



Cockburn Soundings

MAY 2008

WA Governor opens Memorial Hall!

On March 20 around 130 VIP guests from the Cockburn community attended a special re-dedication ceremony of the newly-refurbished Hamilton Hill Memorial Hall.

Special guest His Excellency Dr Ken Michael AC Governor of Western Australia attended to officially rededicate the hall and declare it open.

Mayor Stephen Lee said while the primary function of this hall was to serve as a memorial to the glorious dead, it had also been and will continue to be a living memorial.

"Over the years many dances have been held here; many romances formed here; many movies have been shown here; and many trophies and awards presented here."

"On behalf of the City of Cockburn I would like to thank all who have been involved in the construction of this hall - the original committee, their members and volunteers, and the pioneers who put their labours into its original construction. I'm sure the pioneers of our district would be truly proud to see how their original endeavour looks today."



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Message from the Mayor



Graffiti hotline 1800 44 22 55 – Help defeat graffiti

I am aware of some concern from the community about graffiti and vandalism on our streets. Graffiti occurs in every community at some level but the good news is if we work together we can reduce graffiti in our neighbourhood.

It is almost impossible for Council to locate every single piece of graffiti in Cockburn, so this is where we need your help.

If you spot any graffiti in the Cockburn area please assist us by reporting it to the City's free graffiti hotline on 1800 44 22 55, so it can be removed as quickly as possible.

Whether it's Council-owned or private property, we will get our contractors to remove it to prevent any further vandalism. Please see the graffiti article in this issue of Soundings for further information on our Graffiti Policy.

Let's join together to help eradicate it from our landscape and make Cockburn a more attractive place to live.

As always, if you have anything else you would like to tell us about or discuss please don't hesitate to contact myself or your local councillor. Email: slee@cockburn.wa.gov.au.

Mayor
Stephen Lee

Babylonians visit Cockburn!

The City recently welcomed a visit from the Governor of Babylon Governorate, Mr Salim Salih Mahdi and his official Iraqi Delegation.

The Department of Agriculture and Food recommended that the delegation visit Cockburn to view quality streetscaping and state-of-the-art residential waste management, along with many fine examples of excellent town planning.

The delegates, who were made up of individuals from the agri-management and industrial management sectors of Iraq, toured sites such as Cockburn Central, Port Coogee, North Coogee, Hamilton Hill and Spearwood.

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Landowner Grants assist in conserving special wildflower

The City's Bushland Management Consultant Dave Bright recently stumbled across an unusual find while out surveying a property in Banjup for eligibility of the City's 2008 Landowner Biodiversity Conservation Grants.

Mr Bright instantly recognised the pink-flowering shrub as an unusual *Verticordia*, more commonly known as Drummond's Featherflower.

It is only the second time this particular wildflower has been found in Cockburn.

Mayor Stephen Lee also took a trip out to the property to view this special wildflower.

The City's Landowner Biodiversity Conservation Grants provides assistance to landowners who wish to conserve and enhance the natural bushland on their property.



Community planting days

The City invites members of our community to join us for a series of community planting days to help conserve our beautiful wetland, bushland and coastal areas. This year, the City is hoping to plant more than 41,000 locally native seedlings.

Anybody interested in joining us on this ambitious and important project is encouraged to bring a hat or wet weather gear (depending on the weather), a pair of gloves, a drink bottle and wear closed in shoes. All tools will be provided and plantings will occur rain, hail or shine.

Please join us. The dates and locations are as follows:

Sunday June 1st – Manning Lake, Hamilton Hill
Time: 9am to 12pm

Sunday June 8th – Market Garden Swamp, Spearwood
Time: 9am to 12pm

Sunday June 15th – Yangebup Lake, Yangebup
Time: 9am to 12pm

Saturday June 21st – Coogee Beach, Coogee
Time: 9am to 12pm

For more information contact Dave Bright on 9411 3584.

Harmony Week

The City of Cockburn celebrated its cultural diversity with a series of events held during Harmony Week, March 15-21.

While seniors in our community feasted on Portuguese food prepared by Aurora Ribeiro at the Spearwood Library, it was a free community fair held at the Beeliiar Community Centre that drew a delighted crowd.

While some dared to take a ride on the camel, others were content with sampling a variety of multicultural foods, treating themselves to a Henna tattoo or enjoyed the live band.

The week also involved an Aboriginal Family Fun Day held on Tuesday, March 18 at Tempest Park, Coolbellup. There were free rides and activities for kids as well as information services for families, traditional Aboriginal entertainment and food tasting.



Mayor Lee joins fight for new Medicare office in Cockburn

Mayor Stephen Lee has joined forces with Cockburn Gateway Shopping City to fight for a Medicare facility to be located in the centre.

“It is outrageous that the City, which has close to 80,000 residents, should have to travel to Fremantle or Garden City for the nearest Medicare office and queue up for long periods of time,” said Mayor Lee.

“Cockburn Gateway Shopping City has a draw of up to 200,000 people within a 10 kilometre radius and is the perfect location for this much-needed facility.”

Residents are encouraged to sign the petition at the shopping centre.



Introducing Cockburn's youth mayor Samantha Harris

A three-year veteran of the Youth Advisory Council, Cockburn's Youth Mayor Samantha Harris is passionate about her community and local issues, and she's not afraid to show it.

When Samantha decided to join the Cockburn Youth Advisory Council, she was motivated to make a difference to the people she cares about the most.

“Having a brother with special needs, I felt strongly about starting an activity program for people with special needs,” she says, describing a community development day run by Cockburn Youth Services and the YAC where young people could put forward their ideas.

That was three years ago, and now Sam is the Youth Mayor and has since expanded the range of issues she feels just as strongly about. Never losing sight of her desire to help those with special needs, she has also focused a lot of her time on spreading awareness of road safety and mental health.

Her message to the people is simple. “Be sensible drivers, guys. And girls, don't find guys speeding off or doing stupid tricks cool. And whatever you do don't drink and drive or take drugs and drive for that matter.”

To get involved with the Youth Advisory Council visit the City's website or phone the Youth Services Coordinator on 9411 3447.





No more graffiti!

The City has been working hard to remove graffiti from our district and we want to remind our residents of the City's Graffiti Policy and how they can help make our city more beautiful by reporting it.

Many residents don't realise that Council will remove graffiti free-of-charge from your property if the graffiti is visible to the public, once it has been reported.

If the graffiti on your property is offensive in nature it will be removed within two working days of it being reported to Council, and any graffiti of a non-offensive nature will be removed within five working days.

The City's Safer City's team also reports all graffiti damage to the police so they are aware of any targeted areas.

Let's work together as a community and report any sightings of graffiti to Council so Cockburn can remain the beautiful place it is.



Mayor Stephen Lee and Kleenit's Alan Teague have the frustrating job of removing graffiti from a community hall

You can report graffiti by contacting the Graffiti Hotline on 1800 44 22 55, by emailing graffiti@cockburn.wa.gov.au or visit our website: www.cockburn.wa.gov.au



Introducing the Safer City Services team...

The City's Safer City Services team does a great job of promoting safety projects in the Cockburn community.

It carries out a whole range of services ranging from graffiti reporting and clean up, home security, digital photography of valuables, kerb numbering, free community safety workshops, security subsidies for senior pensioners and much more.

Safer City Services is a safety and crime prevention initiative from the City of Cockburn to help reduce crime and make Cockburn a better place to live!

For more information about these services please contact 9411 3468.

Hello Baby 2008

The City of Cockburn's inaugural 'Hello Baby' event attracted hundreds of new parents to Manning Park on Wednesday, April 2nd for a day of information and fun.

Counsellor Sue Limbert was on-hand to meet all the new Cockburn babies and officially welcomed parents to the event.

Showcasing parenting services from the City, government departments, not-for-profit organisations

and local providers as well as local commercial operators and live entertainment, the event is certain to become a regular highlight on the City's calendar.

The City thanks event sponsors AIG Financial Solutions and Community Newspaper Group for their support and all exhibitors involved in making the day a success.





City of Cockburn Vision

Community Needs

Council recently conducted its tri annual Community Needs Survey with a random sample of residents across all suburbs. This survey identifies community opinions and attitudes on services and facilities provided by Council. Identifying eight key areas of community motivation and needs within the City of Cockburn.

One in two residents choose to live in Cockburn because of affordability, ease of access and close proximity to family. Other strong motivators included close proximity to the coast, Fremantle and type of residence. 91% are satisfied with their quality of life in Cockburn, of which 61% are delighted. 88% of residents believe their quality of life is steady or improving in their local area.

It is the City's mission to make Cockburn the most attractive place to live, work and visit in the Perth metropolitan area, and it is clear that the survey outcomes have provided some areas of priority for Council to focus on. One in two residents agree that the City of Cockburn has a good understanding of the community's needs and communicating a clear vision for the area.

Our plan for the future utilises the results from the community needs survey to address the strategic planning areas including:

- Demographics – providing services and facilities,
- Infrastructure,
- Lifestyle and aspirations,
- Governance,
- Employment and economy,
- Natural environment and
- Transport.

Consultation

Council has recently introduced a customer contact centre to improve how residents access relevant and timely information. Council has released it's Corporate Governance Charter, demonstrating Council's commitment to principles addressing the core issues of accountability and community consultation in the management and decision making processes of



Council. The Governance Charter refers to a wide range of policies and position statements reflecting Council's guidelines in relation to the culture and vision it wishes to achieve as an organisation.

Other Areas of Focus

From the results of the survey, the City has identified a number of areas that need to be addressed to improve performance, community perceptions and needs.

The priority issue identified was safety and antisocial behaviour. While it is acknowledged that community safety is largely a function and role of the State Government, the City of Cockburn is committed to assisting the relevant authorities, particularly the police service, in providing greater peace of mind to the community.

Council is constantly striving to improve safety and security, particularly through the Community Safety and Security Service (CSS). This service provides a visible security presence across the cities of Cockburn and Melville with security staff on duty 24 hours a day and contactable on 1300 653 643.

Youth Facilities & Services

Council is aware that the provision of services and facilities for its young people is very important. A new \$6 million youth facility has been built to focus on activities for young people and opens July/August 2008. This magnificent facility, located in the growing suburb of Success (near Cockburn Gateways Shopping City) will provide a variety of youth orientated facilities and programs for the young. Stay tuned for more!

Accessibility / Road Safety & Improvements

\$1.6 million has recently been spent improving the road and safety of Hammond Road South through Success and Hammond Park.

The Cockburn Rd realignment along Port Coogee was opened in March 2008 and bulk earthworks are underway of the road extension for Spearwood Ave (between Hamilton Rd and Cockburn Rd) including the Cockburn Rd intersection.

The City of Cockburn has allocated funds for the realignment of Russell Road and link through to Rowley Road. This forms part of the regional and major road works program. Land acquisition and road design has begun, with construction of a two-lane road scheduled for 2009.

As part of the City's future road safety and accessibility vision the development and construction of roadways connecting Spearwood Ave, Barrington and Beeliar Dve are commencing with land acquisition in 2008-09.

Further details on all road infrastructure projects are listed in the City's 'A Plan for District 2008 – 2018.'

Seniors Facilities & Services

Cockburn Seniors Centre:

Conversion of the City's Civic Centre Spearwood to meet the needs of active seniors. The City has many active seniors' groups, but limited dedicated facilities for them. This facility will provide specialised services. It will operate as an interim facility, with activities then located to the Cockburn Bowling Club precinct to allow redevelopment of the site as part of the Phoenix Activity Centre development, around 2010/11.

Seniors and Community Bus Transport and accessibility is a growing concern for Cockburn's older population and therefore a multipurpose 24 seater community bus will be provided as part of the 2007-2008 budget.

Sustainability & Natural Environment

We have many sustainability projects and 'green' initiatives underway in the City including:

- Water conservation strategy;
- Sustainable public lighting project;
- Photovoltaic cell feasibility study, which is currently being carried out on two of Cockburn's buildings to assess the viability of installing a PV system.
- 'Living Smart' courses (FREE). Seven week course teaching skills to save money at home, while being environmentally conscious.
- Focus on recycling and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions, continually working with the SMRC to increase the level of recycling in our City from both residents and businesses.

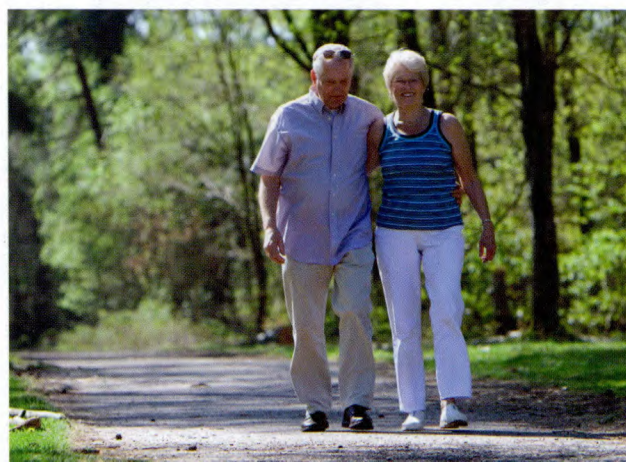
Feedback and Vision

The 2007 Community Perceptions Survey additionally reported high resident satisfaction in the service areas including:

- South Lake Leisure Centre (79%)
- Council Website (77%)
- Parks and Gardens (83%)
- Festivals and Events (80%)

While the results are encouraging, there are still opportunities for improvement. Residents can be assured that it is Council's intention to take on board the comments from the community and translate that feedback into its planning process for the future. Stay tuned for next month's vision update.

Further details on the City's vision are listed in 'A Plan for District 2008 – 2018.' Available at the City Administration, libraries and website: www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Your_Council/Corporate_Plan.



Our schools remember

On Wednesday, April 9th students from 18 local primary and secondary schools united for the 2008 Cockburn ANZAC Youth Parade. Led by members of the 10th Light Horse Memorial Troop and cadets from Lakeland and Hamilton Senior High Schools, the 1,000 strong procession travelled from the City of Cockburn car park to the RSL Memorial Park for a service.

Once assembled at the park, each school laid a wreath at the memorial and the students were involved in a series of readings with music for the ceremony provided by the Hamilton Senior High School Band.

Mayor Stephen Lee, Cockburn Youth Mayor Samantha Harris and RSL WA State Committee member "Digger" Cleak OAM addressed the group during the ceremony.

For information and pictures from the public ANZAC day dawn service at the recently reopened Memorial Hall see next month's Cockburn Soundings.



Junior Travel Assistance

The Cockburn Junior Travel Assistance program helps local athletes by providing assistance for travel to state or national competitions.

The program's next funding round closes June 6th and is available for young people living in Cockburn who have been selected to represent WA or Australia.

For more information contact the City's Recreation Development Officer on 9411 3654 or email recreation@cockburn.wa.gov.au.



Library and Information Week, 19 - 25 May

Libraries are for everyone

Library and Information Week highlights the contributions that libraries and information professionals make to link you with ideas, information and other people, every day.

Cockburn libraries celebrate this week with two workshops that will help you come to grips with today's technology, the National Simultaneous Storytime and an information session about a medical condition that affects one in seven Australians over the age of 50.

Spearwood Library

On Tuesday, May 20 from 6.30pm to 8pm, Dale Neill, WA's leading photography educator, will present 10 tips for Digital Photography showing you how to take beautiful, natural-light photographs without a flash and how to get sharper photos.

On Thursday, May 22 from 10am to 11.30am, learn about buying and selling on eBay, the world's most popular marketplace. Phone 9411 3491 for bookings.

Coolbellup Library

On Wednesday, May 21 at 10:30am Coolbellup Library will participate in the National Simultaneous Storytime. Celebrate literacy with other libraries, schools and communities from Broome to Hobart, reading the picture book *Arthur*, written by Amanda Graham.

On Friday, May 23 from 10am to 11am, learn about Macular Degeneration, the leading cause of blindness in Australia. Discover the risk factors, prevention, treatment options, symptoms, and the importance of nutrition and lifestyle. You will also receive a comprehensive information kit and a magnetized Amsler Grid for self testing. Phone 9314 1695 for bookings.

Bottom right: How someone with Macular Degeneration views the world

Coming Events

June

An Introduction to your Digital Camera

A hands-on, practical workshop with Dale Neill where you can discover the capabilities of your own digital camera.

July

Knitting Socks

Just in time for those cold nights. Knit a pair of beautifully warm woollen socks. Costs \$5.00

Keep the kids happy this winter with School Holiday Fun @ your library.



Recycling is the word!

Did you know that around 4,000 tonnes of commercial waste is delivered to our Henderson Waste Recovery Park each week? And out of this commercial waste, there are materials that can be recycled into other products?

When recycled products such as steel, timber and plastic are removed from the waste stream it not only benefits the environment but also saves precious airspace in the landfill. The City is currently one of the only few councils in Perth that recycle products from their landfill site.

How are these recycled products collected?

To ensure the effective removal of these products, a 13 tonne grab excavator sifts through the waste on the active landfill face, which is then sorted into designated bins. A truck then comes and picks up the recyclables from the site and delivers the material to the end-user.

Where do these recyclable materials end up?

The steel and the plastic is shredded by the purchaser and shipped overseas to be reused as raw material. To date, an average of 10 tonnes of steel alone is transported from our Henderson site each day. Before any wood material is removed from the site, it is shredded and then put through a machine to make wood chips. These wood chips are currently used by companies for dust suppression, soil stabilisation and landscaping product. During the 07-08 Summer 6,000 cubic metres of wood was recycled into wood chips.

Where to from here?

The City is constantly working on innovative methods to improve environmental outcomes in waste recovery, and is currently in the process of building a transfer station for the recycling of domestic waste. Stay tuned for further updates on this!





Cockburn and Click

Working Together Towards a Better Tomorrow

In the past two years the City of Cockburn has donated 44 unused sets of desktop computers and ten multi function printers to computer recycling program, CLiCK.

Formerly known as the Regional Students' Association Computer Recycling Program, CLiCK (Communities Linking Computer Knowledge) is a sustainable initiative that makes true of the saying 'one man's trash is another's treasure'.

Rather than being thrown away these computers are refurbished and recycled back into the community, many finding homes in our community with people that need them.

For more information on how you can donate your unused computers to the CLiCK program or request a computer for your home visit www.clickonline.org.au.





National Volunteer Week

The theme for this year's National Volunteers Week, held between May 12 and 18, is Volunteers Change Our World. The City of Cockburn encourages YOU to help be a part of our future by volunteering your time in our community. The Volunteer Resource Centre, located at the Civic Centre at the City's administration offices, can help you find a volunteer position and work alongside our dedicated and generous volunteers.

To find out how you can be involved in the VRC phone 9411 3490 or email lgallagher@cockburn.wa.gov.au.

Facts:

- The 2008 theme for National Volunteers Week is Volunteers Change Our World.
- More than 5.4 million adults (34% of the population) do voluntary work each year.
- Volunteering continues to grow – in 1995 24% of the population volunteered, in 2000 32% and 2006 35%.
- Volunteers contribute more than 700 million hours annually.
- Strongest representative age group is 35-44 year olds.
- 50% of volunteers do so because they believe they are helping others.
- Volunteer rate is higher outside of capital cities (32% to 38%).
- 36% of women volunteer whilst 32% of men volunteer.

take the plunge

dive
into



volunteering

If you think you've got what it takes to make a real difference to our community visit the Cockburn Volunteer Resource Centre at:

City of Cockburn Civic Centre
9 Coleville Crescent
SPEARWOOD 6163

email:
volunteering@cockburn.wa.gov.au
or phone 9411 3490

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Phoenix Central Revitalisation Project

City Releases Draft Plans And Ideas For Public Comment

The draft plans and ideas for the Phoenix Central Revitalisation Project have now been released for public comment. Land owners within the study area should also have received a brochure highlighting some of the key ideas. This brochure is available on the web <http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/phoenixcentral> and from the front counter of the City's administration. More comprehensive reports explaining the ideas and draft plan are also on the web. The City encourages you to provide feedback via the comment sheets available at the City's front counter or the web. The period for public comment will close on 13 June 2008.

COMMUNITY FORUMS

When: Saturday 17 May 2008, 9.00 am to 12 pm
Tuesday 20 May 2008, 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Where: City Administration Function Room, 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood.

RSVP: 9411 3444 ASAP

These forums have already been advertised extensively and numbers are limited.

WHAT ARE KEY THE DRAFT PLANS AND IDEAS?

- Proposed zoning plan for the study area.
- Ideas and options for a new community hub on the City's administration site adjacent to the Phoenix shopping centre.
- Ideas for improving Rockingham Road
- Ideas for improving the northern end of the Phoenix centre.
- Ideas for improving residential streets and pedestrian/ cycle routes.
- Ideas for improving parks and the study area





Sustainability Awards To Create A Better Tomorrow

The City of Cockburn is launching its very own Oscars. The Better Tomorrow – Sustainability Awards will provide the community a chance to improve economic, environmental and community wellbeing – and win an award in the process.

Join us at the official launch, 3pm Tuesday, 13th May 2008 at Cockburn Gateway Shopping City, outside Big W. To find out more about the program and how you can get involved. There will be music, plenty of fun and special guest Tod Johnston will be there to help unveil the Sustainability Awards program.

A Better Tomorrow – Sustainability Award categories:

- Economic wellbeing – School, Community and Business (3 x \$1,000 prize)

- Environmental wellbeing – School, Community and Business (3 x \$1,000 prize)
- Community wellbeing – School, Community and Business (3 x \$1,000 prize)

All nominees go into the running to win the prestigious City of Cockburn Gold Sustainability Award worth \$5,000. All participants will be invited to attend the Gala Celebration event in November where award winners are announced.

We hope you will join us and get involved in making Cockburn's future even brighter.

Phone 9411 3444 or visit the City's website.



A Better Tomorrow
SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

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