

Cockburn Soundings

JULY 2008

World Environment Day

The Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre hosted 180 local primary school students for a Discovery Tour on June 5 to mark World Environment Day.

In line with the 2008 World Environment Day slogan: 'Kick the Habit! : Towards a Low Carbon Economy' the students, from six local schools, spent the day learning about the impact of climate change and participated in hands-on activities.

Included in the day's program was the planting of a seed production area, a wetlands water study, Aboriginal song and dance session, a snake awareness session and a tour of the native animal rehabilitation centre.

A \$500 stereoscope will be awarded to the school with the lowest carbon footprint. Stay tuned for the announcement of the winner.

The event was run as a partnership between the City of Cockburn, Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre, the 1st Bibra Lake Scout Group and Native ARC.

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Message from the Mayor



In May I was given the privilege of joining the staff here at the City of Cockburn to launch our first ever 'A Better Tomorrow' Sustainability Awards.

The reason the awards are so special to me is that they unearth members of our community who are making a real difference and offer a chance to be rewarded with a share of \$14,000 in prize money.

Since the launch we have received many nominations from individuals, schools, businesses and community groups, all in equal running to walk away with a prize.

But even those that aren't successful in the awards are also winners, as they contribute to a better tomorrow for Cockburn, something we can all be involved in.

Get your nominations for the awards in. All the information is available on the City's website, city administration building or by phoning 9411 3444.

Good luck in the awards and I hope you will join me in creating a better tomorrow for Cockburn.

Stephen Lee
Mayor

Pay your rates online

Some of you may have received your 2008-09 Rates Notices from the City.

These will be distributed early in July so keep an eye out for it in your letterbox. Pay your rates early and be in the running for some excellent prizes. You can now pay your rates online. Visit the city's website for more information

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Budget

The State Government Budget in 2008-09 provides \$7.6 billion for capital works and a further \$26.1 billion over the next 4 years. Highlights locally included:

- \$10.588 million to complete the Success Primary School
- \$61.551 million to continue upgrades at the Australian Marine Complex
- \$20.307 million for a range of works at Western Power terminal, Bibra Lake
- \$248,000 for continued work at the Cockburn Power Station

The City is thrilled to see the continuing investment in the local job markets through the funds allocated for the works and upgrades at the Australian Marine Complex which is certain to become of WA's leading training institutions. However, the City was disappointed that the Budget contained no additional money for Local Government for its local roads program.

Likewise, the City and many other Local Governments had sought funds to increase allocations to the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund, as there had been no additional money for many years. Councils use these funds to help develop sporting complexes like the City's planned Success Community and Regional Sports Facility and the Regional Surf Lifesaving and Multipurpose Community Facility at Coogee Beach. We see these facilities as being just as important to local communities as is a new stadium at Subiaco.

Fire and Emergency Services have received no additional grants or funding from the State Government despite the FESA investment program rising by \$1.8 million, which is an increased cost to residents of around 5%. Rates equivalent paid by State Government Commercial Enterprises such as Landcorp to the State Government are set to rise from \$12 to \$13 million – an increase of around 8%. Cockburn misses out on approximately \$350,000 from commercial developments owned by Landcorp in rates paid to the State Government, rather than Council like any other developer.

The City's 'Green Budget' adopted in 2008–2009 has an investment of around 1% of the City's operating budget on sustainable initiatives, compared with the State Government's ecological investment of only 0.12% from its operating budget. Some of the City's investment into our community includes:

Greening Program	\$337,000
Environmental Programme	\$200,000
Parks Development	\$1.6 million
Road improvements	\$875,000
Repair & new footpaths	\$460,000
Recycling Shop at Henderson	\$95,000
Aubin Grove Regional Recreation Facility	\$1.95 million
Azeilia Ley Museum	\$70,000
CC TV Security project	\$50,000
Bio- diversity initiatives	\$20,000
Len Packam Reserve floodlights	\$50,000
Cockburn Central and Success Library	\$5 million
Coolbellup Community Hub	\$1 million
Sustainability initiatives	\$84,000
Climate Adaptation Strategy	\$100,000

The City will invest \$70,000 in the Azelia Ley Museum, Wagon Shed.



Pioneers Luncheon 2008

About 350 Cockburn residents attended a luncheon at the Spearwood Dalmatinac Club on Friday 31 May to celebrate residents that have made a significant contribution to Cockburn's heritage.

The 2008 Annual Pioneer's Luncheon was hosted by the City of Cockburn with guest speaker Melissa Parke, Member for Fremantle.

The recipient of the Cockburn Foundation Day Award 2008 was 103-year-old resident Annie Baker who has been part of the Cockburn community for 100 years.

Mrs Baker's granddaughter Jenny Davies accepted the \$200 award on her behalf as she was unfortunately unable to attend the event.

All guests at the luncheon must have identified themselves as having been born after 1950 and having lived in the Cockburn area for at least 58 years.

City of Cockburn Mayor Stephen Lee said the annual luncheon was a fantastic event and demonstrated the depth of history and culture in the Cockburn community.

All attendees at the luncheon received a sustainable gift bag from the City containing vegetable seeds as a tribute to cockburn's market gardener pioneers.



Burglar beware



The City of Cockburn is reminding residents to be alert to suspicious behaviour in your local area. If you suspect that someone in your area has committed a crime or you've seen something

suspicious, call Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or the City's Community and Safety Security service on 1300 653 643.

When making a report to authorities be sure to detail:

- the day, date and time of any suspicious activity
- vehicles- registration number
- type, make and model
- colour, features
- damage
- suspicious people
- gender
- age
- what they look like (hair, face etc.)
- clothing
- features (eg. tattoos)
- any property they were carrying



Is your home safe?

Use the following guide to conduct your own home security audit. The more 'yes' boxes you tick, the harder you make it for burglars.

- Is your home clearly visible from the street?
- Are your trees and shrubs trimmed so it's hard to hide?
- Do you have solid core doors?
- Do you have locks and deadbolts or deadlocks fitted?
- Do you have security screens on doors and windows?
- Does your door have a peep hole?
- Do your windows have key-locks / security devices?
- Does your house have an automatic light timer or sensor lights?
- Do you leave lights on when you go out at night?
- Are the entrances to your home well lit?
- Is your home fitted with an alarm that's well-maintained?
- Is the garage or shed kept locked?
- Are your tools and ladders stored away?
- Is the meter box locked?
- Is your property engraved or marked for easy identification?
- Have you recorded the serial numbers?
- Do you have window stickers letting burglars know you have an alarm and your property is marked?
- Is there a phone extension in the bedroom with emergency numbers handy?
- Do you have a dog?
- Have you joined Neighbourhood Watch?

Keep these numbers handy:

Police emergency assistance- phone 000. TTY (hearing impaired)- 106

Police attendance – phone 131 444.

To report your suspicions phone Crimestoppers 1800 333 000 or visit www.crimestoppers.com.au

Community Safety and Security (24 hours) phone 1300 653 643

Sustainability Launch



Perth media identity Tod Johnston joined the City of Cockburn on 13 May for the launch of its inaugural 'A Better Tomorrow' Sustainability Awards, supported by Cockburn Gateway Shopping City and Cockburn Gazette.

Held at Cockburn Gateway Shopping City, the launch included a presentation on the awards and an overview on how members of the Cockburn community can nominate to be in the running for a share of the \$14,000 prize pool.

Nominations are now open for the awards until 19 September All nominees will be invited to attend a gala event on 20 November where the awards will be presented.

For more information on the awards or to find out how to enter visit www.cockburn.wa.gov.au or phone 9411 3444.



Woodman Point tree a significant asset

A detailed arboricultural report has revealed that a magnificent Tuart tree at the Woodman Point Caravan Park and Camping Resort has been growing for between 250 and 300 years.

The report also revealed that the tree, which stands 15.95 metres high and has a trunk diameter of 2.1 metres, has been struck by lightning and survived a subsequent termite infestation.

It was evaluated by an independent arboricultural consultant. Cockburn Mayor Stephen Lee said evaluating and monitoring significant trees in the Cockburn area was important to conserving Cockburn's history.

Mr Lee said the impressive tree, which was deemed structurally sound, will be monitored regularly by City staff.

"The City has about 350 trees that we have identified as being significant in the Cockburn area. These trees are monitored and maintained as part of our commitment to protecting and conserving Cockburn's history."

"Through the help of members of the community, who brought the tree to my attention, we have been able to add another significant tree to the list and the City will be keeping a close eye on it to ensure that it remains a part of our community."

Many of the trees on the City's list can be found at Manning Park, dating back hundreds of years. If you wish to view this historical list of trees please call the City's Environmental Services Department.



Rubbish Trucks A New Look

Residents in the City of Cockburn will have little excuse to forget to recycle as the City's rubbish trucks are now a mobile reminder.

The City's waste recovery trucks, both for general waste and recycling, now bear the slogan 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' as well as reminding residents that their waste is being converted into compost in a bid to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

Mayor Stephen Lee said the Henderson Landfill Facility processes 4,000 tonnes of waste every week and each household can make a difference by placing any paper, timber, steel and plastic in the yellow-topped recycling bins that are collected fortnightly. Soon weekly collections will be rolled out across the City in a trial project.



Waste Water Truck



The City of Cockburn has added a 13,000 litre waste water truck to its fleet that will assist in fire control and dust suppression at the Henderson Waste Recovery Park.

The truck has been customized and fitted with a purpose built water container and a camera-mounted, remote-controlled water cannon that can shoot water at a distance of up to 40 metres.

Prior to receiving the truck the City upgraded its water pumping capabilities at the tip site to allow it to quickly fill the truck in emergency situations.

City of Cockburn Waste Manager Lyall Davieson said the truck will be based at the Henderson Landfill site but will be used to assist Fire and Emergency Services.

Phoenix Central Revitalisation Project Update

The City is now reviewing community feedback from written submissions and provided by approximately 180 land owners who participated in two community forums held in May. Based on preliminary assessment of the community feedback, it appears that many land owners / residents are supportive of the project including the zoning changes, the idea of a new community hub and other general improvements to parks and streets. The major concerns being raised by the community are the following: 1) proposed new road linkages, 2) the proposed retirement village for a corner of McFaul Park.

The City is now undertaking a more comprehensive review of all submissions. A report on the issues raised will be presented to Council for its determination following which a modified plan will be prepared. A comprehensive review of the community's feedback will be available to be viewed on the City's website and at the City's administration building in two to three months.

Zoning and traffic control

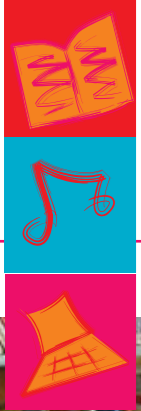
It appears the majority of land owners want zoning changes to allow for further redevelopment. However,

this redevelopment (property owners subdividing) generates additional traffic. The major challenge is how to increase zoning to allow properties to redevelop and minimise the traffic impact. The City is exploring options to encourage people to change their travel behaviour by walking, cycling and catching public transport. This is also part of a wider sustainability agenda of reducing oil consumption, carbon emissions and climate change. The following are some of the strategies the City is exploring to reduce traffic impact:

- The zoning plan places the higher zonings around the Phoenix Centre and bus routes to try and maximise the number of people who live within close walking distance of services and facilities.
- The City prepared a street facility plan which involves improving the foot paths and amenity of streets leading to the commercial centre and along public transport routes to encourage walking, cycling and public transport use.

The City will continue to explore ways of minimising the traffic impact that occurs as a result of increasing zoning.

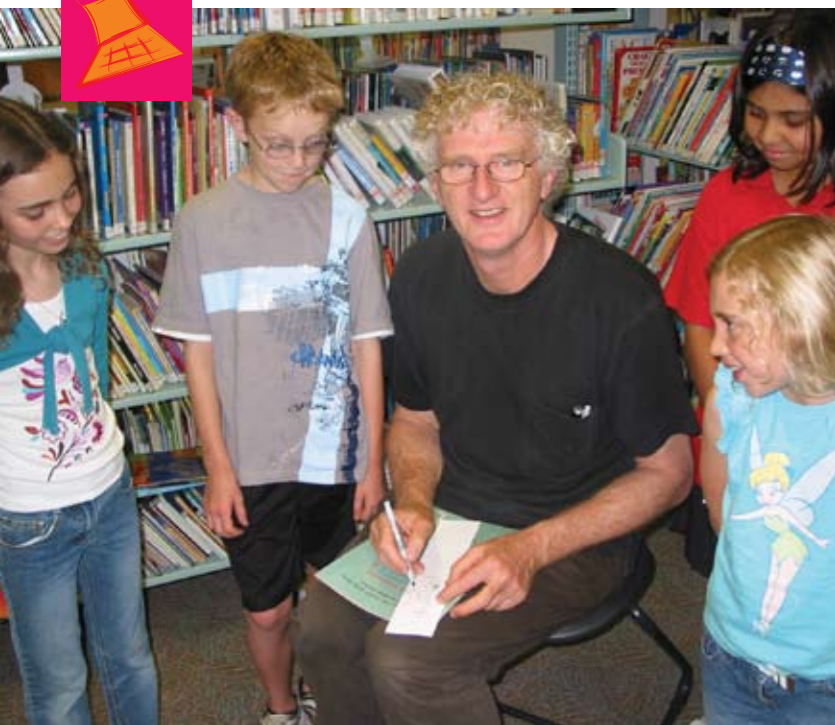




Your Cockburn Library

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

Meet The Team Environmental Services Green Team



Fuel your mind

The theme for this year's Children's Book Week is "Fuel your Mind!" The City of Cockburn Libraries will be teaming with primary school students during this exciting week, which starts Monday 18 August. A variety of fantastic children's authors, storytellers and illustrators will be visiting the libraries to help celebrate.

Playing with words

Are you a budding author or poet? Why not join one of our writing groups for feedback, encouragement and new ideas. Learn how to play with words. Beginners are welcome.

The **Tapestry Writers' Group** meets at Spearwood Library on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 10am to 12am. Phone Robert Halsey on 9418 2513 or Anne John Aitken on 9434 1910 for details. Fee: \$2.00

The **Creative Corners Writers' Group** meets every Wednesday between 1pm and 3pm at Spearwood Library. Phone Cathy Hol on 9337 7694 for details. Fee: \$3.00

Books Alive 2008

Books Alive is Australia's largest annual promotion of reading, featuring a host of activities to tempt Australians to pick up a book.

We want City of Cockburn residents to celebrate the joys of reading. It will feature a list of recommended reads, a giveaway feature title, promotions, author tours and reading events throughout the month of August.

Self Service @ Cockburn Libraries

Notice something different about Cockburn Libraries? Queuing to borrow books has become a thing of the past as you can now issue the books to yourself using a self issue computer. This machine which was first installed at our Success Library has been met with many positive responses.

Staff are on hand to demonstrate just how simple issuing has become. This new self service technology has enabled our staff to spend more time helping you get the most out of your visit to the library.

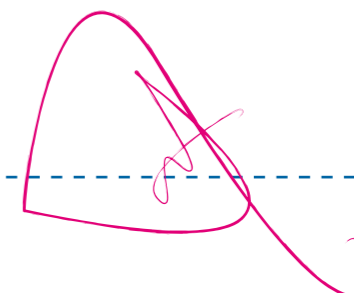


The Environment Services team work tirelessly to protect and restore our natural environment. Their roles involve maintaining and enhancing biodiversity and habitats in our wetlands, bushland, coastal areas and reserves; environment education with schools and the community, sustainability initiatives and community

programs focusing on greenhouse gas abatement, biodiversity, resource use and liveable communities.

Our green team working with the community to protect our environment.

Cockburn Artists Show Off



Thirty-eight of the City of Cockburn's well known and well respected local artists took part in the free annual Show Off 4 Art Exhibition.

The exhibition was held in the newly refurbished Memorial Hall and featured work of all genres including sculptures, paintings and textiles.

Local professional artists exhibiting included: Sandy Robertson, Noel Morrison, Sharyn Egan, Debbie Walker Tremlett, Miles Carpenter, Jon Denaro, Bec Juniper, Jane Martin, George Haynes, Neda Starac, Trevor Vickers and Larry Mitchell.

Other well know local artists also taking part were: Thomas de Munk-Kerkmeer, Nirmala McGowran, Danika

Witchermann, Marie Fisher, Florence Ward, Marianne Prinsloo, Nis Witchermann, Susan Radaich, Brian Kirby, Sandy Gaskett, Margaret Coxall, Annie Otness, Rachel Wyder, Biruta McLaughlin, Debbie Walker Tremlett, Chandy Pendergrast, Hazel Brough, Barbara Douglas, Nabil Shihata, Bill Lang, Eunice Mitussis, Courtney Birch, Steve Atherton, Ruth Vickers, Jerome Mondlane and Lorna Corbett.

Cockburn Mayor Stephen Lee said, "The Show Off event is just one way the City of Cockburn is helping talented artists gain recognition in the local and broader communities and a chance to show off their artwork."



Quit smoking in Cockburn

An eight-week course to help people quit smoking is being held in Cockburn for the first time from July.

The course will be facilitated by City of Cockburn staff members that have completed the Cancer Council of WA's Fresh Start Facilitators Training Course.

It will be held at the South Lake Leisure Centre each Thursday for eight weeks from 1pm to 2.30pm at

a cost of \$50 per person or \$25 for concession or health care card holders.

The first meeting will be on Thursday, July 24.

For more information and an application form contact Sue Judd at the City of Cockburn on 9431 3519 or sjudd@cockburn.wa.gov.au.



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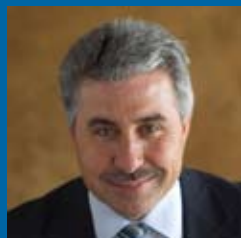
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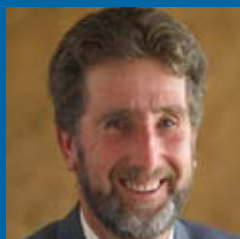
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