

COCKBURN

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SOUNDINGS

Message from Your Mayor

On behalf of my wife Anna and I, the Councillors and staff at the City of Cockburn, I wish to extend a heartfelt welcome to all this New Year and present to you the first edition of the Cockburn Soundings for 2001.

In each edition of Cockburn Soundings you will find an article from me where I hope to raise issues and developments facing the City and give my perspective as Cockburn's Mayor.

In surveys the City has conducted, we have found that Cockburn Soundings is a well-read publication and the primary way many of you receive information about Council. I am sure you will continue to find the content informative.

On December 6, 2000, Cockburn began a new era with the first postal vote held in the City. On this historic night, 43% of the residents of Cockburn took part in a postal election that directly elected their Mayor and gave strong support to their chosen Councillors. I thank everyone who voted, regardless of who you voted for; the important thing is that you participated in this vital process.

On election night I said my door is always open. This is a commitment I will stand by throughout my term. However, you don't have to come to my office to see me. In February and March I will be holding four "Meet the Mayor" mornings at the Gateways and Phoenix Shopping Centres. On February 21 and March 21, you can stop by and have a chat with me at the Phoenix Shopping Centre in Spearwood, or if you prefer stop by the Gateways Shopping Centre in Success on February 28 and March 28. Time in attendance at both venues will be from 10.00 am till 11.00 am. I look forward to seeing you there.

Please feel free to contact me on any issue via the following:

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Whats on at Gateways Shopping Centre

Valentines Day

Would you like to have a bouquet of flowers delivered to your Valentine this Valentines Day? All you have to do is write their details on the back of a Gateways Shopping Centre receipt and place it in the barrel between Monday 5th February and Tuesday 13th February 2000. Five lucky winners will be drawn out of the barrel and they will receive a lovely bouquet of flowers delivered on Valentines Day courtesy of Gateway Shopping Centre.

In addition the first 100 people to present their Gateways Saver Card and a receipt of purchase from a retailer at Gateways between 5 February - 14 February will receive a complimentary box of chocolates.

Great gift items are available from Gateways Shopping Centre for this very romantic day.

We wish everyone a very Happy Valentines Day.

Fresh Food at Gateways

On Wednesday 28th February, celebrity Chef Dale Sniffen will be hosting a 3 hour cooking demonstration focused predominantly on cost effective food preparation. Visit Gateways to sample some of Dale's delicious cooking.

Gateways Saver Card

Remember to register for your free Saver Card when you next shop at Gateways. Simply call in to the Centre Management office to receive your membership card plus heaps of special retailer discounts and special offers.

IT PAYS TO SHOP AT GATEWAYS!



Gateways Saver Card Bonus

Our first 100 Saver Card members that register a \$10 spend during our Valentine Day celebrations from the 5th to the 14th February will receive a complimentary box of Whitmans Sampler Box Chocolates. Claim your reward from the Centre Management office.

New Saver Card Bonus Offers

Collect the latest saving and discount offers available at Gateways Shopping Centre from Centre Management. If you are not already a member simply register at the office and receive your very first reward.

Say it with flowers from Gateways

You could 'Win your Valentine' a beautiful bouquet of flowers compliments of Gateways Shopping Centre.

Simply enter your receipt of any purchase made at Gateways from the 5th to the 14th February, nominate your Valentines details and you could be one of our five lucky winners to send your Valentine the perfect present, a gift of flowers.

As a special treat on Valentines Day, 14th February our host will be presenting a Valentine treat to some of our customers just to say 'Happy Valentines Day'.



Gateways Christmas Hamper Winners

Six lucky customers were presented with their prize winning Christmas Hampers in November.

CONGRATULATIONS to S Wilkinson of Atwell, D Taylor of Success, J Moroney of Wandi, G Tomich of Yangebup, T Picen of South Lake and A Symes of Oakford.



CONGRATULATIONS to our very first Gateways Jackpot winner:- G Angove of Atwell who received a \$100 Gateways Shopping Voucher just in time for Christmas

'The Fresh Food People'
WOOLWORTHS



ACTION
Packed full of GOOD TASTE

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ENVIRONMENT

Reserve Awareness Program RAP

Ever wonder about that nearby bit of grassed area or natural bushland and wondered how council manages the area, and how you can help with the management of these areas, and your nearby community.

The City of Cockburn will be taking the RAP to a number of recreation and conservation reserve areas. The aim of the program is to encourage the community to “adopt” the area. The events will run from 10.00 AM to 12.00 PM at the following places and dates.

February 10th Saturday	Market Garden Swamp
February 17th Saturday	Bibra Lake
March 10th Saturday	Manning Lake
March 25th Sunday	Beeliar Community Day
March 31st Saturday	Bakers Square
April 1st Sunday	Success Community Day
April 7th Saturday	Atwell Park

There will be information available on community safety such as Safer WA information and Neighbourhood Watch. Members of the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade will be present to provide information on fire safety.

There will be information available on Community Services activities such as recreation programs, youth based activities and cultural programs. The Environmental Services department will have available information regarding environmental programs in the area.

To sustain the community in digesting all of this information, there will be a free sausage sizzle on hand.

So if you like a better understanding of your local area. Why don't you come down. For further information you can contact Andrew Ward - Community Services on 9411 3438 or Paddy Strano - Environmental Services on 9411 3448.

Inquiry Into the City of Cockburn (Douglas Inquiry) - Update

The Report of the Inquiry Into the City of Cockburn which precipitated the dismissal of Council, contained twelve (12) recommendations, six of which required matters to be attended to by the City.

All those matters have now been addressed and where appropriate, advice has been received from the Hon. Minister for Local Government, that no further action is required by Council to satisfy various recommendations.

H E A L T H

FLY CONTROL

WHY FLIES?

Diseases they can carry

The housefly (*Musca domestica*) is known to be important in the spread of disease. eg. amoebic dysentery, cholera and gastroenteritis.

Where they breed

House flies breed near a house, if they can. They are attracted to houses, particularly where a handy food supply and breeding site are available, and will try to get inside.

Eggs are laid mainly in rotting vegetation, eg. in rubbish bins, soiled rags and paper, lawn clippings and compost heaps. In fact they will breed in almost anything that's rotting. In warm weather (up to 35oC) a fly egg can grow into an adult fly capable of breeding in just 12 days.

Stable Flies

Stable flies look almost the same as houseflies, the main difference being their mouthparts. Where the housefly has a sucking mouthpart ending in spongy disc, the stable fly has a kind of needle for piercing skin and sucking blood.

Both male and female flies will bite. The female must have a blood meal prior to laying their eggs. They will breed in vegetable wastes, compost, lawn clippings or chicken droppings, and prefer humid conditions.

Generally, stable flies are more numerous around animals and can cause discomfort to dogs and cats. They will also give humans a nasty bite, generally around the ankles.

GETTING RID OF FLIES

Screens on doors and windows will help to keep flies out. Spraying and swatting will control them - but if they keep on breeding, there are always more flies to replace those killed.

Insecticides are not the only way to control flies. It is best to prevent them breeding in the first place.

HINTS TO PREVENT FLIES BREEDING

1. Get a rubbish bin with tight fitting lid and keep the bin clean and closed at all time.
2. Wrap rubbish (particularly food scraps) tightly and well in at least three or four sheets of newspaper.
3. If you can use an incinerator, keep it free of food scraps and rotting material. This also applies to your barbecue.
4. Don't leave uneaten pet food lying about. Wrap it tightly in newspaper and put it in a bin.
5. Make sure your compost bin seals well to keep flies out.
6. If you keep fowls or caged birds of any kind, keep their yards and cages clean at all times.
7. Spread lawn clippings thinly on your garden. Don't just leave them in heaps.
8. Apply animal manures and blood bone thinly to your garden and dig it in.



FLY TRAPS

As a supplementary measure flytraps can be used to trap and kill adult flies. Flies are gregarious insects, and like to group together. Once a few flies are trapped, others in the area can't wait to join them.

Flytraps can be purchased from the City of Cockburn and are also available commercially through outlets such as hardware stores, or can be made quite cheaply from everyday household items. For further information on fly control and for instructions on "How to make a fly trap" contact City of Cockburn's Health Section on 9411 3589.

**So remember -
Do the deed **before** they breed.**

WAR ON MOZZIES

MOSQUITOES thrive in warmer months and are a nuisance in summer.

The City of Cockburn's Health Section would like to warn householders to remain vigilant to prevent mosquitoes breeding and spreading disease.

Mosquitoes breed in standing water - by getting rid of these breeding sites you can permanently reduce mosquito numbers.

There are several ways to eliminate breeding areas.

These include keeping ponds stocked with mosquito-eating fish such as goldfish, disposing of containers in the garden which hold water, and filling or draining ground depressions that hold water.

Swimming pools should be chlorinated, filtered and free of dead leaves.

Pets drinking water should be cleaned daily and mosquito-proof cowls fitted to vent pipes of septic tanks.

Council to Ensure Protection Against Noxious Industry

Since 1984, a court interpretation of Schedule 2 of the Health Act has defined as "*noxious*" any industry that needed to take preventative measures to protect the health of the surrounding neighbourhood from its activities. This definition, upheld by a second court ruling in 1999, allowed previous Councils to ensure a high level of protection against noxious industries and potential nuisance industrial activities in the district. However, recent changes to the wording of the Health Act by the State Government mean the previous court rulings no longer have any effect. The changes limit noxious industry to those listed in the schedule to the act itself. If an industry is not on the list it is no longer considered noxious. This means that most other industrial activities are now permitted in the general industrial zone. In response to this Council at its meeting held on 19 December 2000 resolved to amend Town Planning Scheme 2 to ensure that the protection previously afforded by the court ruling against potentially noxious industries locating in the district is retained, and to pursue every avenue to ensure this protection continues.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

What Can You Do in the Rural Zone

The City of Cockburn is a large metropolitan district. A significant part of the district to the east and the south are used for non-urban purposes such as rural activities and for rural water protection.

Since the introduction of the Jandakot Groundwater Protection Policy by the State Government, together with the recent decision to establish the Hope-Valley Wattleup Redevelopment Area, there is very little "rural" land remaining under the control of the Council.

The rural land remaining in the district is largely confined to a small area north of Cockburn Cement and along the western side of the Thomsons Lake and Banganup Lake reserves.

The purpose of rural land is to provide for commercial primary production. However, due to small lot sizes and the value of the land, a number of the properties tend to be used for hobby farms or retreat living.

Essentially only a single house and rural pursuits are permitted as of right in the rural zone.

However, there is a large number of discretionary uses that the Council may permit in the rural zone, which may or may not be advertised for public comment prior to a decision being made. These are generally aged or dependent persons housing, a school, home occupation, church, truck parking, garden centre, medical centre, nursery and private recreation.

In addition, there is also a large number of uses the Council may permit in the rural zone, before making its decision such proposals must first be advertised for public comment, namely bed and breakfast, hospital, lodging house, motel, club premises, health studio, hotel, reception centre, tavern, veterinary facilities, cottage industry, fuel depot, quarrying, farm supply centre and a rural industry.

Some of these uses may also require the approval of the Western Australian Planning Commission prior to commencement.

The above advice is provided to assist those residents living in the rural zone regarding the range of uses that could occur, subject to the Council's approval.

The provision for rural land proposed in the Council's new Town Planning Scheme No. 3 are similar to those contained in the existing scheme.

Should any ratepayers have any queries about what they or others can do with their land in the rural zone, they should contact the Council's Development Services Department.



The Future of Children's Services in Cockburn

The City of Cockburn's plan for future children's services is well underway with a number of Cockburn people becoming involved in the consultation process. The City already provides Before and After School and Vacation Programs as well as sponsorship of a Family Day Care Scheme and an Early Education Intervention Program.

Amongst those providing information for the plan are local community nurses, principals, childcare centres, family centres, as well as parents and also children. Angela Miller from the South Lakes Childcare Centre said, "we value children and encourage parents and other service providers in the community to contribute to the plan."

Brochures titled 'Children's Services in Cockburn - present and future' have been distributed around libraries, childcare centres, and doctors surgeries in the district, inviting feedback from community members on what is needed in the future for children. The brochures and a prepaid envelope can be obtained from consultants Amy or Helen on 9384 6352 or Jill at the Council on 9411 3431.

The City and the consultants are also keen to hear from anyone involved in any 's services, no matter how informal or small. By letting us know about these services we can gain a better idea of the services for children outside of those known at present. Please let us know on the phone numbers above so that we can share this information with others through the Co'Info database at the Cockburn Library.

Public meetings for parents and interested community members have been arranged. June Barton and Jill Zumach from Council's Children's Services Team, as well as the plan's consultants will be providing information at the meetings about the current direction of the plan. All meetings start at 7.30 PM, and will be held as follows:

Tuesday 13 March	Lesser Hall, Cockburn Civic Centre, Spearwood
Wednesday 14 March	Otley Centre, South Lake Drive, South Lakes
Wednesday 21 March	Yangebup Community Centre, Swallow Drive, Yangebup
Thursday 22 March	Community Centre, Atwell Parklands, Lombe Gardens, Atwell

Discussion paper has been prepared to highlight areas of need in the long-term future for the children in Cockburn. Comments and views from Community members about the paper are welcomed. The paper can be picked up from the Council offices, or phone Amy or Helen on 9384 6352 or Jill on 9411 3431 and a copy can be sent to you.



Teddy Bears' Picnic 2000
One of many Children's Services Activities

FAT FREE FEBRUARY

We know how hard it is to get motivated and start exercising, so we have decided to give you some real incentive.



Participate in any 6* Aerobic or Aquarobic class during **February** and you will go into the draw to **Win** two nights stay in a Permium, 2 Bedroom Chalet at **Club Capricorn** which is situated in the undulating golden sands on the Indian Ocean in Yanchep.

So now you have the chance to be rewarded for keeping in shape and staying **FIT AND HEALTHY** this summer.

SOUTH LAKE LEISURE CENTRE

90 South Lake Drive, South Lake, 6164

9417 3003

* **CONDITIONS APPLY**

EVENTS CALENDAR

17 February	Sth Metro Skate Series ROUND 1- Sth Lake Leisure Centre	12 Noon
18 February	Sunset Concert (The Badloves) Manning Park	5.30pm
20 February	Council Meeting	7.30pm
21 February	Meet the Mayor-Phoenix Shopping Centre	10am
25 February	Sunset Concert (David Hyans) Manning Park	5.30pm
28 February	Meet the Mayor - Gateways Shopping Centre	10am
4 March	Sunset Concert (True Believers) Manning Park	5.30pm
18 March	Coogee Beach Party	11am-2pm