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HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY

Happy 21st birthday to Spearwood Public Library. The Library celebrates 21 years since its official opening on March 24 1976. There will be surprise celebrations all day in the Library and all public are welcome. Coolbellup Public Library will be having a morning tea for house bound people to celebrate the day. Transport will be provided. For more details phone Spearwood Public Library on 411 3491.



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CITY TARGETS DISABLED ACCESS

COINCIDING with the Cockburn Disability Access Advisory Committee's first anniversary next month, the City of Cockburn will undergo a full disability access audit to evaluate the level of access to its facilities and services.

During the first eight months of 1997, Lesley Cangemi will work with Council staff to scrutinise each facility and service with the aim of determining whether people with disabilities can use them with ease.

Lesley will be assisted by the eight-member Advisory Committee, which is made up of Councillors, three community members who have experience of disability, and Council staff.

The Advisory Committee was instituted as part of the Cockburn Disability Service Plan and initially focussed on the strategies outlined in that document. Recently members have turned their attention to raising awareness of the special needs and abilities of our disabled population.

One such project which took place

prior to Christmas was a celebration of the International Day of Disabled People. The Committee prepared a photographic display entitled "A Celebration of Ability", featuring photographs of residents engaged in a range of activities. Committee Chairperson Bev Ross, her husband Gary who has multiple sclerosis, and carer John Devlin were Council's guests prior to the Council meeting.

An exciting proposal has also been suggested by the Committee for the creation of a "Sensory Park" which will be accessible to local adults and children with disabilities. Council has already allocated funds for a feasibility study into the Park concept which will examine factors such as cost, location and content.

For further information on the work of the Advisory Committee, please contact Community Development Officer Gill Palmer on 411 3433. Comments from residents regarding the current level of access to Council facilities and services are also welcome and can be directed to either Lesley or Gill on telephone 411 3444, by fax on 411 3416 or put in writing to the Council.



Attending the International Day of Disabled Persons Photographic Display are from left, Mayor Ray Lees, Cr Ev Wegner, Chairperson Bev Ross, Gary Ross and John Devlin.

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SEARCH IS ON FOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



1997 JUNIOR
SPORTS
SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are being accepted for several sports scholarships on offer in the City of Cockburn. To be eligible for the awards, applicants must be residents of the City and be aged 12 years and over (and under 18) as at the 1 September 1997. They must also have been selected to represent WA or Australia in their chosen sport prior to that date. Applications close Tuesday 4 March 1997 at 4.30pm. For further details, please contact Co-ordinator of Recreation Services Jocelyn McLennan on 418 3580.

THE CITY of Cockburn is extending an invitation to organisations and individuals who wish to submit nominations for the Council's 1997 Citizen of the Year Award.

The Award is a feature event and this year will be presented at the Annual Foundation Day Function to be held on Friday, May 30.

Nominations should be submitted in writing and addressed to the Chief

Executive Officer, PO Box 1215 Bibra Lake 6163. Mention should be made of the nominee's contribution towards the community in the past and present, along with reasons why the nominator believes the candidate should be presented with the prestigious award.

Nominators are asked to include their name and address. Nominations close at 4.00pm Friday, May 2.

LOCAL GIRL BECOMES TOP SEED

THE CITY of Cockburn is now being represented on the international tennis circuit through the efforts of Spearwood girl Sarah Stanley.

Following some consistent matches, Sarah is currently ranked 842 in the world for singles and 408 for doubles.

Last December, Sarah captured her second Western Australian Open ladies singles title at the State Tennis Centre and was particularly pleased with the way she played.

"I had my career interrupted by knee surgery during 1995 and it was a great relief to win some very close matches leading up to the final and then to take

the championship again," Sarah said.

The young champion is heading for the Eastern States this month for satellite tournaments, prior to travelling on to South-East Asia in March and April.

"I want to get as many points as possible from the satellites so I can improve my ranking enough to get into the draws for bigger tournaments," she said.

Sarah's major aim for 1997 is to be accepted into the doubles draw in the biggest and most famous tournament of all - Wimbledon. The whole City wishes you well in that endeavour Sarah!!



Sarah Stanley joins the winner of the WA Open men's title, Richard Fromberg, as they display their trophies.

PRIZE GYMNASTS ON DISPLAY

AN AUDIENCE of 120 were treated to a brilliant display of gymnastics recently, by representatives of the Ying Li Gymnastics Academy.

The special performance at the Joe Cooper Recreation Centre, which was creatively choreographed by former world class competitor Ying Li, demonstrated the results of a hard year of dedication and training.

During the evening, participation and level-completion certificates were presented to the gymnasts by special guest Mr Tony Radaich of South Fremantle High School.

Several awards were also presented to athletes who had performed particularly well during the previous twelve months. Major trophy winners included Celia Tero for most improved, Rhys Radaich for male gymnast of the year, and Alexandra Carmody who was named female gymnast of the year.

"A feature of the proceedings was the return of former Academy pupil and current State gymnast Brett Humble, who along with his group of elite junior boys from the Western Australian Institute of Sport (WAIS) program, gave the crowd a breathtaking example of their talent, the City's Co-ordinator of Recreation Services

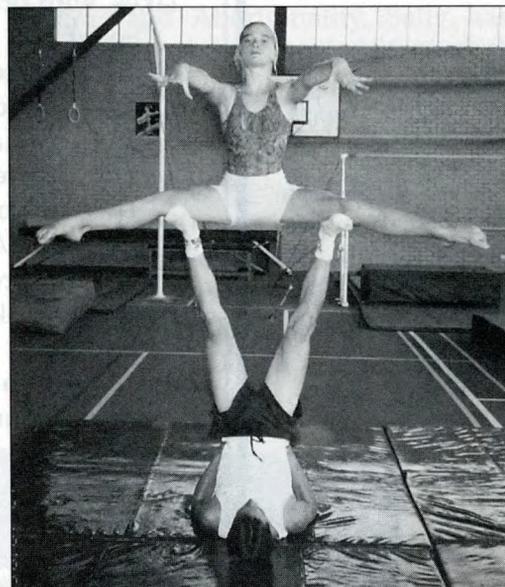
Ms Jocelyn McLennan said.

Another highlight of the display was provided by the Master himself who gave impromptu performances to remember on both the pommel horse and parallel bars. Although long since retired from competition, Ying Li demonstrated to the audience that he had lost little of the skill which had made him one of China's top gymnasts.



SNARE A BARGAIN

The Cockburn Lions Club is conducting Lions Mart Car Park Sales, a flea market at Lakes Shopping Centre Forrest Road South Lakes on the second Sunday of each month. It will run from 8am until noon. Sellers pay only \$5 a site and should set up before 8am. Buyers are welcome from that time onwards for FREE. For bay bookings or further details contact Larry Wale on 337 5585 or Steve Blackstock on 418 6439.



Ying Li Gymnastics Academy members Emma Steele and Ben Palumbo show the style that has thrilled audiences during the year.

LOCAL LIONS CUBS TURN ONE

THE 20 JANUARY 1997 marked an important milestone for the Lions Club of Cockburn. The Club celebrated its first birthday with Mayor Ray Lees, Mrs Rose Lee and a group of special visitors from other nearby Lions Clubs.

The first twelve months have been an exciting time for the club, with members being involved in the Community Spring Fair, regular swap meets, and special projects assisting individuals. Perhaps their most ambitious assignment was the construction of a covered patio for disabled resident 11 year old Tristan Cuff of South Lakes.

Tristan, who has spinal muscular atrophy, is confined to a wheelchair and needed some form of protection

that would enable him to sit outside in all weather. Tubemaker Steel kindly donated the necessary materials and local Lions Gerald Walters, Ken Barrett, Peter Gordon and Scott McKenna provided the muscle.

As a young club, the Cockburn Lions have a small membership with eleven males and five females, although they are aiming to expand considerably over the next few years. Anybody interested in finding out what the Lions are about is invited to come to one of the regular meetings.

The Cockburn branch meet on the first and third Monday of every month at the Ship and Dock Inn, Cockburn Road Henderson. Enquiries can be made by telephoning President Steve Blackstock on 418 6439 or 018 092751.

MIDGE CONTROL IN FULL SWING

THE COUNCIL'S Integrated Midge Control Strategy is in full swing this summer with several new initiatives being implemented.

Many residents may have seen the light traps which were recently installed near Pioneer park at Bibra Lake. These traps are being trialled over the warmer months as a supplement to chemical treatment of problem lakes, with promising results to date.

"So far this year the control strategy seems to be going extremely well, particularly in comparison to previous years," Manager of Environmental Services Darren Walsh said.

"This control strategy is the only one in place in WA and we believe it is the most comprehensive approach to midge control in Australia," he said.

In addition to the traps, the City is continuing to trial a new larvicide in small enclosures at North Lake. If successful, this product could be used as a more environmentally sensitive yet effective alternative to the current larvicide used.

Other ongoing activities include regular monitoring of midge numbers at problem wetlands with routine larvicide application, revegetation programs to increase fringing greenery around wetlands, and more research with Murdoch University and other Councils.

Any residents interested in gaining further information about Council's Integrated Midge Strategy are welcome to contact the Environmental Services Department on 411 3444.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN GOES FORWARD

A COMMUNITY Liaison Committee has been established to assist the Council with implementation of the Environmental Management Plan for the Market Garden Swamps in Spearwood.

The Committee comprises local residents and land owners, Council officers, and Deputy Mayor Cr John Grljusich. So far, the Committee has set priorities for capital works and man-

NEW BUILDINGS TAKE SHAPE

A NUMBER of building projects are underway or have been recently completed in several corners of the City.

Two additional buildings have significantly expanded the aged and disabled facilities at the Jean Willis Centre in Hamilton Hill.

Custom built amenities have been provided for the Kwobarup Aboriginal Program - the first specially-designed care base for Aboriginals in the metropolitan area.

The new building houses the Community Aged Care Program and the Carer Support Program, plus overnight respite accommodation.

In the new suburb of Atwell, a local community centre is under construction in Lombe Gardens. The new centre will include a community hall, a child health clinic, space for a four-year-old children's program and some multipurpose rooms for community groups to use. In addition, there will be provision made for financial counselling, advocacy services and a family support service.

The centre will be set in a picturesque reserve and form part of the Atwell Community Precinct. Eventually this area will include a child-care centre, medical suites and a shopping centre.

The project is due for completion in May and is funded by the City of Cockburn (\$402,000), the Department of Family and Community Services (\$425,000), the Lotteries Commission (\$257,000) and the Health Department (\$25,000) at a total cost of over \$1.1 million.



LARVICIDE TRIALS COMPLETED

Trials on alternative larvicides have now been completed. The results look very promising and the City of Cockburn will now be working with its manufacturer to have the product available for use as soon as possible.

INSPIRATIONAL VISIT FROM TOP AUTHOR

THE COOLBELLUP Public Library played host to award winning Aboriginal author Sally Morgan during December.

Sally spoke to a group of local Aboriginal children about the importance of reading, books and art, along with presenting prizes to the winners of a boomerang colouring-in poster competition held by the library.

"The competition had a great response from interested children with a total of 54 entries from three different schools," Branch librarian Diana Blackwood said.

"First placegetters were Norman Loo for pre-primary/Year 1, Amanda Denison for Years 2/3, Vanessa Michael for Years 4/5, and Lisa Ford for Years 6/7 and the overall award."

"The top posters will be displayed at South Lakes, Yangebup and Coolbellup shopping centres," she said.

Ms Morgan was born in Perth and qualified as a librarian herself at the University of Western Australia. A highlight of her career occurred when she was the recipient of the Human Rights Award for her very first book "My Place" published in 1988.

My Place began as an investigation of the author's family history and has been translated into German, Japanese and Malay.

Drawing on her personal background and Aboriginality, Sally has gone on to produce a number of other books including *Wanamurraganya* (1989), *Flying Emu* (1992), *Hurry Up Oscar* (1993) and the successful children's book *Pet Problem* (1994).

And writing is only one of her talents, with Sally also being a sought after artist having several paintings included in the Robert Holmes a Court collection, the Dobell Foundation and the National Gallery of Australia.



HERITAGE OPEN DAY APPROACHES

Everyone is encouraged to get into the community spirit and come down to Manning Park in Avilak Road Spearwood on Sunday 13 April 1997, for the inaugural Cockburn City Heritage Festival Open Day. The Day, which forms part of the WA Heritage Festival Week, will feature a one hour tour of the Azelia Ley Museum at 10.30am and 2.30pm. Pony rides will also be available from the Bibra Lake Pony Club between 11am and 3pm. So come down and enjoy a great day out while learning about the heritage of our area.



Author and artist Sally Morgan surrounded by a group of enthralled Aboriginal children.

BEELIAR WETLANDS HISTORY AVAILABLE

A BOOKLET documenting the oral history of Beelias Wetlands is now available to residents and other interested readers from the City of Cockburn.

The booklet was researched and written by local journalists Shona Keneally and Cathy Drake, with much of the information coming from interviews with Cockburn residents.

It was produced with assistance from the City of Melville, Town of Kwinana, Alcoa and the Water and

Rivers Commission.

Contents of the publication includes a fascinating account of the Wetland's history and the interaction of our early pioneers within these areas.

The booklet also documents aspects of Aboriginal usage of the Wetlands and contains a number of historical photographs.

Copies are available free of charge by contacting Dee at the Council's main administration centre on 411 3444.

1997 COCKBURN

COUNCILLORS UP FOR RE-ELECTION

THE COUNCIL election will be held on Saturday 3 May 1997. The following Councillors will be up for re-election:

WEST WARD

Brian Wheatley
John McNair

COASTAL WARD

Ray Lees
Joe Ostojich

NORTH WARD

Nola Waters
Tom Greengrass

EAST WARD

Ev Wegner

SOUTH WARD

Stephen Lee
Terry Battalis

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, 6th May 1997 at 7.30pm to elect the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and appoint committees. This meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood and be open to the public.

1997 COUNCIL ELECTION DATES TO REMEMBER

14 March, 1997	Close of Enrolments for Electoral Roll (See Main Story Page 7)	
20 March - 3 April	Period for nominating for position of Councillor	2 Vacancies - West Ward 2 Vacancies - North Ward 2 Vacancies - South Ward 2 Vacancies - Coastal Ward 1 Vacancy - East Ward
3 May	Election Day (for those Wards in which an election is being contested).	

ELECTION SPECIAL

CHECK YOUR ENROLMENT FOR 1997 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

DUE to recent changes to the Local Government Act, there is no longer automatic enrolment of property owners or occupiers on the Council electoral roll.

To be eligible to be enrolled on the City of Cockburn electoral roll for 1997, please carefully read the following eligibility criteria:-

RESIDENTS

You are already enrolled to vote if you are on the State electoral roll in respect of a residence in the Cockburn district as at 6.00 pm on Friday 14 March 1997. If you are not already on the State electoral roll and meet the eligibility criteria, a claim for enrolment should be made to any Divisional Returning Officer of the Australian Electoral Commission in the State of Western Australia.

OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

You are also eligible to be enrolled to vote in Local Government elections if you are a non-resident owner or occupier of rateable property in the Cockburn district and have continued to own or occupy rateable property in the district.

If you are not on a State/Commonwealth electoral roll, an enrolment claim can still be accepted provided you were on the last owners and occupiers roll for the City of Cockburn and have continued to own or occupy rateable property in the district continuously since that roll was prepared.

To be eligible to enrol as an occupier, you will need to have a right of continuous occupation under a lease, tenancy agreement or other legal instrument for at least the next 3 months following the date of the application to enrol.

Joint Owners And Occupiers

If a rateable property is owned or occupied by more than two people, a majority of the owners/occupiers may nominate two persons from amongst themselves who are on either the State or Commonwealth electoral rolls, to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Corporations

A body corporate which owns or occupies rateable property may nominate two persons who are on either the State or Commonwealth electoral rolls, to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

HOW TO ENROL

There is no longer automatic enrolment of property owners/occupiers. You must obtain an enrolment Eligibility Claim form from the City of Cockburn office and lodge it with the Chief Executive Officer by 6.00 pm on Friday 14 March, 1997 in order to be enrolled to vote in the May 3 1997 elections as a non-resident owner/occupier.

Corporation's nominees should also provide the nomination of the body corporate in writing with the form.

If you need any further information, please contact Council's Rates Department on 411 3475

UP COMING MEETINGS

At its meeting held on Tuesday, 4 February 1997 Council established two new Committees to deal with the business of Council. They were the Strategic and Policy Committee and the Community Development Committee.

The Strategic and Policy Committee will meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm on the 4th March 1997 and the 1st April 1997.

The Community Development Committee will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm on the 11th March and the 8th April 1997.

The Full Council Meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm on the 18th of March 1997 and 15th April 1997.

All these meetings will be held in the Council Chambers, 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood and will be open to the public.

If you would like more information or would like a copy of the Agenda/Minutes reserved for you on the night please contact David Ashton on 411 3419.

GREEN WASTE AND BULK RUBBISH COLLECTION

THE CITY of Cockburn conducts six (6) Bulk Rubbish Collections each financial year. These are 4 green waste (tree prunings) collections and 2 bulk rubbish (junk) collections. In order to participate, householders must abide by the following rules:

TIP CARDS

Tip Cards for 1996/1997 were included with the rates in August 1996. Homeswest tenants or new residents should ring City of Cockburn's Engineering Department on 411 3543 to discuss how to obtain a Tip Card.

GREEN WASTE

- * Tree branches/prunings trimmed to a maximum length of 1.5 metres. Cut ends should face towards the street OR
- * Loose material such as lawn clippings and leaves etc... These items must be placed in weatherproof boxes or bags

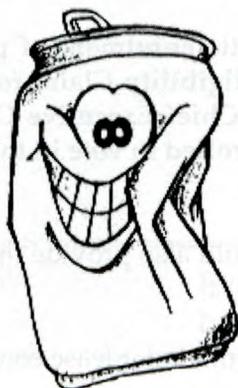
BULK JUNK RUBBISH

- * Old furniture, stoves, wire, fridges (doors removed), iron, tin and general disused material.
- * NOT motor vehicle body parts, builders rubble, inflammable chemical liquids (paint, oil etc), asbestos cement sheeting, car tyres and batteries, or foodstuffs.

Please note that there will be a maximum of one trailer load per household. Residents should place all items neatly on the verge and endeavour to keep all rubbish clear of sprinkler systems and footpaths. Your Green Waste and Bulk Junk Rubbish must be out for collection by 6.30am on the Monday that your area's collection commences. **The final collection for the 1996/1997 financial year is the green waste collection on 5 May 1997.**

The City of Cockburn also wishes to advise that the Henderson landfill site at Rockingham Road, Henderson will be closed on Good Friday, 28 March 1997. At other times the site will be open seven days a week, with entry from 8.00am to 4.30pm and gates closing at 4.45pm. Waste disposal fees will apply from 3 February 1997.

The following recyclable materials can be left at the recycling area at Henderson landfill free of charge, if separated into their respective bins: glass, plastic, paper, batteries, oil, cans and cardboard.



Allie Minium



Eddie Torial

SOUTH LAKE LEISURE CENTRE GIVEN A STORM WARNING



ANYONE FOR SOFTBALL?

For those readers interested in playing softball this winter, registration for the Cockburn Cougars will take place on Sunday 16 February 1997 from 4pm to 6pm at Enright Reserve Healy Road Hamilton Hill, to be followed by a BBQ.

The Club requires players and coaches for the season which extends from April to September, with training due to commence in early March.

In 1996, the Club fielded three men's teams, two junior teams and one sub-junior team. A women's competition is held during the summer. For more details please contact Robyn Kay on 418 3903.

A SEVERE squall hit the South Lake Leisure Centre during the "Be Active Open Day" last December, but the only damage visible were a few sore muscles.

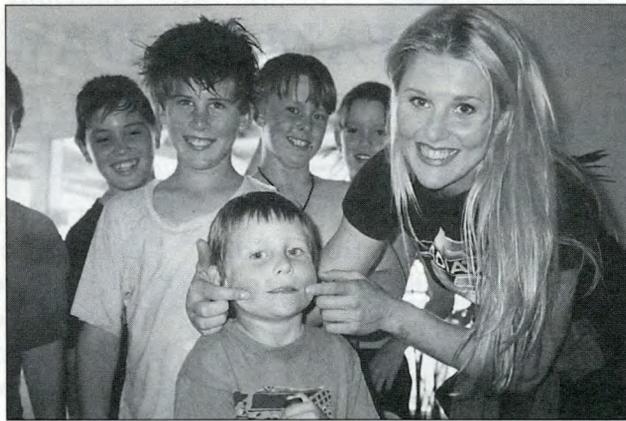
Television Gladiator "Storm" blew in and was on hand at the Centre to promote the positive benefits of being active and to assist the several hundred people present in improving their lifestyles.

A big range of other activities were enjoyed throughout the day such as rollerblade hockey, scuba diving, flying foxes, a moonwalker bouncy

fun ball, abseiling, wall climbing, ballet and mini-golf.

Centre Manager Gordon MacMile said the Open Day gave residents the opportunity to try some of the facilities on offer at the complex including water slides, spas, saunas, fully equipped gymnasium, and fitness testing programs.

"The Be Active Day has been run as an annual event over the past three years and is still proving to be a huge success, with plans in place to continue the tradition each year," Mr MacMile said.



Popular television Gladiator "Storm" puts a smile on the face of Matthew (6) at the Be Active Open Day.

LEISURE CENTRE SPORTS UPDATE

Mixed Volleyball

Congratulations to the Cranks on winning the Spring competition. Also a good effort from JDI who were runners up.

Ladies Softball

Bits and Pieces took out the Spring competition in fine style. Congratulations to them and to the runners-up, Red Backs. The new season starts in early February with individuals and teams welcome.

New Seasons in 1997

Men's Soccer - Wednesday evenings beginning in March

Men's Soccer - Monday evenings beginning in April

Mixed Netball - Tuesday evenings beginning in April

New Competitions in 1997

Open Indoor Soccer - Sunday afternoons

Ladies Netball - Monday mornings

Ladies Basketball - Wednesday mornings

Please note that a creche is available.

Contact the Centre on 417 3003 for further information.

NEW AUSSIES CELEBRATE ON OUR NATIONAL DAY

THE AUSTRALIA Day citizenship ceremony is always a very important occasion for the many people who wait especially for our national day to be officially welcomed into the Australian community.

This year was no exception with over 75 candidates, their families and friends gathering at the Cockburn Civic Centre to attend a ceremony presided over by Mayor Ray Lees.

The event was a real family day with all children presented with balloons and other guests receiving spot prizes such as old Aussie favourites Vegemite, Aerogard, and billy tea.

Traditional tucker was provided for lunch and the festivities continued for several hours. Other presentations made on the day included Australian Citizen of the Year which was won by Coolbellup Justice of the Peace Lawrie Humphreys, and Young Citizen of the Year won by Spearwood resident Vance Thompson.

Event co-ordinator Sue Ellis summed up the feelings of the day by saying, "Council tried to make the day a special occasion for our new citizens and to help them learn about the culture and traditions of their adopted homeland."

J.E.T. AND FAMILY DAY CARE OPENING NEW DOORS

TWO LOCAL initiatives are assisting low income families to improve their long-term financial situation with some much needed study and employment assistance.

The JET program (Job Employment and Training) together with Family Day Care (FDC) are changing the lives of several Cockburn residents. The former program primarily aims to improve the financial circumstances of eligible Department of Social Security customers by assisting with their entry or re-entry into the paid workforce. This objective is achieved by improving access to training, education and

employment opportunities, whilst helping with child care.

This service has already assisted sole parents who wish to study or work by offering advice about the educational and training options open to people on low incomes and putting them in contact with a day care facility that suits their particular needs.

Anyone wanting more information on the JET program or the Family Day Care Scheme can telephone Margaret Hew on 337 7177 or call in at the Resource Centre situated at 213 Winterfold Road, Coolbellup, Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 4.30pm.



Yvonne Backshall having a great time with family day care children



HELP CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

National organisation Clean Up Australia is arranging a clean up day on Sunday, 2 March 1997. Cockburn residents interested in assisting on the day can contact staff of Clean Up Australia, on 271 7500.

There are 3 ways you can participate:

- 1: Becoming a site supervisor.
- 2: Volunteering to clean up on the day.
- 3: Ring Clean Up Australia and nominate a "grot spot".

BUSY YEAR FOR OUR RANGERS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES



A NEW FIRE UNIT FOR SOUTH COOGEE

A new 3000 litre 4WD Structural Fire Fighting Unit (Fire Truck) will be arriving in April 1997 to supplement the South Coogee Volunteer Bushfire Brigade. This is City of Cockburn's first Structural Fire Fighting Unit for volunteers, which is designed primarily for house fires.

COCKBURN rangers and volunteer emergency services have been working extremely hard over the past twelve months.

It was therefore only fitting that they celebrated their efforts in style at the annual Cockburn Voluntary Emergency Services Christmas party, held last December.

"It's one night of the year that everyone looks forward to and some 230 people attended this latest function," the Mayor's Secretary and organiser Sue Ellis said.



Volunteer Emergency Service workers at the scene of a recent bushfire



One of the volunteers found a novel way to cool down.

During the latter half of 1996, the volunteer bushfire brigades from within the City of Cockburn successfully fought a total of 67 fires.

"Around 13 per cent of these fires were assisting other agencies and brigades outside the City, mainly in the Kwinana, Armadale and Rockingham regions," Chief Bushfire Control Officer Jim Johnson said.

Mr Johnson also said that there had been several major fires since the beginning of 1997.

"Thankfully there was no loss of life, injuries or homes burnt," he said.

"Damage consisted mainly of bush fencing, power poles and a couple of cars were destroyed."

"A big thank you and congratulations must go out to all of the volunteers involved.

"We've had a tough season but once again the boys have come through with flying colours.

"Each person has spent countless hours in suppression activities throughout the year and the results are obvious."

The Cockburn SES, in addition to supporting the bushfire brigades, have also been called upon to search for lost people and to come to the rescue of residents who have suffered structural damage to their home from storms.

The City of Cockburn pays tribute to all of these wonderful volunteers.

SPEARWOOD LIBRARY SHOWS THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

SPEARWOOD Public Library proved a popular venue for a free Christmas concert late last year. The concert was held in the Council grounds opposite the library and despite being a warm day, attracted many families with picnic baskets.

The audience enjoyed the melodic sounds of musical quartet Stringy Bach and children were kept entertained with Christmas stories before

the much awaited arrival of Father Christmas and his bag of treats.

The 1996 Bookworm Club also held their Christmas party on the same evening, providing lots of happy noise and a very creative display of puppets made during fourth term. With the evening being voted a huge success by all who attended, it is anticipated that the library will be put to more use with similar functions in the future.

Correspondence to Cockburn Soundings should be addressed to: City of Cockburn, PO Box 1215, Bibra Lake, WA 6163

Part of the large crowd that gathered for the free Christmas concert at Spearwood Library.



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Father Christmas had his hands full chatting with the many children in attendance.