

# COCKBURN SOUNDINGS

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## *City Nominated in Prime Minister's Employer of The Year Awards*

The City of Cockburn has been nominated for the 1998 Prime Minister's Employer of the Year Awards with the winners from each state to be announced after the Federal Election.

South Metropolitan Personnel nominated the Council for the prestigious nation-wide award because they recently gave several young people with disabilities the opportunity to secure employment.

There are now three young people working, Natasha Grigoletto as an administration assistant for Community Services, Megan Grant as a library assistant at Spearwood Library, and Daniel Piggin who commenced work this week with Council's Aged and Disabled Services as a gardener.

Council has committed to giving all three people traineeships, not just employment opportunities.

Daniel will also attend TAFE to complete a Certificate of Horticulture II – Gardening and Natasha and Megan are completing Small Business traineeships on the job, but will also attend several courses during the term of their traineeships.

"We also nominated the City for these awards because of their



*Megan Grant, Jacqui Croon, Cockburn HR manager Allen Graham, Natasha Grigoletto and Daniel Piggin*

flexibility and positive attitude towards employing people with a disability," SMP (South Metropolitan Personnel) Managing Director Roy Smith said.

SMP's Employment Co-ordinator Jacqui Croon said that Council originally committed to two full time positions for people with disabilities and showed flexibility when some young people had difficulty coping with full time work, by offering them part time work.

"They also gave other opportunities to people with disabilities in other departments

within Council," she said.

Both Natasha and Megan are enjoying their newly found jobs immensely and their general skills and confidence have blossomed since starting, while Daniel is eager about the challenge of completing a traineeship.

The Council decided to employ people with disabilities after a recommendation from its Disability Services Advisory Committee and to keep in line with current equal employee standards.

**Look out for your City Of Cockburn 1999 Calendar of Events  
coming soon in the Cockburn Gazette!**

**The City of Cockburn is now in the Internet.  
Visit our web site at [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au)**



# New Play Equipment

**T**wo new pieces of play equipment replicating a skateboard half pipe type activity and the other a downhill skiing type work, have been installed at MacFaul Park, Spearwood, by the City of Cockburn.

Cockburn Council Parks Services commissioned Brisbane company Play Works to manufacture and install the innovative and dynamic new play equipment.

Both units can be accessed from Melun Street and are specifically designed for older children and young adults.

"These are the first installations of this style of equipment aimed specifically at teenagers and older kids in Perth and if they prove popular and are responsibly used, they will certainly not be the last," City of Cockburn Parks Engineer Rob Jack said.

"The downhill skiing unit gives your hips and waist a really good work out and is great fun," teenager



*Rachel Patterson tries out the new play equipment at MacFaul Park.*

Rachel Patterson said.

Mr Jack said the Council's Parks Service was keen to get feedback on these activities and those recently installed at Anning Park, South Lake. Contact the Engineering Customer Services Officers on 9411 3543 with any comments.

## INCENTIVE SCHEME A WINNER



*Incentive Scheme participants enjoy a dip at the South Lake Leisure Centre*

**I**n July 1996 the South Lake Leisure Centre introduced an incentive scheme to encourage children to remain in the Swim School programs. The incentive scheme had a two-year life span and proved a great success.

As children progressed in their lessons they were each rewarded with numerous one to one free lessons to help any problem they may have had.

"More than 70 children received the final reward and we are considering re-introducing the scheme next year," Swim School Co-ordinator Lari

McDonald said.

Each child received a letter of recognition and achievement certificate and a swim card for 10 free entries to the pool.

"This gave them the advantage of continuity and showed a great improvement in their swimming ability as a result," Mrs McDonald said.

"It was fantastic because what frequently happens is children have lessons then take an extended break and regress in their swimming."

If you or your family is interested in swim lessons or any other recreational activities ranging from ballet to aerobics and gym work-outs contact South Lake Leisure Centre on 9417 3003. There's something there for everyone.

- **Watch out for South Lake Leisure Centre's Open Day on December 5th.**

**The City of Cockburn keeps you informed of all the latest events, Council services and facilities fortnightly in the Cockburn Gazette.**



# The Common Health Games

1,100 aged people were living testimony to what can be achieved if you believe enough over four days of friendly competition at the 1998 BURSWOOD COMMON HEALTH GAMES.

The City of Cockburn's South Lake Leisure Centre won the right to host the games this year which were opened by former Olympic gold medallist and 2000 Olympic Committee delegate Shirley Dela Hunty and special guest Graham Maybury on Tuesday October 6th.

Seniors competed in modified sporting events in the company of former Olympians, Members of Parliament and other Community personalities each day from 11am to 3pm from Tuesday October 6 through to Friday October 9th.

Seven teams from Home and Community Care programs throughout WA including the inaugural team from Esperance competed with the "Cockburn Eagles" who put in a strong performance. They were spurred on by their banner which has an Olympic theme this year.

This year's entertainment line-up was great fun with the Red Nex Bootscooters, Ayesha and the Desert Stars bellydancers, and Kay's Clogging Group!

"The Common Health Games" are anything but common, with all competitors aged

## Where the Seniors Action Is



The Cockburn Eagles, looking to go one better in 1998 after being runners-up last year, seen here at the medal presentation in 1997.

between 55 and 100 years old, they make the disabled feel able, the old feel young and everyone who attends feel great," Games organiser Dave McLaurin who is also the co-ordinator for Aged and Disabled Services said.

The event was free, and open to the public to support local seniors or bring elderly family members and friends to experience the unique camaraderie of the Games.

## Children's Book Week Winners

As part of Coolbellup Library's Children's Book Week programme of events an illustrating competition was conducted amongst three local schools.

The schools invited to participate were Coolbellup Primary School, Koorilla Primary School and North Lake Primary. Over 300 entries were received, and winning entries were selected in three age categories and a special art category. The winners were;

Junior Age 6 to 7	Winner - Kayla Farrell 2nd Prize - Dianna Farrell
Intermediate Age 8 to 9	Winner - Americo Fernandez Second Price - Jodi Carley
Senior Age 10 to 12	Winner - Ebony Hinemoa Rakatu Second Prize - Adam Field
Special Category Age 8 to 9	Winner - Ashlee Brand Second Prize - George Ford



Coolbellup Librarian Natarsha Larmont having fun during Children's Book Week.

All winning entries were selected for outstanding creative work and outstanding or creative story writing. A special presentation of award and prizes was held at the Coolbellup Library on Thursday, August 27. Storyteller Gel Swift presented the children with their awards, following his story telling performance which was attended by local families.

The Children's Book Week activities also included visits by several authors, who spoke to classes from the participating schools.



## COCKBURN ROTARY Spring Fair Programme

### DAYTIME STAGE

10:00am	TUG- O- WAR
11:00am	THE CITY OF COCKBURN PIPE BAND
11:45am	SOUTH LAKES PUMP AEROBICS
12:00am	"CUZCATLAN" – Salvadorean Dancers
12:45am	"PRIME MOVERS" – Seniors in Action
1:00pm	"TANYA & JARRETT" – Contemporary Pop Duo
1:30pm	BALLET – Dance & Choreographic Network
1:45pm	HILLBILLIES BOOT SCOOTERS
2:00pm	ANTONIO ZAGARI & STACEY WILLIAMS Ballroom Dancers – World Cup Winners
2:30pm	JOLLETES GYMNASTICS
3:00pm	"WHAK" - Wild & Wonderful Rhythms from Around the World
4:15pm	HAMILTON HILL SWING BAND

### EVENING CONCERT AT THE MUSIC SHELL

6:00pm	"MOORDITJ JINNA" - Contemporary Aboriginal Dancers
6:30pm	<b>TIDDAS</b> (Smoke free area available)
8:00pm	FIREWORKS

### "SEA CREATURES MARQUEE" Free Activities for Kids 8 Years & Under

11:00 – 11:45am	"CRY OF THE SEA DRAGON" An enchanting journey into the depths of the sea Puppetry performance by Sandi McKendrick & Ulli Keck
12:30 – 2:30pm	"CREATE YOUR OWN CREATURES" Hands on workshops with "Animates" puppeteers
3:00 – 3:45pm	"CRY OF THE SEA DRAGON" An enchanting journey into the depths of the sea Puppetry performance by Sandi McKendrick & Ulli Keck

# IT'S BACK, IT'S BETTER,

# AND IT'S

# BIGGER

# FOR 1998!

## Cry of the Seadragon



*An  
enchanting  
journey  
into the  
depths of  
the sea.*

A child finds a seadragon skeleton on the beach and asks "What is this, where does it come from, why did it die?" These questions were the inspiration that started the dream of creating a puppetry performance.

Cry of the Seadragon is an interactive puppetry performance which takes the audience on a fascinating journey into the underwater world. Audiences are introduced to various sea creatures and encouraged to use their own imagination and intuition, as Lilly searches for the elusive sea dragon. The puppets are beautifully crafted from natural materials.

With Cry of the Seadragon, the puppeteers create a performance that transcends language barriers and can be enjoyed by both young and old.



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The State of Western Australia has made an investment in this project through ArtsWA in association with the Lotteries Commission

## Whak

Whak is a maelstrom of colour, action and sound. Whak perform an exciting mix of vibrant percussive based music, played on a huge range of unusual instruments including three huge meggadrams, timbales, udu, didgeridoo, chord-o-phone and even three motorised drumming bikes!

Whak's music draws on influences from African, Brazilian, Cuban, Japanese and Indian music.

Their infectious rhythms and theatrical instrument design will captivate you. Visual, extravagant and even a little bent, Whak are a feast for the eyes, ears and the mind!



## TIDDAS



In the six years they have been together, the women of Tiddas, Sally Dastey, Lou Bennet and Amy Saunders, have distinguished themselves as a trio of rare power and honesty. Their incredible musical talent and effortless exuberance and enthusiasm have enabled Tiddas to carve a unique niche within the music industry, achieving great success both in Australia and abroad.

Their first recording, Inside My Kitchen, a modest EP, proved an instant success, and saw Tiddas receive two finalist nominations for "Best New Talent" and "Best Indigenous Record" at the 1992 ARIA Awards. The release of their debut album Sing About Life (which has achieved Gold Status) further consolidated their growing popularity. The album was acknowledged by the music industry and their peers when Tiddas were rewarded with a prestigious ARIA Award in 1994.

Catch Tiddas, sponsored by Healthway, live on stage at the Cockburn Spring Fair Evening Concert.



# Smokefree WA

Healthway



# Council Now Manages Lakes

The City of Cockburn Council has recently taken over management of Yangebup and Little Rush Lakes which were previously managed by the WA Planning Commission.

This came about as a result of a management plan for the reserves by Council's Environmental Services, and lengthy negotiations with the WAPC over funding for capital works associated with the implementation of the plan.

A substantial level of funding for works has been committed by the WAPC with matching funding from the City.

"A five year capital works program has commenced which will see these funds used for pathways, signs, re-vegetation, weed control, fencing, community facilities and environmental management," City of Cockburn's Environmental Services Manager Darren Walsh said.

Mr Walsh said that in order to gain community input and involvement in the works and the management of the lakes, the City recently formed a community liaison committee that is comprised of local residents.

"This committee works with Council to provide ideas and feedback on community issues and priorities in relation to the management of the lakes," he said.

One of the key priorities highlighted by the committee is to raise community awareness of the



*An aerial view of the wetlands region now managed by the City of Cockburn.*

conservation values of the lakes to encourage community involvement in their management.

"I would urge the community to utilise both Little Rush and Yangebup Lakes as a recreational resource and become involved in the management of the reserves," Mr Walsh said.

Council is keen to hear from members of the community who are interested in becoming involved or who have any ideas they would like to pass on in relation to the management of the lakes. Interested people can contact the City of Cockburn's Environmental Services by telephoning 9411 3505.

## Co'Info the Way of The Future

The City of Cockburn Public Library & Information Service recently launched Co'Info, a new community information database which can be accessed by a simple phone call.

By phoning the Co'Info Hotline on telephone 9411 3553, people will be linked to a Librarian in the Spearwood Public Library.

Callers just have to name the topic which they require information about and the contact details and other information about the topic will be obtained from the database.

The Co' Info database was compiled and researched thoroughly over the past 12 months and consists of an extensive list of community, private and government groups and agencies.



*Librarians Clive Crocker and Linda Seymour with City Librarian Duncan Furphy.*

"The database is extremely comprehensive and even more importantly very current and services listed range from Alcoholics Anonymous to child care centres, schools and sporting groups as well as all services and facilities provided by the City of Cockburn and the State and Federal governments," City Librarian Duncan Furphy said.

Co'Info was opened by North Ward Councillor Laurie Humphreys with City Librarian Duncan Furphy paying tribute to Council's Library and Information Technology staff who put Co'Info together.



# City of Cockburn Youth Consultation Forum

On a stormy, rainy evening, more than 30 young people attended a Youth forum held at the Civic Centre on Tuesday July 28th 1998. This was the finale of an extensive three-month youth consultation conducted by the City of Cockburn with young people all over the City.

The consultation included school workshops, shopping centre promotions, video interviews, a questionnaire and a youth photojournalism project.

"The Youth Forum was held to explore in greater depth some of the issues raised by young people during the consultation," City of Cockburn Youth Services Coordinator Pamela Parkin said.

She said that the young people who participated gave special consideration to the design of a town centre and environmentally friendly coastal recreation.

Other workshops looked at the image of young people in the community, youth services development and gender issues.

A group was held for young Aboriginal people to explore the unique position of young Aboriginal people in the 90's.

In addition to set topics, the participants were able to use a "blank space" on the timetable to generate discussion on issues of their choice.

They elected to discuss racism and intolerance, the Youth Allowance, abortion and the issues for gay young people.

Research Consultant Salli Higham said participants displayed maturity, a realistic grasp of solutions and a keen interest in building a better community for the future.

"They developed a series of recommendations for improved services, better local area development, better use of existing resources and facilities, and raising the image and treatment of young people in the community."

Areas of importance for young people include opportunities for a range of recreational and leisure activities, including both active and creative pursuits.

There was concern raised about environmental pollution and degradation, and poor resources for youth support services.

Ms Parkin said that young people showed informed



*Participants in the Youth Consultation (from left) Laura Wynne, Katielynn Whelpton, Rachel Corcoran, Mirjana Brubic and Jenna Andrews.*

interest in the aesthetics of their local area and a desire for more attractive development in both the natural and built environment including public art and youth-friendly commercial development.

Salli Higham said unfortunately, many young people believed that adults had very negative perceptions about them. This was felt in particular by Aboriginal young people, who, in addition to the negative image of young people in general, felt they were labelled as living on government handouts.

Findings of the consultation will guide the City of Cockburn's Youth Strategy and help to determine how resources should be allocated in the future.

The Cockburn Youth Service currently provides support to the most vulnerable of the Community's young people. This service needs to continue, but resources also need to be made available for general, preventative services and the needs of mainstream young people.

Research consultant Salli Higham is now compiling the results of the consultation and a report is expected to be available to the public following its release in November 1998.



# 1998 Children's Week



## Cockburn's Teddy Bears Picnic

"A Caring World Shares"

At MacFaull Park, Pomfret Road, Spearwood

**Wednesday 28th October**

10.00 am to 1.00 pm

**FREE ADMISSION AND ENTERTAINMENT!**

**Bring a  
Picnic!**

### PROGRAM

- 10.10am Comedy Magic Show  
Peppers Show  
Teddy Bears' Song & Parade  
10.40am Fat Cat & Mandy on stage

**B.Y.O.  
Teddy Bear**

### AROUND THE GROUND

- Bouncy Castle
- Animal Farm & Pony Rides
- Face Painting
- Geoff's Roving Puppet Theatre
- Buster the Fun Bus
- Teddy Bear Hospital
- Clowns
- Family & Children's Services  
- Information & Balloons

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