

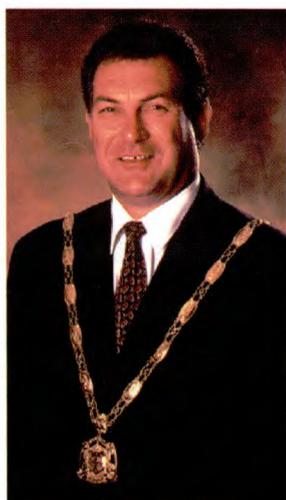
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SOUNDINGS

From the Mayor's Desk

Old buildings at Coogee demolished



The aesthetics and surroundings, as well as the responsible development of our City, is an issue that is close to my heart as Mayor of Cockburn.

Therefore it is pleasing for me to tell you that three unused, dilapidated buildings along the Cockburn coast on Cockburn Road in Coogee are finally being demolished.

The demolition of all three buildings is near completion.

The large red brick building, formerly the Anchorage Butchers Meat Processing Factory, south of the old power stations, along with the old skin shed and the old leather factory on Cockburn Road should all be completely demolished very soon, if not already completed.

Contractors have already started moving asbestos from the old skin shed on the corner of Ocean and Cockburn Roads, where sheep skins used to be dried out. The old leather factory, located near the Fremantle Fisherman's Co-Op was undergoing demolition in February with completion due very soon.

All demolitions have been very difficult and sensitive jobs as two buildings were more than 10m in height and all buildings had been subject to vandalism, fire and theft. There was much liaison between

Worksafe and Council due to the highly unstable nature of the buildings.

I am proud to report that everybody worked together to ensure that workers and the public were kept safe.

It was necessary for the private land-owners to get approval and permits from Worksafe before commencing demolition to ensure that the buildings were demolished safely and properly.

The demolition of these three buildings is a major step in the clean up and development of the area which had its origins in 1988 under an agreement between Council and the State Government, and with the preparation of the Coogee Master Plan in 1992.

The Master Plan essentially recommends removing the old unsightly industrial buildings, merge all the industrial activities north of the railway line, and development of rehabilitated land south of the railway line for residential purposes.

The residential development is referred to as the Port Catherine project.

Plans for the Port Catherine development include a public harbour marina, approximately 800 residential dwellings, which will include a mixture of single houses, town houses and apartments, and local recreational and commercial facilities.

It is anticipated that plans for Port Catherine will be completed in the near future and will be available to the public for comment as part of the rezoning process to be undertaken later this year.

The project will include the realignment of Cockburn Road, however the timing of this has yet to be determined. It is expected that the development of the Port Catherine area could commence in late 2000 or early 2001.

Mayor John Grljusich JP

A LOCAL LANDMARK

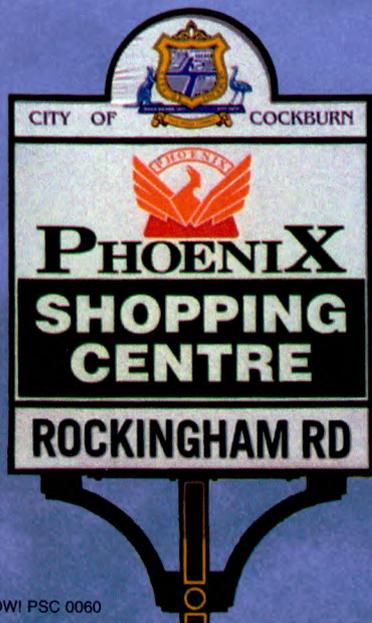
Over 50 specialty shops including Big W, Coles and Woolworths

With a huge variety of fresh food, fashions, home wares, gift ideas and more, Phoenix Shopping Centre offers you more choice.

But we're more than just a great place to shop. We're also an important part of the community. Each year, we throw open our doors to local charities and community groups to help them raise money. We also sponsor local sporting groups and put on numerous displays, highlighting the achievements of people in our community.

If you enjoy variety and shopping somewhere with a real community feel, it must be Phoenix Shopping Centre.

254 ROCKINGHAM ROAD, SPEARWOOD. TELEPHONE 9418 1655.



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SHOPPING CENTRE
PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY

A fantastic response!

Thank you for your great response to the first colour edition of the *Cockburn Soundings*. Members of our community offered some good ideas for future editions of the Soundings. People were keen to know more information about the land developments occurring within Cockburn. Others suggested that we have some articles about Cockburn's people, places, history and natural features, such as the chain of lakes which run through the centre of the City.

As a result of the amount of feedback and interest Council has supported making the *Cockburn Soundings* a 12-page magazine to ensure you have even more information about the great projects that are under way throughout the City.

Being kept informed of what is going on is important in making certain that you do not miss out on local events, keep informed of planning and development matters and a whole host of other matters. Another major breakthrough in providing local information to residents is the introduction of a second local newspaper into the district.

You may have noticed that the *Cockburn Herald* has now joined the existing local paper, the *Cockburn Gazette*, as a local newspaper that is door delivered to most households in Cockburn.

It is a positive move for any City, with Cockburn residents being no exception, to have two local papers delivered and have a mixture of news and reporting styles. This has been the case in the surrounding Council's, including Melville, Fremantle, Kwinana, and Rockingham, for some years now.

With the City being at such an exciting stage of development and growth, there will definitely be no shortage of news to keep readers informed.

Michelle Finucane
Editor

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PO Box 1215, Bibra Lake WA 6965
- Telephone 9411 3551
- Fax 9411 3416
- E-mail customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au

ALCOA COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Do you know enough about Alcoa? Does Alcoa know enough about your concerns?

Over the last four years, 17 community representatives have been meeting each month with Alcoa management to have their say on issues that concern them, and they believe concern the local community.

These people are part of the Alcoa Community Consultative Network, which aims to bring the community and the company together in a positive manner to understand and achieve each other's long term needs and expectations.

Annual Report Meeting

Members of the Community Consultative Network invite you to a public meeting to discuss the group's activities over the last 12 months. The meeting will be held at:

**6.00pm
Monday March 15
at the Alcoa Social Club,
Cockburn Road, Kwinana**

Thanks

Alcoa thanks the community representatives for giving their time each month to present your views, and to help the company build a better understanding of community needs and concerns.



Aboriginal Heritage Honoured

City of Cockburn's annual Heritage Open Day is on again, with this year's celebrations being held on Sunday April 18th along the Bibra Lake foreshore.

Now in its third year, the City's Heritage Open Day is part of the annual WA Heritage Festival.

Each year the City honours a different community group or organisation that has contributed greatly to the history, make up and heritage of the City. This year the City has chosen to honour the Aboriginal heritage of Cockburn.

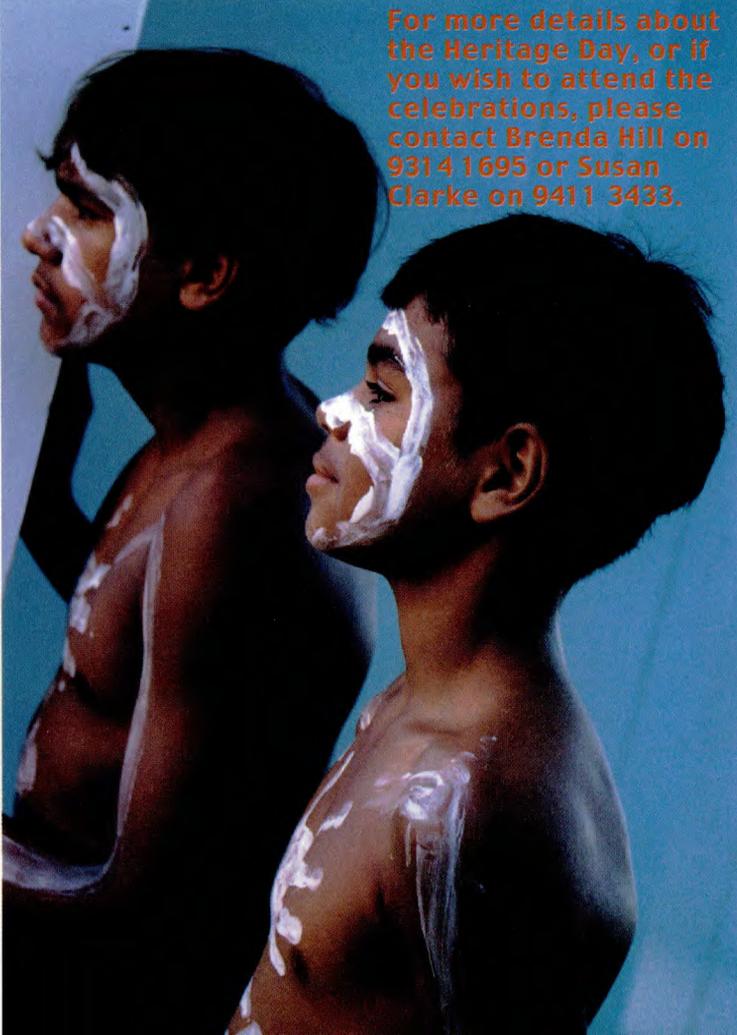
The celebrations are being coordinated by Brenda Hill and Luana Daley from the Coolbellup Library's Aboriginal program in conjunction with Susan Clarke, the City's Arts and Cultural Development Officer.

"Recognition of Aboriginal heritage and Aboriginal people as the original inhabitants of Australia is a vital step in Australia's Reconciliation process. The Beeliar Wetlands chain has great traditional significance for Aboriginal people and Bibra Lake has been recommended as an appropriate place to hold the Heritage Day." Ms Clarke said.

"Elders were invited to a recent morning tea held at Coolbellup Library to inform us if the event would be appropriate and of interest to the Aboriginal community. There was strong interest shown on the day and suggestions made ranged from having local Aboriginal performers through to preparing traditional foods such as kangaroo".

A committee of Aboriginal people and City of Cockburn staff is being formed to help organise the Heritage Day. All Aboriginal people are invited to make suggestions and input into the day.

"The finer details are still in the planning process, we would be keen to hear from all Aboriginal people who wish to celebrate the heritage of Aboriginal people in Cockburn."



For more details about the Heritage Day, or if you wish to attend the celebrations, please contact Brenda Hill on 9314 1695 or Susan Clarke on 9411 3433.

City of Cockburn Council 1999 Elections

It's election time again, and this is your opportunity to elect people that you believe would be good community representatives as Councillors for the City of Cockburn. Or why not consider becoming a candidate yourself to run for the position of Councillor.

The City of Cockburn elections will be held on Saturday 1st May 1999.

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995, half of Cockburn's Councillors terms will end on 1st May 1999. As a result the following seven (7) vacancies will occur as listed:

- North Ward (Coolbellup, Bibra Lake, North Lake, part of Leeming) - one vacancy. A four year term
- West Ward (Hamilton Hill, Spearwood) - two vacancies. One 4-year term, one 2-year term.
- East Ward (Jandakot, South Lake, Banjup, Atwell) - one vacancy. A 4 year term.
- South Ward (Yangebup, Beeliar, Success, Wattleup) - one vacancy. A four year term.
- Coastal Ward (Coogee, Munster, Henderson) - two vacancies. One 4-year term, one 2-year term.

Eligibility

To be eligible for election to Council, a person must be:-

- (1) 18 years of age, or above,
- (2) an elector of the District, and
- (3) an Australian citizen.

Anyone who is interested in nominating for Council can do so by completing a nomination form, available from the Council offices, between 18th March, 1999 and 1st April, 1999.

People who are not enrolled as an elector of the District will **not** be eligible to either nominate as a candidate for the election **or to vote** at the election.

Enrolment to vote

The electoral roll for the 1999 elections closes on **12th March, 1999**.

Persons residing in the City of Cockburn on that date will be automatically enrolled for their **Residential Address Only**. Providing the Electoral Commission has been advised. Persons who **Own Property** in the City, but reside elsewhere, can only qualify for voting rights to that property, by completing a claim form and being inserted on the Roll as an "absent", or, non residential owner.

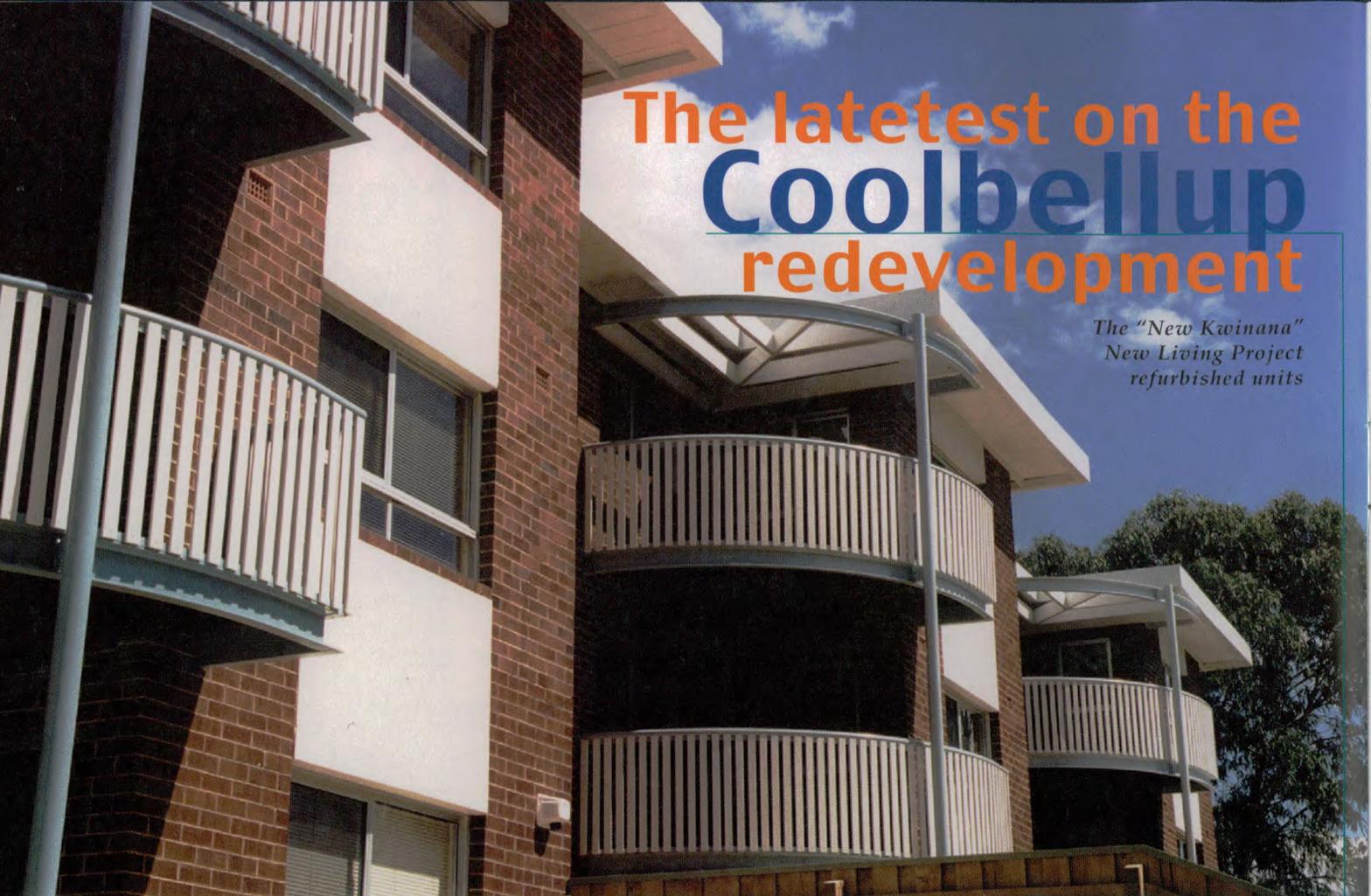
Therefore, persons owning more than one property in Cockburn should check with the Council's Rates Department on telephone 9411 3529 to ascertain their voting entitlements.

Election Day Proceedings

There will be an election on Saturday 1st May, 1999, in each Ward where there is a greater number of candidates than vacancies available. Where there is the same number of candidates as vacancies, those candidates will be declared elected, and no election will take place.

Elections are conducted in an "in person" basis. This means that people are required to present themselves to a polling place on the day to cast their vote.

Early voting is also possible and details will be notified through the local papers. In the first instance, all persons should check with Council to ascertain your voting and eligibility rights in regard to the forthcoming elections.



The latest on the Coolbellup redevelopment

*The "New Kwinana"
New Living Project
refurbished units*

The State Government's \$300 million New Living Program is changing the face of public housing in Western Australia. Coolbellup is one of the newer projects and follows the successes achieved in Kwinana and Lockridge.

Now in their fourth year Kwinana and Lockridge New Living are the flagships of the program. Crime rates in both suburbs are below the metropolitan average (there has been a 55% decrease in crime in Lockridge) with property values increasing in the order of 12% in both suburbs.

"Although the Coolbellup redevelopment is not a Council run project, the City is pleased that Homeswest have chosen to revitalise Coolbellup, and in the process inject millions of dollars into improving the area," City of Cockburn's Strategic Planner Allen Blood said.

Other suburbs involved in redevelopments include Langford, Armadale, Karawara, Balga, Koondoola, Girrawheen and Westminster. It is Homeswest's intention to reduce high concentrations of public housing in these areas. This is being achieved through various means, including refurbishment (for private sale and retention by Homeswest) demolitions and redevelopment.

New Living is the largest urban renewal project to take place in this State and will include the renovation and refurbishment of up to 700 flats and houses owned by Homeswest in Coolbellup.

There are currently 2,350 dwellings in the area, with Homeswest owning 744 or 32%. Under the New Living Program, Homeswest's target is to reduce the public housing presence in Coolbellup to around 12%.

The Fini Group was therefore appointed to manage Homeswest's New Living project in Coolbellup late last year and preparation of a Master Plan for the redevelopment is underway. This involves research, planning and consultation with residents, local authorities, community groups and other stakeholders.

Homeswest and the Fini Group are committed to the revitalisation of Coolbellup over the next five years, through the enhancement of streetscapes, landscaping, entry statements, security (patrols have already commenced), public open space and upgrading of Homeswest houses and units in the area.

Community involvement in the development of a Master Plan for the redevelopment project and identification of revitalisation projects is essential to the success of Coolbellup New Living.

Homeswest has been working closely with the Water Corporation's infill sewerage group and a reassessment of priorities has allowed the sewer conversion to be brought forward by two years. The project will now commence in the 1999/2000 financial year and will allow a co-ordinated approach to redevelopment under the New Living Program.

Homeswest and the Fini Group have also been working closely with the Coolbellup Community Association.

In addition to attending Coolbellup Community Association public meetings, the Fini Group and Homeswest have held two information sessions at the Coolbellup Library, aimed at providing local residents with information on the early stages of the project, and seeking community views on their proposals.

The Fini Group will be establishing their sales and information office in Coolbellup early this year. This will give the community direct access to the project managers.

While the Coolbellup project is in its early stages, Homeswest's commitment to the New Living Program will ensure that public housing takes on a very different face for future generations of West Australians.

**For more information
on the Coolbellup
redevelopment, contact
Anthony Rowbottam
from the Fini Group
on direct telephone
9424 9902**



City's Volunteer Firefighters beat **95 fires!** so far...



Cockburn's Ranger Services have been flat strap this summer assisting the City's volunteer fire brigades to help fight more than 95 fires in the district.

The City's Rangers not only manage lost and found dogs and animals, disabled parking, litter, local laws, and off road vehicles, they are an integral part of the fire control and fire fighting in Cockburn.

"Although we put out 95 fires, this is still 20 less fires than last year and I'm glad to say that so far, none of them have been extremely serious," City of Cockburn's Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Jim Johnson said.

These efforts were helped by the new fire fighting vehicles purchased by the City of Cockburn under the Bush Fire Services Subsidy Scheme.

"Through the subsidy scheme the City has acquired two brand new 'fast attack' 4WD vehicles and one large Isuzu 3.4 (3,000 litre 4WD) Water truck which is used for structural fires and to support the fast attacks."

"These new units plus the 10,000 litre water tanker, another 'fast attack' and the fire control vehicle, all stationed at the City's Volunteer Bush Fire Stations in Banjup and Wattleup, make a formidable fire fighting team."

Mr Johnson said that one of the reasons there had been no major fires to date is because this summer has been unseasonably wet, there have been no long periods of dry heat and volunteers have been very quick to respond to emergency calls.



Left to right: South Coogee Volunteer Bushfire Brigade Captain Mike Ward (on fast attack, truck), with father and son volunteer fire fighters Wayne and Steve Powell and Cockburn Council's Chief Bushfire Control Officer Jim Johnson.

"I also believe that the harsh penalties served down to arsonists who are caught has hopefully deterred some would be fire bugs."

Cockburn Council was also pleased to report that there were less infringements handed down to the general community for not putting in fire breaks than in previous years.

"There is still a great deal of education required and we hope that the number of offences keeps dropping each year by people putting in legal firebreaks within the required time.

"This would help decrease the number of grass and bush fires throughout Cockburn and save property, money and in some cases lives," Mr Johnson said.

Volunteers kick up their heels!

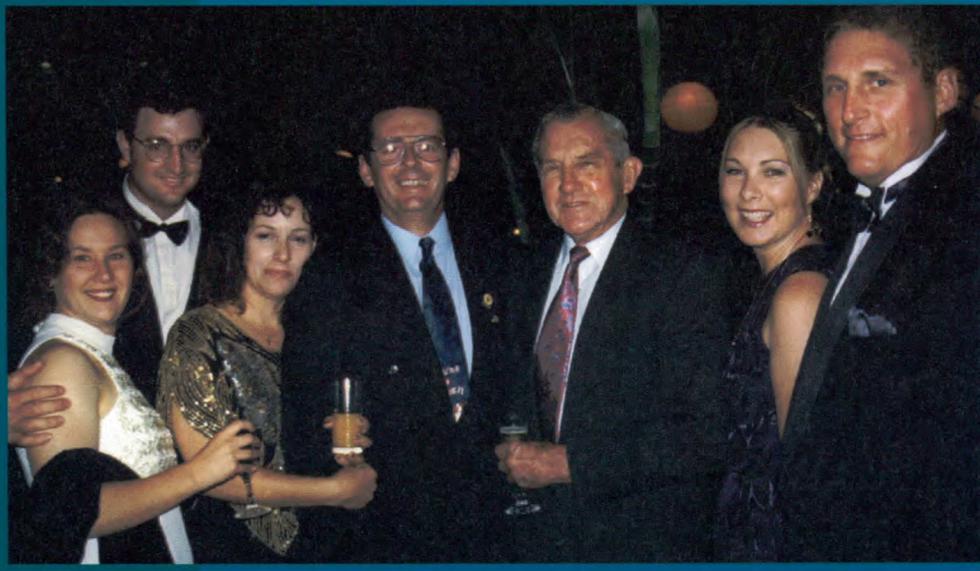
The City's Emergency Services Volunteers provide a priceless service to our community. The Cockburn State Emergency Service has 38 volunteers, the Cockburn Sea Search and Rescue has 25 volunteers and there are more than 100 volunteer firefighters in the Jandakot and South Coogee Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades. These volunteers respond to hundreds of emergency call each year to help protect our communities, and to save property and lives.

Each December Cockburn City Council thanks the volunteers by hosting a gala Christmas dinner for them. Last year's function was held at the beautiful Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle and as you can see, the volunteers from all three services left their uniforms at home, and spruced up for the party!

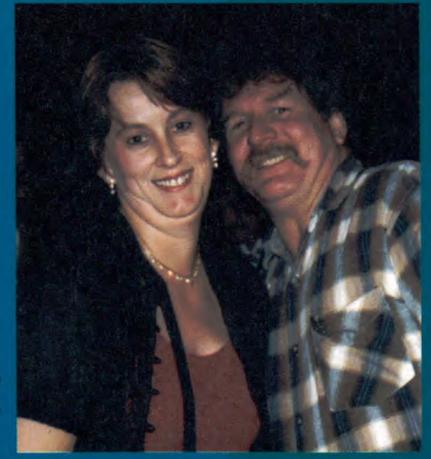
The Cockburn City Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers for their many hours of unpaid and often unrewarded volunteer work. They provide a wonderful and essential service for all Cockburn's residents. Here are a few social pics from the special night!



Cockburn's Sea, Search and Rescue Volunteer team.



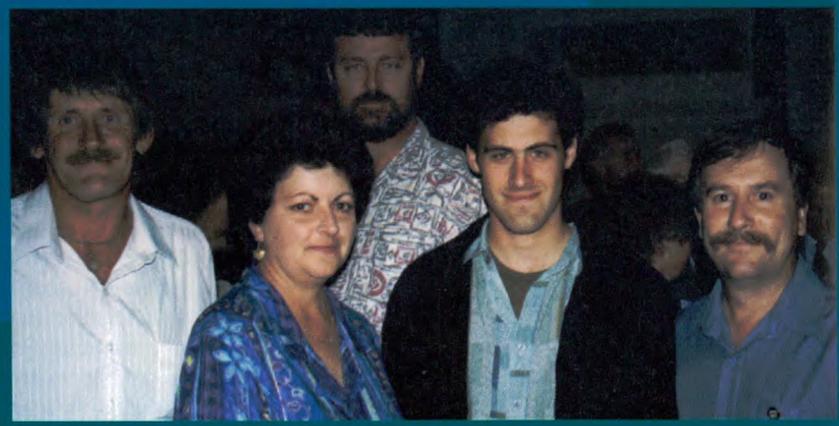
Cockburn SES Volunteers with Bernie McNamara (Regional Coordinator WA State Emergency, third from right)



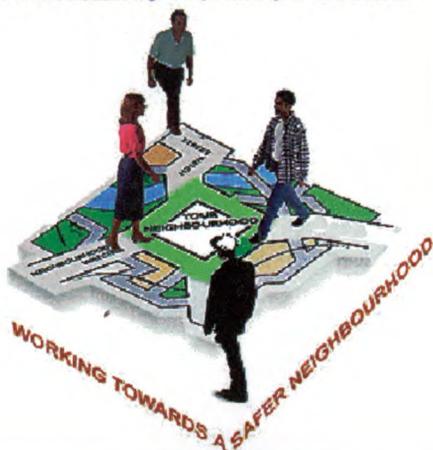
Jan and Brett Hornage from Jandakot Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade.



South Coogee Volunteer Firefighters Harry Roser, Trish Coleman, with Chene and Darren McNab.



Left to right: Vic Turner, Robyn Powell, Steve Powell, Wayne Powell and Jim Ricci.



City of Cockburn Safety and Crime Prevention Study and Audit

Have your say about "Crime and Community Safety" in your Suburb

The City of Cockburn has commissioned a study into crime and community safety in the City. The study will identify crime problems and suggest possible solutions.

The people undertaking the study, the Matrix Consulting Group and Behavioural Science Investigative Consultancy, wish to hear the views of residents and community groups about:

- neighbourhood safety and crime problems
- experiences of crime

A questionnaire is also available for those unable to attend the public forums listed below. For a copy and more information contact:

Behavioural Science Investigative Consultancy
Mr. Mark Devenish-Mearns
PO Box 73 Inglewood WA 6932
Tel/Fax: (08) 9371 7750

Matrix Consulting Group
Mr. Colin E Penter
PO Box 394 Mt Hawthorn
WA 6915
Tel/Fax: 9443 9093

Below is a letter from consultants to all residents. If you want less crime in your suburb, please read this letter and attend the public forums which are listed at the end.

For some time the Cockburn City Council has been concerned about the problems of crime within the municipality. A community needs assessment conducted in 1998 identified that residents and businesses were also concerned about crime. As a result, the Council has appointed us to investigate the problem of crime in the City and identify the best options to address the issues.

Our task is to identify key-crime problems in the City, including the major crimes being committed, crime-prone areas, crime trends and views of residents, business and community groups. A report will be presented to Council who will then identify issues for possible action. Based on these priorities, strategies for Council will then be developed.

The study is being undertaken in line with advice provided by the WA Police Service and Safer WA - a crime prevention initiative of the State Government. Over the next three months residents, community groups and businesses will be asked to contribute their views and concerns. You can have input in a number of ways:

•Public Forums

- Seven one and a half hour forums will be held throughout the City for interested residents and groups. The details are
- Hamilton Hill** Tuesday March 23 1999, 7.15pm to 9.15 pm at the Hamilton Hill Memorial Hall
 - Coogee.....** Tuesday March 16 1999, 7.15pm to 9.15 pm at the South Coogee Agricultural Hall, Rockingham Road, Munster
 - Coolbellup...** Monday March 22 1999, 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Centenary Hall, Cordelia Avenue, Coolbellup (next to the library)
 - Bibra Lake...** Wednesday 24th March 1999, 7.30 - 9.30pm at the Bibra Lake Community Centre, corner of Parkway and Foxon Roads, Bibra Lake
 - Yangebup....** Thursday March 25 1999, 7.30pm to 9.30 pm at the Yangebup Community Centre, Main Hall, Swallow Drive, Yangebup
 - South Lakes** Thursday March 18 1999, 7.30pm to 9.30pm at the South Lake Family Centre on South Lake Drives, South Lake, (located behind the BP at the South Lakes Shopping Centre).
 - Atwell.....** Monday March 15 1999, from 8pm to 9.30pm at the Atwell Parklands Community Centre, Lombe Gardens, Atwell.

To participate in the forums, please turn up on the night.

The purpose of these meetings is to discuss community perceptions about crime, crime problems in your area and your ideas about what can be done to decrease crime.

•Shopping Centre displays and visits

The consultants will be visiting the following shopping centres:

- Phoenix Shopping Centre
- Coolbellup Shopping Centre
- Spearwood Shopping Centre
- Lakes Shopping Centre
- South Lake Shopping Centre

•Community Meetings

Meetings are being organised with seniors groups and other organised community groups to discuss their concerns on crime.

•Resident's Submissions/ Questionnaire

A questionnaire will be available for residents who wish to express their views. A copy is available from the consultants directly. The consultants are also seeking input from residents about crime problem areas. Please contact the consultants directly (contact details above) if you wish to discuss this.

We look forward to your participation in the study. Please contact us if you wish to discuss any matter.

Are you FoodSafe?



Left to right: Tiana Delvin-Sailo, Environmental Health Officer Joanne Abbiss, Joshua Kenny-Levick, Director of Teddy Bear Corner Child Care Centre Christine Martindale and Cody Jamieson.

Did you know that national uniform food-hygiene legislation is due for release this year? This means that every food business throughout Australia will have to register with authorities and put in place appropriate food handler training and food safety programs.

"A food safety program is a system of recording the actions taken in a premises to keep food safe and at a basic level could include delivery monitoring, temperature recording, a cleaning schedule and food handler training," City of Cockburn's Environmental Health Officer and FoodSafe Co ordinator Joanne Abbiss said.

In order to help local businesses with this transition Cockburn Council is providing the FoodSafe package FREE to all premises that gain accreditation.

The government has set no firm dates yet but proprietors can expect the new law sometime in 1999.

"There will be a grace period for businesses once the legislation comes into effect, however this will differ according to the customer profile and whether the food being handled is high or low risk," Ms Abbiss said.

"Over 30 businesses in Cockburn have already become FoodSafe, so I would encourage all food businesses in the City to be pro-active and take advantage of this offer," Ms Abbiss said.

Teddy Bear Corner Day Care in Hamilton Hill was one of the first FoodSafe premises in Cockburn and has found the program beneficial.

"The cleaning schedule has meant nothing escapes a good scrub, all staff are trained in food hygiene and most importantly safe food is being provided to the children," Teddy Bear Corner Day Care Director Natasha Dove said.

**For further details call your local
Environmental Health Officer on
9411 3595**

Community wins with Grants

City of Cockburn's Social Services received a great response to the article outlining the Council's grants. Applications have just closed for the second round of grants with funds of \$30,000 that will be awarded to projects that will benefit seniors and families in particular. However we thought it was important to let you know who the successful recipients of the first round of grants were. Funds totalling \$50,000 were awarded to the following projects:

- **building improvements to the baby care room, including replacing carpet and fencing at the Winterfold Child Care Centre (\$5,490)**
- **funds to facilitate a two-day festival 'Festival Agostino' in August 1999 for the Salvadorean Cultural and Recreation Group in Cockburn (\$6,620)**
- **sponsorship for the provision of a crime prevention project through schools targeting primary school children in the City of Cockburn (\$5,000)**
- **installing new playground equipment for students with a disability at the Koorilla Primary School (\$5,000)**
- **removing old playground structures, then designing and installing purpose built playground suitable for physically and intellectually disabled children in Jandakot Primary School (\$7,660)**
- **erection of a fixed apparatus obstacle course for a fitness track around the Atwell Primary School oval to be used by students and the wider community after school hours (\$5,000)**
- **providing staff support for creche, guest speakers and resource outings for a young mothers group run by the Cockburn Family Support (\$1,874)**
- **supplying and installing practice nets for the Yangebup Knights (\$2,590)**
- **funds will be used to facilitate weekly meetings of Aboriginal women to develop skills and support within their community (\$1,000)**
- **funds to continue a youth activity in the Atwell area (\$2,000)**

Other projects that were funded in the community grants included, play equipment for use by a little athletic club and public school, and funds to allow a school to host a community bush dance incorporating seniors citizens and students.

The next round of grants will not be available until the budget for the 1999/2000 financial year has been set by Council.



The South Lake Leisure Centre has recently made changes to its by-laws

We are endeavouring to communicate these changes to the wider community.

For the safety and welfare of children and other patrons using the South Lake Leisure Centre, the Centre has changed its current unaccompanied child entry age. A guardian over the age of 16 must accompany children under the age of 10 years old.

For further information, call the Centre on

9417 3003

Atwell After School Care now open

Spaces are still available with the Atwell After School Care service, which operates from the Atwell Parklands Community Centre for any children attending pre-primary or primary school.

The service, which is operated by City of Cockburn's Children Services, has fully qualified professional staff and is run Mondays to Fridays from 3pm until 6pm.

Children are collected from school by a playleader and taken to the centre.

South Lake Before School Care also services Atwell.

A delicious and nutritious afternoon tea is provided each day and usually includes the children's own cooking at least once a week.

Children are able to participate in a wide variety of activities. Fees are charged on a daily basis. The Commonwealth Government provides ChildCare assistance to eligible families.

Enrolment forms and Childcare Assistance Claim Forms are available at the Centre or the City of Cockburn Council.

For enquiries please call
City of Cockburn Children
Services Coordinator
Jill Zumach on
9411 3431

Land Developments in Cockburn

• Gateways to open soon

Gateways Shopping Centre located at the intersection of Beeliar Drive and the Kwinana Freeway in Success, is due to open in late March. The centre will have two major supermarkets and 35 specialty shops. The Centre is expected to be fully complete as population in the area increases. The centre will be expanded to be similar in size to the existing Garden City.

• Residential growth

Residential development within Atwell and Success is progressing well. Recent statistics received by the Ministry for Planning show an increase in the number of lots created within the City of Cockburn compared to last year, and a significant increase as a percentage of the Metropolitan Area.

Figures are as follows:

Period	Perth Metro Area	City of Cockburn	%
96/97	5435	245	4.5
97/98	5990	459	7.6
July/Aug 97	848	64	7.5
July/Aug	1106	161	14.5

It is expected that lot production in the City of Cockburn will at least in the short to medium term, continue at a relatively higher proportion of the Metropolitan area lot production than it has in the past. This is mainly due to the shortage of zoned land in the South East corridor suitable for 2nd and 3rd home buyers.

In response to the high growth rates, the Strategic Planning Section of Council is examining future development plans for the balance of the Atwell, Success and Banjup localities.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

**If you are not happy
with our service, we want
to hear about it!**

Your City is committed to receiving and resolving complaints responsibly.

We endeavour to:

- Treat our Customers as we would like to be treated ourselves
- Listen to our Customers and find out their needs
- Respond to our Customer's needs promptly
- Accept Customer's complaints and deal with them fairly
- Be responsible for our actions
- Provide Staff with appropriate skills to assist our Customers

First McDonald's opens in Cockburn

McDonald's recently opened its first restaurant in the City of Cockburn, which has proven to be an instant hit amongst locals.

More than 150 people gathered outside the restaurant to watch Munster resident Ethan Earle (8yrs) officially open McDonald's Spearwood on January 30.

Ethan was the winner of a competition run by McDonald's where contestants had to submit entries about why they liked McDonald's. As part of his win, Ethan will receive a free Happy Meal from McDonald's Spearwood every week for a year.

Owner/Operators of McDonald's Spearwood, Norm and Lyn Sinclair, said they were delighted with the overwhelming response they had received from locals about the opening of the new restaurant.

Norm will be employing about 90 full-time and part-time people at the restaurant, with most coming from the local area.

"Since we opened our doors, the restaurant has been very busy," Norm said. "We have also received many positive comments about McDonald's opening in the area."

Located at the Phoenix Shopping Centre, the 98-seat restaurant includes a playground and air-conditioned party room.

Norm and Lyn are very keen to become part of the local community - which was why they invited a local child to open the store.

"The opening of the Spearwood McDonalds represents a reflection of the confidence with which commercial entities see the overall development that is occurring in the City of Cockburn," Mayor Grljusich said.

He said that the new addition of this restaurant within our community will also present opportunities for employment, particularly among our youth.

The day before the official opening of the restaurant, Norm and Lyn invited people from local organisations, schools and sporting groups to attend a VIP breakfast.

At the breakfast Norm spoke about his plans to support and assist local groups.

"I like to maintain strong links with the community and place great emphasis on helping them to help themselves," said Norm.

He also spoke about McDonald's management training and development program, which is nationally endorsed and can be used towards completing a Masters degree at university level.

"As a registered provider of management training, both nationally and state-wide, McDonald's can provide its employees with qualifications that are not only valuable within McDonald's, but are recognised in other areas of business throughout Australia," said Norm.

"McDonald's commitment to top training programs ensures that our managers are equipped with the knowledge and skills to achieve high standards in quality, service and cleanliness as well as provide a harmonious working environment for our employees.

"The McDonald's program is unique from other management training programs, which require formal part-time studies outside work hours, as it can be achieved by employees simply doing their job and completing their McDonald's training."

McDonald's Spearwood is located at Phoenix Shopping Centre, Rockingham Road, Spearwood.

For more information contact
McDonald's Spearwood on

941 8 6533



McYummy! McDonald's Spearwood Owner/Operator, Lyn Sinclair with Mayor Grljusich.

Disability Services Advisory Committee

Are you a person with a disability, caring for a person with a disability or have a family member who has a disability? If you answered yes to any of these, read on!

The City of Cockburn has a Disability Advisory Committee that meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 4pm to 6pm at the Cockburn Council Administration Building, located on the corner of Rockingham Road and Coleville Crescent, Spearwood.

The role of the committee includes overseeing the implementation of the City of Cockburn Disability Services Plan, providing information about services available to people with disabilities and their carers, and acting as an information and liaison role between the community and Council.

To date, the major achievements of this committee include completing an access audit of all Council buildings and investigating the feasibility of a sensory park in Cockburn.

If you would like any further information about the committee, would like to attend a meeting, or have an issue to bring to our attention please ring John Gregg on

9411 3412



Would you like some help? ... in the house, in your garden or yard?

Cockburn Youth Services runs a Community Work Order service for young people who have offended and are required to fulfil community hours by Ministry of Justice. The service desperately needs help with places for young people to do their hours. Young people are fully supervised and the service has equipment and tools. We can come to your house, or do the job at our premises.

Please call Corrine or Annie on 9434 1483 if you want to ask any questions, or to let them know you want a hand!



City of Cockburn
Youth Workers
Annie Johnson and
Corrine O'Sullivan

City of Cockburn Bulk Waste Collection Dates

JUNK COLLECTION

• 6 APRIL 1999

GREEN WASTE COLLECTION

• 8 MARCH 1999

• 21 JUNE 1999

All bulk waste collections are for a two week period and commence at 6.30am on the date listed above.

Please ensure your waste is on the verge and ready for collection by 6.30am for the first day of the collection to enable collection of all streets within 2 weeks.

Waste placed on the verge more than two weeks prior to a collection or placed on verge after the truck has been past is 'illegally dumped' and could result in a fine.

DON'T THROW OUT SURPLUS FURNITURE

There is a big need for clean, undamaged, reusable furniture (not whitegoods).

Call St Vincent de Paul Society on

9444 5622 for pick up.

FUN in the PARK Project

The Fun in the Park Project is a community activity aimed at increasing resident's appreciation and usage of local parks within the City of Cockburn. The Fun in the Park project will begin in Atwell, Coolbellup and Southlake during April and May 1999.

Community orientated projects will include:

- a mini concert
- community centre activities
- Buster the Fun Bus
- art displays
- climbing walls and much more.

If you or your organisation would like to be involved in this project please contact the Recreation Services Coordinator Andrew Ward on 9411 3432.

What a Success!

The senior computing programs have had an overwhelming response and are proving to be a great success. Classes began mid February, with additional classes scheduled to cope with the response of 160 Bookings.

The City of Cockburn's two libraries have become involved in the Year of the Older Person and will be offering senior activities at not cost throughout 1999.

The variety of activities includes:

- healthy cooking
- story telling
- osteoporosis and diabetes talks
- information sessions on exercising for seniors

Contact your local library for more details

New Gym at South Lakes

South Lake Leisure Centre now boasts a brand new gym, which is four times the size of the old gym. And even more importantly, there will be no increase in membership fees for members!

"We have put \$290,000 of construction and fitness equipment into the new gym to ensure quality equipment and a spacious gym is available for members and casual users," South Lake's Centre Manager Gordon MacMile said.

The gymnasium boasts a range of new equipment which includes two new electronic 'life' cycles machines, a Smith machine, a cable crossover, a squat rack, a 45-degree incline leg press, an additional electronic 'life' stepper, and double the number of free weights.

"The additional space and equipment will also allow the Centre to offer a range of new classes and program including circuit training, school and senior classes, corporate memberships and personal training," Mr MacMile said.

For the first time, a qualified, professional staff member for the majority of its opening hours will supervise the Centre's gymnasium, to ensure gym users can receive free advice and assistance whenever they require it.

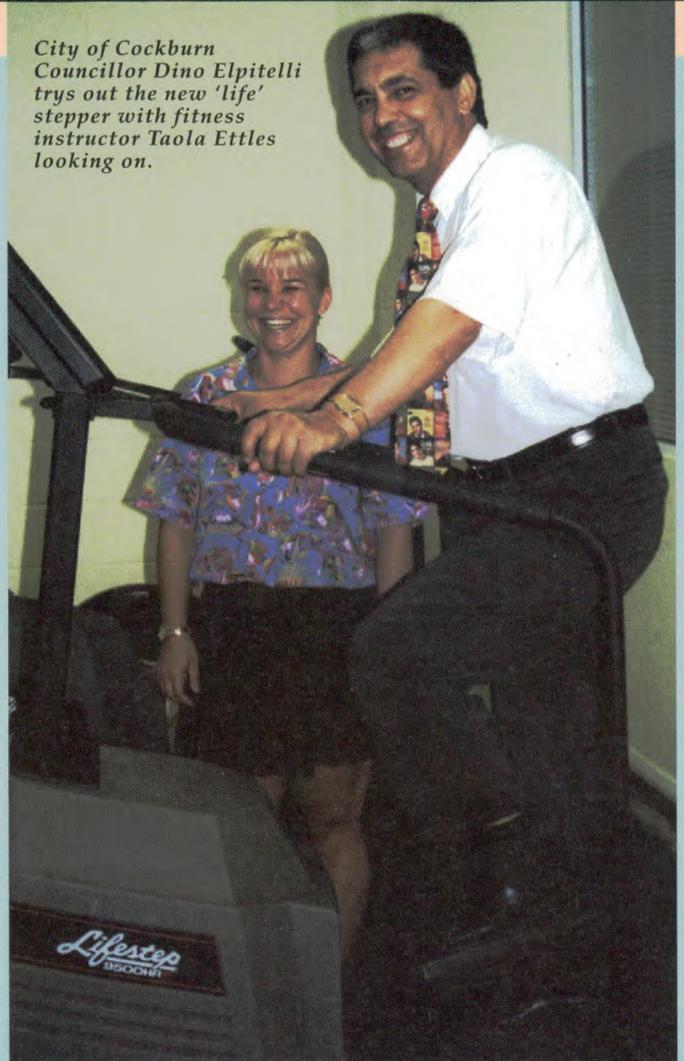
The new gym was made possible through funding provided by the Cockburn Council and the effort for the South Lake Leisure Centre staff. There have also been important financial contributions from the Ministry of Sport and Recreation, and the Education Department of WA, with the Education Department and Lakeland Senior High School donating the land where the gym is constructed.

All fitness club memberships include use of the pool, spa and sauna, casual sports stadium, a fitness appraisal with an instructor, and the new fully air-conditioned gymnasium. The membership also includes a work-out program with the first session with a personal instructor, clean shower and change room facilities and an electronic cardio-vascular "life" cycles and stepper. Up to two hours of free creche is also available with all three, six and 12 month memberships.

A range of membership options starting from \$55 up to \$500 are available to suit each individual's needs and price range.

Call South Lake Leisure Centre on 9417 3003 for term one booklets and membership details.

City of Cockburn Councillor Dino Elpitelli tries out the new 'life' stepper with fitness instructor Taola Ettles looking on.



The new equipment with TV's so gym users don't get bored!



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