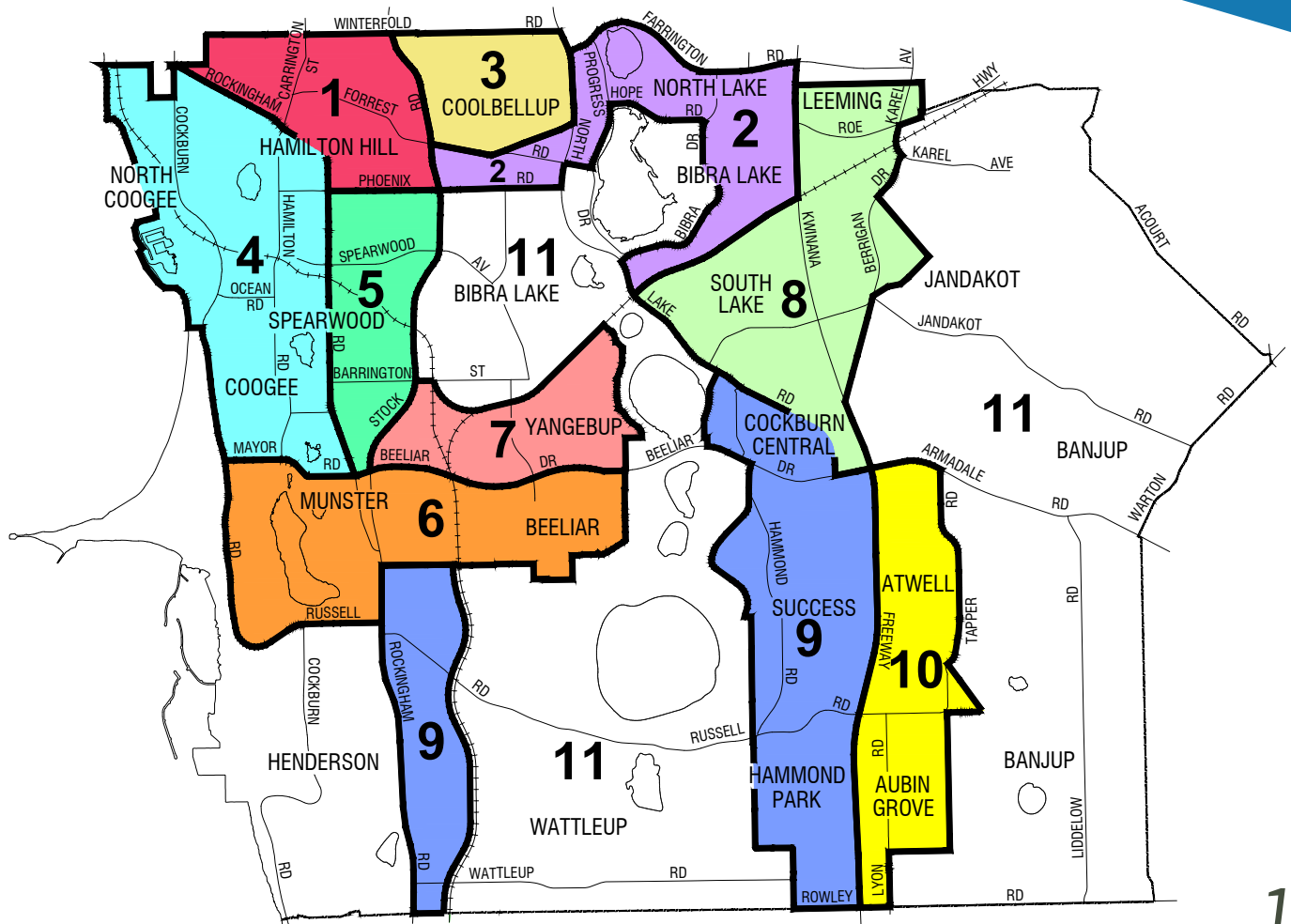
You are invited to a book talk by Sean Gorman at Coolbellup Library on Saturday 9 July 10am to 11am, during NAIDOC Week. Come and hear the inside story of how *Brotherboys* was written. Bookings are essential on 9411 3830 or online at <http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au>





# Bulk verge collection

AREA	GREEN WASTE AUTUMN 2011	JUNK AND WHITEGOODS 1 2011	GREEN WASTE SPRING 2011	JUNK AND WHITEGOODS 1 2012	GREEN WASTE AUTUMN 2012
			WEEK STARTING		
1	completed	4 July	12 September	6 February	16 April
2	completed	11 July	19 September	13 February	30 April
3	completed	18 July	10 October	20 February	7 May
4	completed	25 July	17 October	27 February	14 May
5	completed	1 August	24 October	5 March	21 May
6	completed	8 August	31 October	12 March	28 May
7	7 June	15 August	7 November	19 March	4 June
8	13 June	22 August	14 November	26 March	11 June
9	20 June	29 August	21 November	2 April	18 June
10	27 June	5 September	28 November	9 April	25 June
11	Rural Collection will be week starting 26th September 2011				





# Councillors Corner – Kevin Allen

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

It's wonderful to be a part of a great Council that has achieved so much over the past 10 years and has the potential to achieve so much more at such an exciting yet challenging time.

I relish all of our opportunities while recognising the everyday financial challenges/opportunities that the City and all its residents face.

## What future projects in Cockburn are you excited about?

I'm very excited about the Cockburn Coast Structure Plan, the new Coogee public golf course, the "Integrated

Community Facility" (surf club development), and of course the completion of the Port Coogee marina.

## Your favourite piece of music?

I'm keen on anything Robbie Williams and Pink.

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

Very difficult to narrow down to six people, however I'll give it a go. Jeremy Clarkson from Top Gear, Billy Connolly, Andrew Forrest, Robbie Williams and Steve Lee, as I like humour around the dinner table and of course my wife Debra.

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## Local groups partner to celebrate volunteering



Local volunteer groups joined forces to promote volunteering during National Volunteer Week in May. Volunteers manned a stall and display at the Cockburn Gateway Shopping Centre absorbing the many benefits of volunteering. Give volunteering a go and you will see how many benefits there really are.

On hand to help out at the display were groups including local arts group Artzplace, wildlife rehabilitation group Native Arc, fundraising heroes Friends of the Community, Success Playgroup and the Probus Club of Cockburn. The display also offered the opportunity to launch the 'I Volunteer' campaign as part of the International Year of the Volunteers 10th Anniversary.

If you are interested in volunteering in Cockburn the Cockburn Volunteer Resource Centre has a one-off volunteer register for those who can only volunteer every now and then. Or have a look at the 150 ongoing volunteering opportunities. **Visit [www.cockburncommunity.asn.au](http://www.cockburncommunity.asn.au) or call 9411 3490.**

## After 25 years...it's Cricket!

2011 was witness to a special moment for the Phoenix Cricket Club. Two stalwart players, Des Smith and Syd D'Mello, played their 400th game on the same day, in the same team during their last season.

The story is even more remarkable considering the pair are old school mates, close friends and played their very first game of cricket for the club on the same day. Both Des and Syd have a 25-year history with the club, contributed significantly as players, active members and in committee roles.





## Thriving playgroup for Success

Success Playgroup started up in Term 4 2010 and has grown into a thriving gathering of parents and their littlies. The group is for pre-school age children running regularly throughout the school term, with 40 families currently participating. President Christie-Lee said, "It's a wonderful way for parents to meet and exchange ideas and support each other". The kids can make new friends, play and socialise with each other in an unstructured format. They have arts and crafts as well as outdoor time and general play time" she said.

The group is based at the Success Regional Sport and Recreation Facility on Hammond Road, Success. Parents interested in finding out more about the group can email Bethwyn on [successplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:successplaygroup@gmail.com)

*Right: Success Playgroup mums with their bubs*



## Cockburn has a new softball club



Panther's Softball Club enjoyed success in its first season. The club caters to players aged from 7-10 years old and is based at Nicolson Reserve, Yangebup. With all players going into their first season ever, they did a fantastic job winning four games and drawing the remaining two. The club is planning a few training sessions during the off-season so if you want to give softball a go – contact the club on 0414471530.

*The Panthers up a Tree*

*Kyhl Auhl 7, Belana Clegg 7, Cheyanne Green 8, Taleighsha Lawson 7, Chloe Matthey 8, Nathan Slater 7, Kailah O'Brien 7, Peta Ryder 10, Josh Green 9, Bethany Martin 10.*



## Cockburn netballers represent state

Cockburn Netball Club players Jaimee Charles and Jessica Congleton both pulled on jerseys for State teams in the 2011 season. Jaimee, aged 19, a current Coastals State League Netball player was selected in the WA State Under 19s team travelling to Brisbane in April for the National Championships. Jessica, aged 15, represented WA in the ACC State Netball Team (under 16s) travelling to New Zealand in early 2011. Club rep Melaine Rainey said both players had strived to reach their potential and provided a model for others to aspire towards.

*Right: Jaimee Charles, 19 and  
Jessica Congleton, 15*



## Car boot sale...don't miss out!



Have any bits and pieces to sell and can't be bothered to organise a garage sale? Pack up the car and head down to the Yangebup Primary School on Sunday 19 June. Or, if you are more of a shopper and love to rummage through the markets for a good bargain then it's definitely worth a visit. Both sellers and shoppers should check out the new Yangebup Primary School CARBOOT SALES. The school's P&C started the sales this year, with the first in March and the remaining two post June on Sundays 14 August and 27 November. Sellers can rock up for a spot from 6am while the doors open to shoppers from 7am. For more details contact Jessica on 0412 058 546.

Support your School P&C or P&F.



## Community creates public artwork



Hammond Park Community Association (HPCA) has been working hard fundraising and sourcing funds for a public artwork on the corner of Russell Road and Ashendon Boulevard. The history is long, but the group has achieved its target to get the artwork underway.

HPCA involved local residents in a community workshop in early 2010 for input on the medium and design. Moving forward, Emmanuel Catholic College Arts Department has supported the project with students working on developing the design concept and constructing the artwork with Perth artist Tony Pankiw. Students will start work on the concept design phase in Term 2, with construction planned for Term 3 and the launch in early November. This a great community project. Well done to HPCA and special thanks to Emmanuel Catholic College.

*ECC Arts Teacher Brad Nicholas (right) with Artist Tony Pankiw (left)*

## Lovin' those well behaved canines

Local pooches are being offered training through the WA Canine Association (Dog West). The training is run at Dubove Park, Spearwood over a 10 week term. The first training group for 2011 concluded on Thursday 14 April, with dogs completing the Canine Good Companion Assessment. DogWest Life Member, Honey Gross Richardson, adjudicated the dogs as they worked through a ten-step test to ensure the family pooch made the cut as a Canine Good Companion. For details on future courses email [curr@e-wire.net.au](mailto:curr@e-wire.net.au) or call the Canine Association on 9455 1188.

*Right: Frederika Westera with KC*



## Revitalisation – Probus Club of Cockburn



Above: Working on a Revitalisation Plan

If you are interested in some fun and friendship, enjoy excursions, guest speakers, morning tea and a chat – look no further than the Probus Club of Cockburn. Originally, the PROBUS came from Professional and Business, however times have changed.

The Cockburn club is undergoing revitalisation and is all about creating a space for active people over 55 years to enjoy a few hours of escape and create new friendships. It's inexpensive and all are welcome.

**When:** 2nd Monday of each month for a 9.30am start

**Where:** Cockburn Bowling Club, 300 Rockingham Road, Spearwood.

**Any queries call Verna on 9414 8280 or Peter on 9417 1669.**

## Family fun @ Yangebup

Yangebup Family Centre held its annual Craft and Family Fun Day on Saturday 16 April. The centre, located on Dunraven Drive, was packed out with stalls, featuring locally made crafts. It was a great family outing with lots of treats and activities for the kids, plus a delicious sausage sizzle put on by Friends of the

Community. The family centre offers services including occasional care and kindy. The venue has rooms to hire to not-for-profit groups. **For more information call 9417 9995.**

*Left: Abigail (8 years) and Deandra (9 years) Pragasam*

*Right: Friends of the Community hard at work on the BBQ*





## April busy for local resident associations

Cockburnians had plenty of event options over the month of April – thanks to local residents’ groups. Each year local community groups contribute significantly to the events calendar in Cockburn all thanks to the efforts of amazing volunteers.

The Aubin Grove Residents Association (AGRA) hosted a Community Picnic on Sunday 10 April with activities for kids including a bouncy castle and face painting. Meanwhile down the road, Harvest Lakes Residents Association (HLRA) worked its magic with the new Harvest Lakes Autumn Festival. Over at Leeming, the Leeming Community Group (LCG) organised ‘Celebrate Leeming’ with everything from live music to a skate competition. A week earlier, Success Residents Association (SRA) hosted a community breakfast for local Success residents.

Top: Harvest Lakes volunteers

Right: Bouncy Castle at Aubin Grove



## Cougars star slammin’

Support the Cockburn Cougars at the next home game – Saturday 18 June against the Stirling Senators at the Wally Hagan Stadium, Hamilton Hill. The Lady Cougars start at 6pm and the Cougars go on at 8pm. Slammin’ Stan Ocitti has been a standout for local basketball team Cockburn Cougars this year. Since arriving from Boston, Stan “the Man” Ocitti has become a popular player, leading the team in rebounds, blocks and is active with teaching basketball skills to kids in the community. When asked what he liked about being in Australia, Stan said “I spend most days at the beach or having a barbeque”.

**Want to play basketball? For more information call Cockburn Basketball on 9335 9101.**

Right: Slammin’ Stan Ocitti goes for another dunk against the competition.

