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NEW SPORTS COMPLEX WILL MAKE A SPLASH

Construction has started on Cockburn Council's Aquatic and Recreation Complex in South Lake.

The new \$5 million facility, The Lakes Complex, is being built in conjunction with the Ministry of Education at the Lakeland High School.

The complex will feature a heated 25-metre, six-lane pool with adventure and waterslide area, sauna, spa, youth drop-in centre, non-sports hall and a fully equipped gymnasium.

There will also be a sports stadium, a performing arts centre, creche/child-minding facilities, as well as outdoor ovals and hardcourt sporting areas.

Complex manager, 24-year-old Gordon MacMile, says: "The aim of the complex is to provide all groups from within the community with an opportunity to participate in recreational and physical activities." The extent of the facilities will mean that an enormous number of sports, both indoor and outdoor, recreational pursuits and pastimes will be possible at the new facility.

Programmes within the complex will cater for both the general community and specialised groups to fulfill the needs of the disabled and seniors.

If you would like further information on the complex, contact Gordon MacMile on 418 0444.



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■ The shape of things to come . . . our new sports complex at South Lake.

WELCOME FROM YOUR VERY OWN NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

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It gives me great pleasure in submitting Council's first newsletter informing residents on envisaged developments and activities within your City.

Council has been considering the most effective method of communicating with residents and businesses. This newsletter, we believe, offers the opportunity to present Council news, events and information in a format which is most acceptable to the local community.

Soundings will help to keep residents in touch with Councillors and Council staff as an effective back-up to your Annual Council Directory. It will present detailed information to help residents make better use of Council facilities and services.

Most of all, it will be YOUR newsletter, keeping you in touch with YOUR Council, so if you have suggestions for the content of future editions of *Soundings*, please write a letter to Council at PO Box 21, Hamilton Hill.



I believe that *Soundings* has got off to a great start with this first issue.

Enjoy reading the newsletter and keep it handy to take advantage of the information and important telephone numbers it contains.

D. F. Miguel, J.P.

EVE JOINS YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARY

A big welcome to Eve Morrissey, the new Youth Services Librarian. She replaces Cathie Clark who resigned in December to travel overseas.

Eve holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Western Australia and a Graduate Diploma in Librarianship from the Canberra College of Advanced Education. She is also an Associate of the Australian Library and Information Association and is secretary of the Children's and Youth Services Section WA Group.

Eve has considerable library experience, much of which has been connected with services to children and young people. Her most recent position was at Leederville Public Library (City of Perth) where she was Assistant Librarian responsible for children's and youth services.

At Cockburn, Eve is responsible for the development, co-ordination and the delivery of a wide range of services to children and young adults.

END TO OUR BIG SQUEEZE AT LAST

Council staff are facing a tight squeeze at their Coleville Crescent headquarters — but relief is on the way.

The Civic Centre Complex is no longer large enough to accommodate increased staff levels needed to give Cockburn greater expertise in areas of Community Services and Personnel Management.

Coupled with the natural growth of the municipality, 70 staff now work out of a building which was intended for many fewer.

Council has decided against relocating its Administration and Council Chambers to a new building at the East Thomson Lake development and will instead extend the existing Coleville Crescent site.

Proposals from four firms of architects are being evaluated and Council hopes to begin this essential work in time to take advantage of the competitive building market that exists.

SPEARWOOD SET FOR ANTI-CRIME CAMPAIGN

Cockburn mayor Don Miguel has been appointed to chair a Community Policing regional committee which will look at new ideas to help the development of a stronger relationship between police and the community.

As well as assessing the effectiveness of anti-crime programmes, the regional committee will study other schemes aimed at cutting the crime rate: Police and Citizens Youth Clubs, Blue Light discos, Constable Care, School-based Police Officers and Youth Driver Training.

Fremantle Community Policing Sergeant Ray De Mouilpied says that the industrial areas of Henderson, Spearwood, Myaree, O'Connor, as well as the Fremantle business sector, have been targeted for increased police activity.

Already, the Henderson Industrial Watch Committee has appointed MSS to provide

one of the tightest security systems in the State. Would-be offenders in the area will find that half-hourly security patrols, and after-hours surveillance of vehicles will be a major deterrent.

Sergeant De Mouilpied added: "Industrial Business Watch has proven to be the best system to stop thieves and damage to property. It is more effective than alarms or other security systems.

"It is important, however, that in a given area all companies sign up. It shares costs and security cover."

FURTHER ROADWORKS

The City of Cockburn is committed to further roadworks to connect to the Kwinana Freeway extensions. The completion of these roads is dependent on the funding and the costs of land acquisition.



■ *Debbie Lawler at work on the library computer.*

DEBBIE ENJOYS LIBRARY EXPERIENCE

Debbie Lawler took part in a job exchange programme organised by the South West Metropolitan Local Authorities Management Group. A library clerk at Fremantle City Library, Debbie was working at Spearwood for a period in December.

The aim of the exchange was to give Debbie the chance to experience another library environment, especially one that

made use of computer technology. During the time she was there she tried a variety of tasks that involved the computer and became familiar with the different routines involved at the issue desk.

Staff from Spearwood, as well as Debbie, benefited from this exchange and are looking forward to participating in further exchanges, as they become available.

ARGENTINE ANTS

Ratepayers can borrow argentine ant control equipment from the Council subject to a \$50 deposit. A supply of chlorthrifos, an organophosphate, can be purchased for a current price of \$33.20 a litre. Call Council's Health Department on 418 0444 for further information.

BLOCK ELEVATION: A VIEW TO EQUALITY

Prospective home builders should be made aware of the regulations concerning the elevation of houses by means of adding sandfill to existing ground levels.

For quite a number of years Council's Building Office has been requested to allow extra filling to be brought on to a building site.

The situation has arisen in a number of areas where ratepayers have bought land, in the early sales period of subdivision, because of the potential of pleasant land or ocean views. At later stages of development, when new houses are being built around their chosen site, the owner finds that parts of the view become diminished. It is then that the owner and prospective builder makes an approach to Council to elevate their site.

Around mid-1988 the requests to Council and associated problems became so great that Council set about formulating policy guidelines which would be fair to all ratepayers.

In effect any allowance for extra filling is proportional to the amount of slope measured on the diagonal distance of the piece of land concerned. The major criteria which governs the equality of the guidelines is one which allows that the floor level of the major part of the ground floor slab must be not more than 100 millimetres above the highest point of the land as covered by that slab.

The guidelines are designed to cover situations of up to 6 metres fall in land, up to 2.4 metres maximum of filling, and

are adaptable to blocks which either slope down from, or up from, their frontage.

The subject of increased landfill is closely associated with retaining walls within the district. Where any filling touches on a boundary of a lot, and if the bank slope is more than 30 degrees to the horizontal, then the soil must be retained by a retaining wall.

Retained

A retaining wall built on a common boundary may only be built to a maximum height of 1.5 metres and walls over 600mm in height must be designed by a structural engineer. Where the amount of filling exceeds the maximum retaining wall height then the excess must be retained within the property at a minimum distance of 2.1 metres from the boundary.

Retaining walls (including the footing) should be built entirely inside the boundary line and the cost borne by the person responsible for building the wall.

If two adjoining land owners wish to build a common retaining wall and locate it equally across a boundary then it becomes what is known as a 'party wall' and by a system of legal processes it must be registered on both land titles and a joint ownership agreement must be prepared by a solicitor.

Where a retaining wall is used as a base for fencing between properties it may not be used as part of a monetary claim on the dividing fence.

Any further information may be obtained from the Building Office of Council's Administration.

Taking stock in the library

The Spearwood Public Library will be closed for stocktaking from Monday, February 18 until Tuesday, March 5. The Coolbellup Public Library will be operating normally during this time and library clients will be able to borrow up to double the normal loan limit for the duration of the stocktake.

The stocktake has been brought forward a year to assist the library in preparing for possible full computerization in the next financial year, and to ease the process of its records being located on the Library and Information Service of WA's automated files.

More Freeway by late '91

The contract for the extension of the Kwinana Freeway between Farrington Road and Forrest Road/Yangebup Road has been let by the Main Roads Department. It is expected to be completed by November 1991.

The contract to deviate Forrest Road to connect to the Freeway has also been let. Forrest Road will be deviated to the south from just past Beenyp Road to the west and connect back to the existing Forrest Road at Solomon Road.

RECYCLE, PLEASE

Council is making 1991 a major year for recycling. Help us to help your future by supporting Council's new verge pick-up home recycling scheme.

OUR CHILDREN TO GAIN FROM VICKI'S CARE

Vicki Poxon, our new Community Services Officer, brings a wealth of child care expertise to the City of Cockburn.

Previously, a co-ordinator of a Community House, where support was provided to low income families living under stress, Vicki has considerable experience with pre-school aged children, child care and occasional care programmes.

Vicki's duties will involve the development of Council's policy on the provision of children's services within the City of

Cockburn. School vacation care and out-of-school care are two projects supported by Council.

Vicki is willing to meet with community groups to discuss children's services which could be implemented in the City. "With co-operation between individuals and groups within the community a considerable amount can be achieved," says Vicki.

You can reach Vicki Poxon by calling 418-0444.



■ *We're giving our children a secure future.*

Election date is May 4

Municipal elections will be held on Saturday, May 4, 1991.

Applications for registration on Councils' Owners and Occupiers roll close on February 22, 1991.

The following vacancies will occur:

West Ward 1 Vacancy Sitting Clr. Clr L. A. Argentino

Coastal Ward 1 Vacancy Sitting Clr. Clr R. A. Lees

North Ward 1 Vacancy Sitting Clr. Clr T. W. Greengrass

South Ward 1 Vacancy Sitting Clr. Clr S. B. Sawle

East Ward 1 Vacancy Sitting Clr. Clr E. J. Wegner

Nominations to fill the vacancies will be advertised in the *West Australian*, February 28, 1991.

Building bridges for children

June Barton, co-ordinator of the Cockburn Family Day Care Scheme, and Vicki Poxon, Community Services Officer for the City of Cockburn, have been appointed to the Children's Advisory Council.

The Council provides a bridge between Government and the community. It is the Government's desire to have access to a wide variety of views and opinions regarding the needs of WA children.

Representatives are chosen who can reflect the diverse needs of children and related organisations.

June and Vicki will be reporting to Council and the community on the work they are doing as a response to the needs of children.

IMMUNISATION DAYS

Cockburn City Council has a comprehensive immunisation programme available to adults and children of the district on the following days (Public Holidays excepted):

*Tuesdays —
Memorial Hall, Hamilton Hill
11.30am - 12 noon*

*ALTERNATE THURSDAYS —
Child Health Care
Centres at:*

*Coolbellup, Cordelia Avenue
South Lake, South Lake Drive
Yangebup Community Centre,
Swallow Drive
11.30am - 12 noon.*

FRIDAYS —

*Civic Centre Hall, Spearwood.
11.30am - 12 noon.*

Keep your copy of Cockburn Sounding close to the phone

HERE'S WHAT YOU GET FOR YOUR RATES

The question on every ratepayers lips is "What do I get for my rates?"

The City Treasurer has compiled a breakdown of the budgeted expenditure for 1990/91 to enable you to answer this all-important question.

Several factors should be considered when interpreting the figures shown:

- All figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar.
- All figures are nett figures i.e. the balance which is required to be raised after deducting any income

received. For example, the amount required to be spent on halls has been reduced by hire charges received, expenditure on road construction has been reduced by Government grants received, transfers from Reserve Fund and loans have been deducted etc.

The figure shown is the amount to be met by the ratepayer.

- A figure of 17,800 ratepayers has been used (which includes vacant land). Gross figures have been divided by 17,800 to arrive at the figures shown.

1990/91 BUDGET		— RATES \$ SPENT	
	\$		\$
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	105	• Reserves Capital Works (Develop, Retic, Play equip.)	29
• Councillors	11	• Changerooms on Reserves	7
• Admin. Department incl. Bldg.	57	South Lake Recreation Centre	52
• Finance & Computing	37	TRANSPORT	229
LAW ORDER PUBLIC SAFETY	22	• Street lights	18
• Fire Protection	17	• Roads, drains, paths, verge maintenance	53
• Animal Control	4	• Roads, drains, paths, verge Construction	133
• Other (CVES, CSS Rescue etc)	1	• Road plant	25
EDUCATION	1	ECONOMIC SERVICES	3
• Kindergartens	1	• Building Control	7
• Donations Schools	1	• Caravan Parks (Naval Base, Coogee)	-4
HEALTH	17	OTHER PROPERTY AND SERVICES	9
• Clinics & Immunisation	3	• Plant & Tools	9
• Inspection & Admin.	12	FUND TRANSFERS	56
• Pest Control (Midge)	2	• Rubbish Development (\$350,000)	20
WELFARE	6	• Admin. Bldg. Fund (\$650,000)	36
• Family Day Care, A.S.C Aboriginal Liaison Officer Juvenile Justice, Southern Suburbs, H.A.C.C. Cockburn/Melville	Grants 1	FINANCE AND BORROWING	40
• Senior Citizens Centre	1	• Loan repayments	40
• Senior Community Services Off. Community Development Officer	5	S.600 (M.G.B's) covered by levy — \$450,000	812
Scheme Admin. Costs	5		
HOUSING		\$812 x 17,800 = \$14,453,600	
• Staff & Rental		Say = \$14,454,000	
COMMUNITY AMENITIES	127		
• Rubbish Collection & Disposal (Inc. Tip) but not levy, inc. Rehabilitation old Tip	105		
• Town Planning	19		
• Stormwater drainage	1		
• Environment Studies	1		
• Bus shelters	1		
RECREATION AND CULTURE	197		
• Public halls/Civic Centre	7		
• Beaches	3		
• Libraries	42		
• Other Culture (Music Shell, Azelia Ley)	2		
• Public Toilets	6		
• Joe Cooper	4		
• Sportsgrounds Maintenance	19		
• Parks & Playground Maint.	26		



LIBRARY DOUBLES

Remember, Spearwood Public Library closes for stocktaking from February 18-March 5. You may borrow up to double the normal loan limit from Coolbellup Public Library during the stocktake.

NEW ZONING SCHEME WILL PROTECT AMENITIES

District Zoning Scheme No.2 awaits final approval of the Hon. Minister for Planning after completing an extensive public participation period. Many submissions from the public were included in the Town Planning Scheme which has been in the process of investigation for the past ten years.

District Zoning Scheme No.2 relates to all land within the municipality. The Scheme divides the land up into categories of zones and resources and controls land uses within those categories.

The zones in the Scheme take the following format —

1. Residential
2. Commercial
3. Light Industry
4. General Industry
5. Industry Dry Area
6. Noxious Industry
7. Special Industry A
8. Special Industry B
9. Rural Zone
10. Special Rural
11. Building Envelope

The Residential Zone incorporates the Residential Planning Codes gazetted in 1985. These Codes endeavour to set down guidelines for residential development which would protect the residential amenity of the areas.

Industrial zones will separate uses which are incompatible with other uses and combine them in one area. The Environmental Standards will remain paramount in the consideration of Industrial Uses.

The reserves are divided into regional and local reserves intended to provide protection of areas that are of environmental significance. At the same time active recreational reserves will be provided to serve the community.



■ Four-wheeled help in the library

Library trolleys

Cockburn Public Libraries have recently introduced special lightweight trolleys (pictured left) for the use of clients at both the Spearwood and Coolbellup Public Libraries.

These trolleys consist of a basket in a metal frame mounted on castors and can easily be wheeled around the shelves while books are being selected. They are particularly useful for the elderly or parents with children in arms.

Henderson Landfill

The new landfill site was opened in March 1990 in Henderson. The tipsite is located off Rockingham Road between Hurst Road and Dalison Avenue. This tipsite has been lined with 2.5mm thick heavy duty polyethylene which prevents any leachate from escaping from the site. This is the first lined site in Australia used for municipal waste disposal. It shows a commitment by the Council and its ratepayers to protect the environment and in particular the underground water aquifer in the area.

Keep us informed

Council relies on organisations listed in the Information Directory to advise of any changes to the details published.

Changes must be notified in writing and forwarded to Council before May 31 each year to ensure correct listing.

RANGER ALAN IS ONE OF THE TEAM

Cockburn now has four Rangers on its staff, including its first trainee Aboriginal Ranger, Alan Davis, grandson of prominent Aboriginal playwright, Jack Davis.

Alan has qualified to join Rangers Roy Beresford and Brian Cairns, plus recent appointment Jim Johnson.

Rangers play a vital role in local government law enforcement: their work can vary from cleaning out the dog pound, to the issuing of infringement notices, to representing Council in court.

It is not always an easy job, but the experience and enthusiasm of the Cockburn quartet provides the local community with an effective and cheerful service.

Save it, in '91

Council's new verge pick-up home recycling scheme begins in March. Remember, recycling reduces pressure on Council's landfill site, and helps to conserve trees, energy and other natural resources.

Please, make recycling a priority in 1991 by supporting the Council scheme.

Speeding on Roads

There has been growing concern about speeding traffic in our area. Residents in Hamilton Road, Spearwood Avenue, Progress Drive, Bibra Drive, Yangebup Road, Barrington Street and Casserley Drive have all complained to the Police about the

amount of speeding and have requested the Council to provide traffic management devices on these roads. Plans are being prepared on the schemes.

Unfortunately, these measures are only effective if the travelling public shows courtesy and observes the revised speed limits. Education of the public to travel within the specified speed limit is the ultimate answer.

Yangebup/Beeliar Roads

It has been recommended that the new Yangebup Road realignment which will be south of the existing Yangebup Road should be called Beeliar Road.

The City of Cockburn has a commitment to connect this road from the Kwinana Freeway to Hammond Road. Negotiations for the purchase of the land required are proceeding and it is hoped that the road will be constructed by the time the freeway is completed.

Playground Equipment

Playground equipment has been ordered and will be installed on the following parks; Young Place Reserve and Bakers Square Reserve in Hamilton Hill, Warthwyke Park in Yangebup, MacFaul Park in Spearwood, Monaco Park in North Lake, Eliza Cave Reserve off Bibra Drive in Bibra Lake and Bolderwood Park in South Lake.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: TEN STEPS TO SECURITY

1. Join the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in your area.
2. Engrave your personal property.
3. Have your house number clearly displayed.
4. Trim trees and shrubs from around your windows.
5. Secure your meter box.
6. Fit solid doors to front and rear of your home, and install double cylinder deadlocks. Also, fit locks to windows.
7. Fit security screen doors.
8. Install movement activated lights around your home.
9. Lock all tools away in your shed with a good padlock.
10. Install a burglar alarm system as a last resort.