

Cockburn Soundings

cockburn's masterpiece



ABC Radio's Drive Programme has been calling for nominations on Perth's best public artwork. Andrew Wenzel, ABC reporter, went to the streets of Perth to find our best bit of public art.

Cockburn resident John Longley, an ABC listener, believes this statue is the best piece of public art in Perth.

Longley says the bronze statue is unique because it is in the ocean. The sculpture was owned by Tony Jones in 1999 and commissioned by the City of Cockburn.

"Charles Yelverton O'Connor, pioneer civil engineer, is a great hero of WA because he was a major contributor in both Fremantle and Western Australia," Mr Longley said.

ABC reporter Wenzel says another nomination was the tapestry at The Constitutional Centre. The winning images of the C Y O'Connor sculpture are on the ABC website, courtesy of the City of Cockburn.

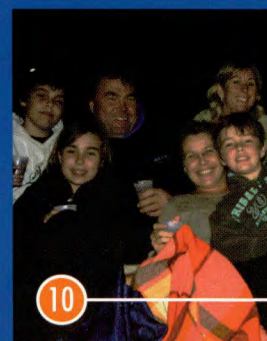
Go to <http://www.abc.net.au/perth/stories/s1880073.htm>

City of Cockburn Public artworks and Drive Thru Art Gallery programmes are full of wonderful attractions for all to enjoy. For a list of locations, visit the City of Cockburn website www.cockburn.wa.gov.au.

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You should see what's new in store



BLOOM, STEAK, STACK!

There's 3 new stores at Cockburn Gateway Shopping City. Now we have fabulous fresh flowers, choice cuts and places for absolutely everything .

Come and welcome these retailers to our happy family. There are 3 new reasons to shop at Cockburn Gateway Shopping City, and we have even more in store...



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mayor's message

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Easter and got to spend some quality time with family and friends, maybe even enjoy one of our family movie nights at Manning Park.

There have been a number of good developments as well as some disappointing ones in recent months.

You may have seen in the media last month the temporary closure of our household compost facility at the Resource Recovery Centre in Canning Vale, which prevents the emission of 180 000 tonnes of greenhouse gases each year.

The closure occurred after a number of significant odour complaints from the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council's Resource Recovery Centre. It is important that these odours are addressed and any necessary maintenance or upgrades preformed as soon as possible. We fully support the recycling facility and the benefits it has for improving waste management and all our futures. We expect the necessary improvements will not take too long and the facility will be operational within the next few months.

On a more positive note, our developments designed with sustainability principles are moving ahead. We've seen the recent approval of the Cockburn Central Detailed Area Plan. This development has been designed as a transit-orientated focus around the new Cockburn Rail and Bus Transfer Station.

The Draft North Coogee Management Plan has been compiled and is open for public comment. Comments may be forwarded to Ecoscape, PO Box 50 North Fremantle WA 6159 or by email to: davidk@ecoscape.com.au. Copies of the document are available at Council Libraries and at www.cockburn.wa.gov.au.

As always, if you have anything you'd like to tell us about please don't hesitate to contact me or your local councillor.

Stephen Lee.
Mayor.



youth active programme

Applications for the Youth Active Programme – Winter Sports 2007 are now closed.

Applications for all year round sports such as dance, karate, gymnastics etc are still accepted.

For more information please contact the Recreation Services Coordinator on 9411 3438.

Can't afford to play sport?



the great beach challenge

When the sun is shining and the day is heating up, there's no better place to be than the beach. That's exactly what local school kids did at the City's annual Coogee Beach Festival on the 18th of March 2007. Thirty year 7 students from five local primary schools competed in a series of fun beach challenges.



This year the Coogee Beach Festival attracted more than 8,000. Each year the City holds this event as the finale of the Summer of Fun Season.

This year the Coogee Beach Festival included beach ball dodge, sand-scraper building, old favourite, the Sao biscuit scoff and the sand castle competition.



City of Cockburn's Youth Programmes & Activities Officer, Paul De Bruin, says yet again the event proved to be a huge success.

"This year's Coogee Beach Challenge was awesome with 5 schools taking part - all after the \$500 voucher for their school."

The competition was closely contested with Yangebup Primary taking final line honours and winning the grand prize. Coogee Primary took out second place and Newton Primary took out third place.

If you missed this year's Coogee Beach Challenge and Festival, make sure you head down next year to catch this fantastic event.

kulunga waabin:

aboriginal kids & parents group in coolbellup

A new playgroup has started in Coolbellup - Kulunga Waabin. This playgroup is for Aboriginal families in Cockburn, specifically for Aboriginal children aged 0 - 3 years.

Kulunga Waabin is part of the Kids Across Cultures Project and the Indigenous Parent Support Project, coordinated by Cockburn's CHEYAG - Coolbellup/Hamilton Hill Early Years Action Group. The project has received a lot of support with funding from the Department of Community Development.

Health professionals in the Cockburn area, such as community health nurses, local schools and parents, identified the need for this group. The programme will be semi-structured learning and will help children get used to some of the routines and activities that may take place in kindy or pre-primary school.

A parent, grandparent or family member should attend with each child. A bus is available for pick up and drop offs to some areas.

The project is supported by the City of Cockburn, Pineview Community Kindy and the Coolbellup/Hamilton Hill Early Years Action Group (CHEYAG).

For more information contact Pineview Community Kindy on 9337 5089 or Joan at the City of Cockburn 0408 938 693.



YAC get a taste of the bigger issues

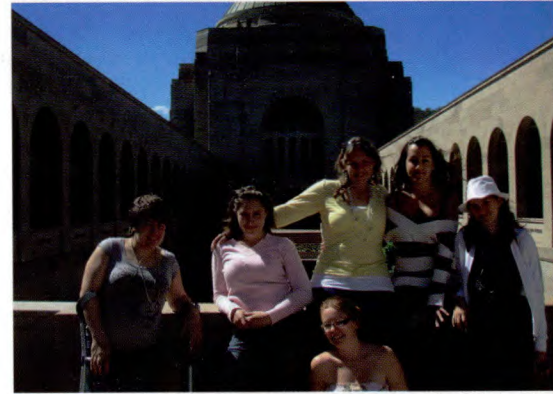
Six Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) members got a taste of federal politics in the national's capital last month.

The YAC delegates toured Parliament House and met Senator Rachel Siewert of the Greens Party and Simone Want – Policy Advisor to the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull. Members discussed their concerns about climate change and the export of uranium to countries which are not signatories to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

All six attended two public hearings at Parliament House conducted by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aging Committee and the Joint Standing Committee of Treaties.

The delegates were fortunate enough to visit sights of significance including the Australian War Memorial, the High Court, Duntroon Military College, Old Parliament House and the Australian Institute of Sport.

Get involved with the YAC and have your voice heard by becoming a member. For more information contact the City's Youth Services Coordinator, Mary, on 9411 3447 or apply at www.cockburn.wa.gov.au



youth centre gets the green



The Cockburn Youth Centre tender to commence works was passed at the April 12 Council meeting. The facility will be a two-storey 2350m² building near Gateways shopping centre and Cockburn Central, off Beeliar Drive.

The multitude of features of this state of the art facility includes:

Multipurpose performance space/ indoor recreation; accessible stage | a hang out informal lounge area | a multiuse activity space/ creche | training/ computer room | multi media space | jam/ music room | kitchen | outdoor area | amphitheatre for outdoor events and performances | barbecue area | landscaped garden

The Cockburn Youth Centre will co-locate existing Cockburn Youth Services, Youthreach South (a new Department of Health service specific to the needs of young people with mental health issues) the Strong Families Project Coordinator for the region and other relevant youth organisations.

Stephen Cain, CEO, said: The Youth Centre will provide access to skills development (educational, social and personal) through organised programmes and activities. It will also provide access to a safe and supported neutral environment where young people can “drop in”, meet informally and have the opportunity to pursue and showcase their skills and talents through a wide range of recreational activities and programmes.

“This includes break out rooms and areas for youth to practice musical instruments, arts and recreation. This exciting development is due to start within one month and is another example of the City's commitment to improving community facilities for youth,” Mr Cain said.

thanking our cockburn volunteers

'There are two kinds of people in the world - those who are always getting ready to do something, and those who go ahead and do it.' Elbert Hubbard

The City of Cockburn greatly values all its Volunteers so we've taken this opportunity to acknowledge their efforts.



annual spring fair – call out for stall holders

Are you a craftsperson or artist? A community or sporting group which would like to fundraise? Or maybe a performing group or local business?

If so, we want you, as a stallholder for Cockburn's Annual Rotary Spring Fair.

Stallholders are required for this fun and fastidious event and for a small cost you can sell, fundraise, perform or promote your business to the whole Cockburn community.

Concerned about insurance? Don't worry, the Spring Fair committee has organised insurance to cover uninsured stallholders, so there's no reason why you shouldn't apply for this years Rotary Spring Fair.

Applications and enquiries can be made to Beven Goodreid on 9418 6233 or e-mail Beven; b.goodreid@westnet.com.au or the City's Cultural Development Coordinator on 9411 3433 or e-mail Cassandra@cockburn.wa.gov.au



The Cockburn Volunteer Resource Centre (VRC) is the Volunteer hub of Cockburn. It's the place you can go to get all the information you need to know about volunteering in your community. The VRC offers a number of programmes such as the Very Important Volunteer (VIV) Programme and the Breakfast Club.

Very Important Volunteer (VIV)

The VIV Program is a 'reward programme' to thank our volunteers. When volunteers register with the Programme, they receive a VIV Card, enabling them to receive discounts at participating Cockburn businesses.

Registered Cockburn Businesses which are part of the programme, encourage the local community to shop local and support our volunteers. Businesses participating in the programme offer discounts of up to 10% off to VIV cardholders. This unique programme truly supports local businesses, as they support our volunteers.

The Breakfast Club

This programme strives to ensure kids are getting a good start to the day by providing them with a healthy breakfast. This program has been successful in achieving its goal of helping our younger generation start the day right.

The Breakfast Club runs from several Primary Schools in Cockburn. A good breakfast for each child ensures he or she has energy to work well in school. The Volunteer Resource Centre is always looking for more volunteers to help in spreading this great idea and making it a part of every child's morning.

Volunteers are needed to help run this programme. If you're interested in taking part in the Breakfast Club or would like to register for the VIV Programme, please contact the Cockburn VRC on 9411 3490 or e-mail lgallagher@cockburn.wa.gov.au

seniors' bulletin board – may 2007

presented by the regional seniors' group

seniors' club calendar

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
9.30am Probus Club of Cockburn Phone Jack on 9337 4441	9am to 3pm Cockburn Senior Citizens. Phone Mavis on 9337 3772	9am to 3pm Cockburn Senior Citizens. Phone Mavis on 9337 3772	9am to 3pm Cockburn Senior Citizens. Phone Mavis on 9337 3772	11.45am to 2.30pm Atwell Over 50s. Phone Lorna on 9418 4296
10am to 12noon St Jeromes Seniors. Phone Lucy on 9418 1630	10am to 1pm Cockburn Prime Timers. Phone Val on 9337 1680		9.30am to 12 noon Coolbellup Leisure Club. Phone Pat on 9417 4059	
1pm to 3pm South Lake Seniors. Phone Doris on 9414 5772			12am to 2.30pm fortnightly Southwell Friendship Club. Phone Mim on 9418 3536	

upcoming events

FREE Health and Fitness Classes

If you're over 50 and living in Cockburn, come and join these classes. This is a great opportunity to get fit as well as keep the aches and pains away while you're having fun. The activities are specialised for seniors, self-paced, fully guided and supervised. Each course will run for 1 hour for 4 weeks.

For bookings and enquiries please contact the Leisure Centre's reception on 9417 3003.

Places are limited, so sign up early to get a spot.

WHERE South Lakes Leisure Centre
90 South Lake Drive, Southlake

WHEN TERM 1 starts 23 April until 23 May

Monday
21/5, 28/5,
11/6, 18/6

YOGA - gentle stretches and relaxation techniques for men and women.

Wednesday
30/5, 6/6,
13/6, 20/6

AQUAROBICS - low impact workout in the swimming pool to increase fitness.

Friday
25/5, 1/6,
8/6, 15/6

GYM CIRCUIT - intro to use gym equipment to tone the body and improve cardio fitness.



monsters and pirates invade manning park

Kids of Cockburn were treated to free movie nights at Manning Park during the April school holidays. Kids had scares and adventures with the movies *Monster House* and *Pirates of the Caribbean – Dead Man’s Chest*.

The City’s Cultural Development Coordinator, Cassandra Cooper, organised the events and said the movie nights were always a popular family event.

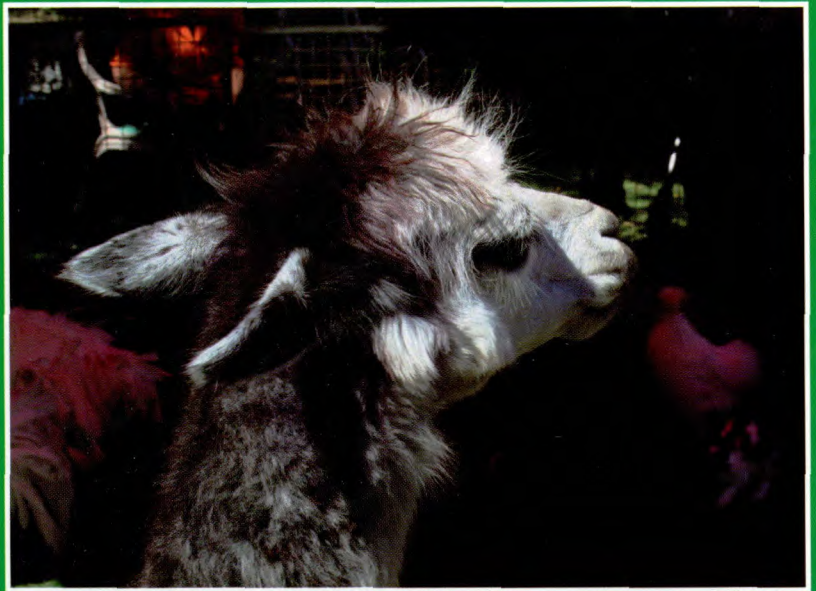
‘The free screenings are a great family outing and as it’s not always easy finding things to do for the kids on school holidays, hopefully families enjoyed the films’

Around 1000 families enjoyed the evening setting at Manning Park and the first 500 people scored a free sausage sizzle. The City hopes to provide more movie nights at Manning Park in the warmer seasons.

Mayor Stephen Lee says family movie nights at Manning Park are a terrific way to spend family time with friends and their fellow Cockburn community.

‘I look forward to seeing you all in the near future at other Manning Park movie nights,’ said Stephen Lee.





health tips from cockburn...

information for petting zoo enthusiasts

Petting Zoos are now a common site at local shopping centers, fairs and fetes and enjoyed by children and adults of all ages. Most petting zoo's offer the public a chance to feed a bottle of milk to a piglet or lamb, or maybe hold a hamster or guinea pig while they nibble happily on the end of a carrot.

With their popularity in mind, the Department of Health has put together a set of 'Petting Zoo Guidelines' that aim to provide health advice to zoo operators and visitors in WA.

The guidelines provide practical advice to avoid contracting 'zoonoses' - diseases that can be transmitted from animals to humans by direct and indirect contact. Animals may look well while carrying harmful infections that can be pass on.



As a visitor to a petting zoo, it's recommended that you remember to:

- Not touch your mouth or lick your fingers
- Don't kiss or press animals to your face
- Don't eat while handling animals
- Do wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm running water after handling animals, their food containers and enclosures
- Do wash children's toy or dummies if they have come in contact with the animals or the floor.

Operators should provide hand-washing facilities (or an alcohol-based cleansing lotion) for patrons and offer reminders to parents to ensure children wash their hands properly.

For further information contact the City's Health Services on 9411 3589 or access a free copy of guidelines at:

www.health.wa.gov.au/envirohealth/hazards/docs/Pet_Zoo_Guidelines.pdf



an interview with mrs jessica bradshaw, long time user of the coolbellup library.

When did you join the library?

We joined the library the first week we moved into the suburb, 14 years ago. Having a library in the suburb was a major influence on our deciding to buy in Coolbellup.

Did you use a library as a child?

Yes all the time. My mother and grandmother always took me to the library, it was just part of growing up like 'roasts on Sundays'.

What is your favourite children's book?

"Duck in a Truck" by Jez Alborough is the family's favourite book. The kids just roar with laughter every time we read it together. The illustrations are fabulous and the rhymes, delicious.

How did you introduce your children to your local library?

We brought the kids to Coolbellup Library Story Time sessions. My son Peter got his first library card when he was three weeks old.

When they were old enough they joined in with story time. My Mum used to bring the kids up to the

library as something fun she could do with her grand kids. Story Time is also a great opportunity for mothers to meet and get to know each other before their children start school.

Now that the children are going to school, what do they enjoy most in their local library?

The Internet is a huge draw-card. Ben uses it for research for school projects and both of the boys love the computer games too. I can easily monitor what they are accessing and staff are always on hand to give a little help if needed. Our family also makes great use of the kid's music collection and all the terrific books and DVDs, especially in the school holidays and it's all FREE.

What is your all-time favourite book?

"Cross Stitch" by Diana Gabaldon is a terrific read and so is "Outlander" by the same author. I read so many books that I couldn't possibly buy all that I want, if I did my house would be floor to ceiling books.

Do you have suggestions about ways in which the library can be of more benefit to your community?

I think the Coolbellup Library does a fabulous job. It is the first place I go if I need information. Library staff are really friendly, and the library gives us a happy and relaxed place to visit. All in all I love my library.



*coming soon to
the library...*

MAY

Library and Information Week Library Orientation

Feel lost in the library? Come along to an orientation session and find out how your library's organised and how to find a specific item.

Climate Change

Confused about the climate change issue. Find out about the latest scientific facts as they relate to Australia and what you can do to help.

JUNE

Spirituality Cafe

Join the Venerable Hue Can from Sunyata Community and Meditation Centre for a meditation session and some Buddhist stories.

Pram Jams

Join in the clapping, tapping, wiggling and jiggling! Fun nursery rhyme sessions for babies, mums, dads and grandparents!

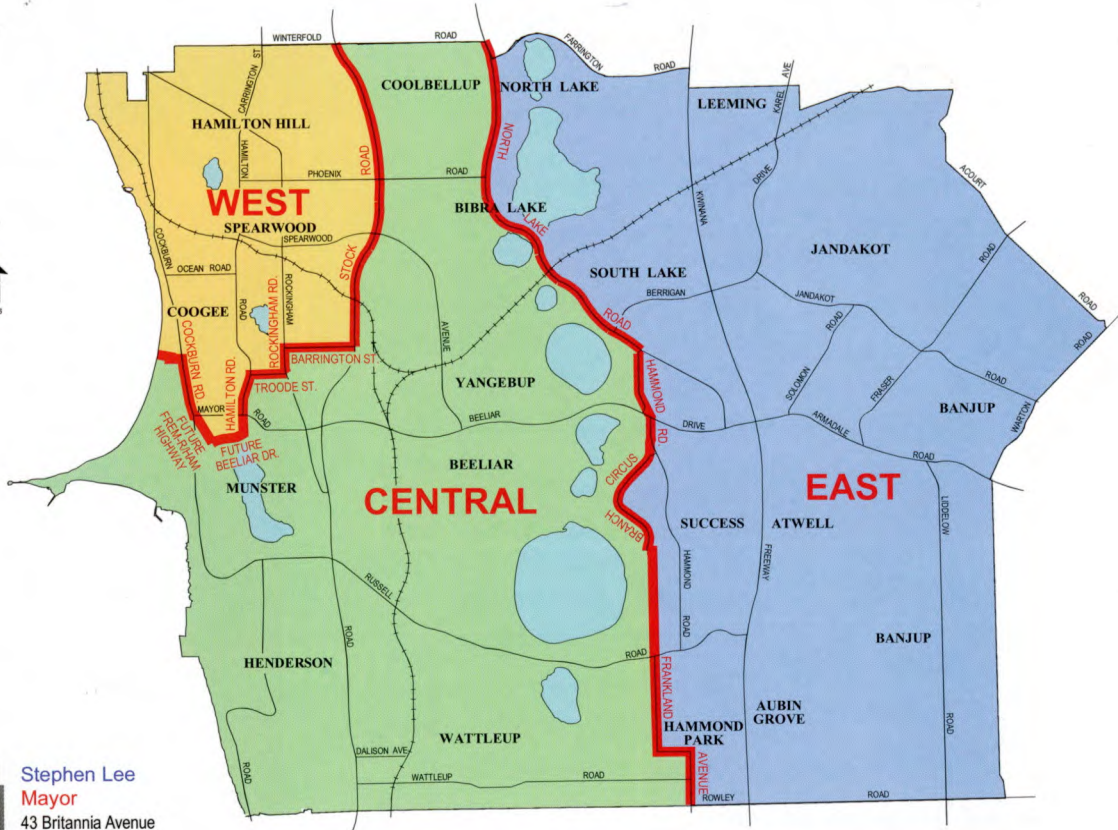
JULY

School Holidays

Celebrate the release of the final Harry Potter book with us! 2 weeks of magical fun @ your libraries

Contact your library for information about these events and for bookings:

Spearwood Library 9411 3491
Success Library 9414 5599
Coolbellup Library 9314 1695



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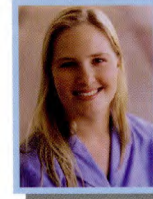
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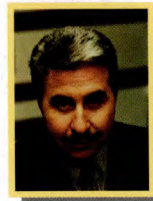
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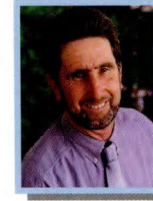
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