

# COCKBURN

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# SOUNDINGS

## Message from Your Mayor

Tuesday the third of April 2001 will be a day I will long remember. That was the historic day when our State Premier, Dr. Geoff Gallop, came to Cockburn to present us with the long awaited refund of the "Douglas Inquiry" expenses. There are not many occasions in the average person's life when you are handed a cheque for over \$667,000 and I will not forget that day in a long, long time. The Premier also confirmed to me his previous commitment to write-off the outstanding invoice of one million dollars. I am sure you will all agree it was a great day for the people of Cockburn.

In this edition of the 'Cockburn Soundings' we are introducing something that we hope will become a regular feature, that is an article by Sergeant Geoff Ekert, officer in charge of Cockburn Police station. Many people, myself included, want to see a 24-



hour police station in Cockburn and I believe one day that will become a reality. However, in the meantime it is important that we all have a better understanding of the excellent work being undertaken by Sergeant Ekert and his staff. To this end we will use the 'Cockburn Soundings' as a tool to facilitate communication between the local Police and the citizens of Cockburn.

- *Mayor Stephen Lee*

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# Whats on at Gateways Shopping Centre

## What's At Your Service at Gateways

### Success Library

The new City of Cockburn Success Public Library has opened at the Gateways Shopping Centre, with the operating hours from 9.15am to 6pm weekdays and 9.15am to 5pm on Saturdays. The Library will be closed on Sunday and public holidays.

### Thompson's Lake Medical Centre

Located in Shop 30 at the Gateways Shopping Centre the Medical Centre is open: -

Monday to Thursday 8am to 7pm

Friday 8am to 6pm

Saturday 8am to 12.30pm

Sunday & Public Holidays - closed

The doctors in this practice can be contacted personally by telephone during normal surgery hours. However, a message maybe taken instead if your doctor is busy or unavailable.

The contact telephone number is 08 94146777

Dr Fen Chin Dr Micheal Lee Dr Michelle Kat

### Farrington Drycleaners

Farrington Drycleaners have opened their new Dry-cleaning Service store at Gateways Shopping Centre. They offer quality dry cleaning with same day service if required. In addition, Farrington Drycleaners also have an on-site alteration service for general clothes repairs.

Sue, Maree and Brya will assist you with any dry cleaning and alterations. Farrington Dry cleaners now have four dry-cleaning outlets and are winners of WA Drycleaner of the Year 1999 and 2000, based on quality and service.

### Community News

The Gateways Shopping Centre is proud to support the local community and extends an invitation to all sporting, cultural, craft or activity, recreation or leisure groups who would like to participate in demonstrating or displaying their individual group's membership information, services on offer at the Gateways Shopping Centre. If you are a Community Group and would like to register your interest, please contact the Marketing Co-ordinator at the Centre Management office on 08 9498 5577

## It pays to shop at Gateways!



### Easter celebrations at Gateways

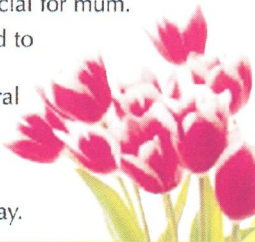
There were celebrations all round as our Giant Easter Bunny joined in the Easter fun at Gateways. Thousands of chocolate Easter eggs were given out to children who visited Gateways Shopping Centre during Easter Week.

### Make your Mother's Day

Shopping at Gateways has never been more rewarding with great gift ideas and the chance to win a special weekend getaway during our Mothers Day campaign.

Visit Gateways Shopping Centre between Monday 7 to Saturday 12 May for your chance to win an instant prize and purchase that something special for mum.

You are invited to view the West Australian Floral Art Society's spectacular display from 10th - 12th May.



### Gateways Shopping Centre Saver Card

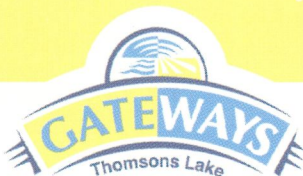


We wish to advise all Saver Card members that the current retailer offers are available for collection from the Centre Management Office.

If you are not a Saver Card member simply visit the Centre Management Office to obtain your membership card and retailer offers.

### Anzac Day

Gateways Shopping Centre will be closed for trade on Wednesday 25th April 2001 for ANZAC Day.



# Life's a Beach

The 2001 Coogee Beach Party held on Sunday, 19 March 2001, was a resounding success! The City of Cockburn Social Services Team co-ordinated the event with more than 4000 local residents turning up to revel in a fantastic feast of fun and entertainment. Kids wobbled on the Bucking Bull, bounced around inside Pikachu (Pokamon character, for all those without kids) and went foam surfing courtesy of volunteers from the South Coogee Fire Brigade. Dragons danced all morning and the brass band carried the crowd all afternoon. Sand sculptures held on for dear life from the incoming tide, but only long enough for the Mayor to judge a Coogee local the winner of a fine prize from Phoenix Shopping Centre. Over 900 sausages cooked by the South Coogee Scouts went inside three hours. The 300 balloons provided by the City went in a flash. The Beach Party was a great success thanks to the huge support from Cockburn Residents. This event is a must for next year and can only get bigger and better!



# NEW LIBRARY FOR COCKBURN

Monday 19 March 2001 saw virtually everything in place for a well attended opening by Mayor Stephen Lee of the City's new library service, Success Public library.

Success Library is a shopfront service situated within the Gateways Shopping Centre at Success. It occupies a small area of 104 square metres, so is only able to hold a collection of about 4000 items. However this does not stop it being an important window on, and point of contact with, the rest of the Public Library & Information Service.

Because of its unique and indeed unusual situation, particular emphasis is being placed on the provision of six public access computer terminals. Most of these are dedicated to providing free Internet access for the public. The others provide a virtual library service, whereby users can browse the catalogue and place requests via the computer for items in the stock of other branches. No form filling is necessary.

Its immediate popularity can be seen from the fact that it has been visited by an average of over 300 people each day. In its first week 330 new members were enrolled, 80 of whom were registered on the first day.

All this along with getting used to working close to shopping centre hours, has kept the staff of Samantha Hughes, librarian; Lawley Yukich, library technician and Coral Petkovich, Jill Watson and Teresa Federico, library and one or two other temporary helpers well and truly on their toes.

It seems that the combination of long hours (9.15am until the shopping centre closes), every day opening and the emphasis on children and technology, will ensure its future as a vital asset for the surrounding communities.



## Having Trouble Paying Your Rates?

The due date, 20 March 2001, has now passed for the fourth instalment of Council's Rates. Ratepayers are urged to contact the Council's Rates Department if they are unable to meet this final payment. If other ratepayers who have outstanding balances are having difficulty in clearing up their arrears, they should immediately contact City of Cockburn Rates Section to make suitable payment arrangements. Remember, the next issue of Council Rates is only a couple of months away.

City of Cockburn has a free and confidential Financial Counselling Service available to ratepayers. Should they wish to avail themselves of this service, they would need to ring to make an appointment in Atwell, 9414 6302, or Coolbellup, 9331 1174.

### Foundation Day Function

The City of Cockburn will again be holding its annual Foundation Day Luncheon on Friday, 1 June 2001 and eligible residents are invited to attend. To be eligible for an invitation, you must be:-

A resident who has been and is still living in the City of Cockburn for a continuous period of 50 years

**OR**

An ex-Road Board Member or ex-Councillor still living in the district of Cockburn or still owning property in the District.

If you are eligible and would like an invitation to this function, please write to the Chief Executive Officer, City of Cockburn, PO Box 1215, Bibra Lake WA 6965 giving your personal details.

Persons invited to the 2000 function need not apply.

## Regional Recycling Initiative

The City of Cockburn, together with the Cities of Canning, Melville, Fremantle, and the Town of East Fremantle, have combined our resources under the guidance of the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council, to provide the first stage of a unique Resource Recovery project.

Over the next few months, Cockburn residents will receive a new 240 L Recycling 'wheelie' bin. The distinctive yellow topped bin is provided for the collection of recyclables from our waste stream and subsequently to optimise the diversion of these materials from the landfill.

An information pack detailing how you can contribute and benefit from this service will be delivered separately to your letterbox, prior to the commencement date on 28 May 2001.

City of Cockburn Waste Services seek your co-operation in waiting for this information pack before using your new Recycling bin, to avoid possible contamination and servicing problems. The recycling bin will NOT be emptied until after 28 May 2001.

If you require further information please call Leanne on 9411 3543.



# A Big Cheque for a Big Day



A big cheque for a big day...on Tuesday 3 April 2001, the Hon. Dr Geoff Gallop, Premier of Western Australia, came to the Council Chambers and presented the City with a check for \$662,687. As Council staff and Cockburn residents exploded party poppers and unfurled streamers, Dr Gallop handed an oversized cheque to Cockburn Mayor Stephen Lee.



The money returned was part of the almost \$1.7 million bill for the cost of the Douglas Inquiry. The previous State Government demanded that the City repay this cost. According to Mayor Lee this would have led to a seven per cent hike for Cockburn ratepayers. The \$662,687 was the first payment on that debt made by Council last year. During the recent State election, Dr Gallop promised that if Labour won the election the State Government would pay the cost and the first payment would be returned.



"Of all the other Inquiries conducted, Cockburn is the first council that has ever been asked to pay," said Dr Gallop. "We believed it was a situation that was unfair and unjust and definitely one that should be remedied."



WA Municipal Association President Ian Mickel congratulated the State Government on returning the money. "Not only has the Premier corrected the actions of the previous State Government, but he has clearly identified the funding responsibilities of the State and Local Governments in Inquiries of this nature," Cr. Mickel said.



At the celebration were Dr Gallop's Labor colleagues, Cockburn MLA Fran Logan and Southern River MLA Paul Andrews. Also taking part in the festivities were Cockburn Councillors, representatives from various community groups and Council staff. After the presentation, the Premier stayed and enjoyed some of the City's hospitality and chatted with the other guests.



# YOUTH OUTRAGE SCHOOL HOLIDAY'S PROGRAM APRIL 2001

A bus will pick up participants each day:  
9:15 AM @ Yangebup Community Centre  
9:30 AM @ Spearwood Library

Bookings are essential, call 9411 3458 - For more info call 9414 9055

## **Monday 23 April 2001**

\$20 Drop off 4:00 PM

### **10 Pin Bowling & Go Karting**

Prizes will be given out throughout the day.  
Bring socks & either a packed lunch or \$\$\$ to buy your own.

## **Tuesday 24 April 2001**

\$20 Drop off 3:30 PM

### **Timezone Party Session, Q-Zar & Movie**

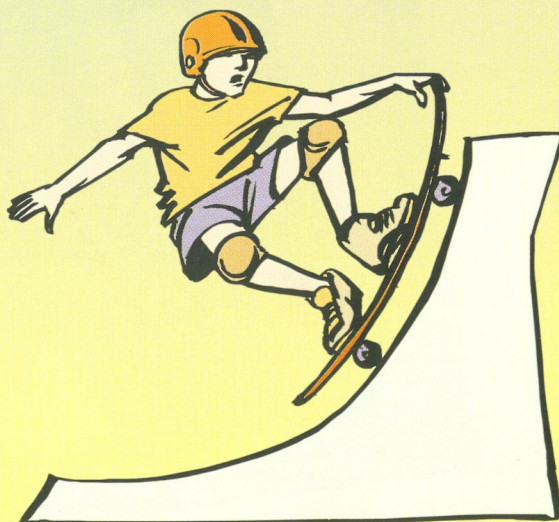
One hour of free games @ Timezone,  
three games of shoot-em-up @ Q-Zar, lunch in Freo & then feet up for a  
movie. Bring running shoes & either a packed lunch or \$\$\$ to buy.

## **Thursday and Friday 26 - 27 April 2001**

\$40 Return Friday 3:30 PM

### **Bickley Adventure Camp**

We'll spend Thursday abseiling into a 30 m quarry then camp overnight  
at Bickley Dam. Details will be supplied upon booking.



# Rehabilitation at Bibra Lake



During January, Bibra Lake suffered a large fire with approximately 15 hectares of the reserve being burnt. Prior to the fire much of the area was inaccessible due to thick stands of weeds such as Typha and Kikuyu. The fire initially removed much of this weed growth and has



provided us with an ideal opportunity to economically rehabilitate the area.

A program of weed control has started and will continue for many months to ensure burnt areas do not revert back to weeds. The

planting of 2500 Banbar seedlings and 5000 native rushes during June and October will follow this. The fire also revealed considerable rubbish, including old car bodies and fences, and these have been removed.

We apologise for any inconvenience experienced by



local residents, during recent clean-up operations. Unfortunately, because of dust, the completing of this stage of the work will be delayed until the onset of winter rains.





# Crime and Safety

According to surveys undertaken by Council, crime and safety are important issues facing us in Cockburn. The Cockburn Police Station has a team of twenty officers that are dedicated to reducing crime and assisting the public. The staff consists of customer service, crime prevention and aboriginal liaison officers.

The station is open for business from Monday to Friday, except public holidays, between 8am and 4pm. The station's phone number is 9418 2409, fax 9434 3557. Police are on duty for twenty-three hours each day patrolling or attending tasks in this area. Staff from other areas i.e. traffic, Fremantle Independent Patrol Group, detectives and air wing, also patrol our area.

Fremantle detectives assist our local staff by inquiring into the more serious offences. Mounted horse patrols are also utilised for all suburbs.

Are you wondering how all these different departments and units work together to make our community a safer place? Here is one example; recently Cockburn Police received information from a member of the public about what appeared to be a burglary on a factory unit in Yangebup. Cockburn Police attended and found that the offenders had forced open a roller door to this unit and found cannabis growing inside. The offenders then stole some of these plants.

Fremantle detectives and Cockburn police conducted inquiries and found inside this unit in excess of 500 cannabis plants being grown in a hydroponic hot house factory.

As a result of inquiries Fremantle detectives have two people have been charged with cultivate cannabis

with intent to sell and supply. Currently they are both in the court system on this charge.



That is an example of how the police work to solve crimes in the district. According to Cockburn's Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Stan Cole, there are some simple things all of us can do to prevent crime. Offences of stealing and burglary may be curtailed by ensuring that your home is well and truly locked, even when you are at home. Do not leave property where a potential offender may remove it. When shopping, keep your car locked and the keys in your pocket. Do not leave keys openly displayed in your home, hide them. From an offenders point of view it is easier to steal car keys than attempt to disarm an immobiliser.

## Volunteer Walk of Fame

The United National General Assembly has declared 2001 to be the International Year of Volunteers. This has resulted in over one hundred countries agreeing to acknowledge the critical role played by volunteers with public celebrations. In Cockburn, Council will be honouring local volunteer groups with a Volunteers Walk of Fame. The project aims to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution volunteers make to our community. Located at the Coogee Jetty, the Walk of Fame will consist of plaques commemorating the many volunteer groups within the City.

Volunteers make a significant impact on Cockburn. It is estimated that one person in every five aged fifteen years and over is a volunteer of some kind. This contribution equals over 7 million hours of unpaid work, with each volunteer averaging 3.2 hours per week. In monetary terms the contribution to the City by volunteers equals \$108 million per year. Of course volunteers are not in it for the money. Almost two thirds of volunteers say personal satisfaction is the key motivator for volunteering.

The City of Cockburn will be launching the Volunteer Walk of Fame project on Friday, 18 May 2001, with a BBQ breakfast at 7am on Coogee Beach. All volunteer groups in the district are encouraged to send a representative to the launch and become involved in the Walk of Fame. To register your interest please contact the City on 9411 3535.

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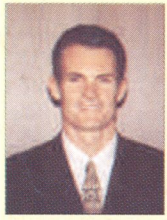
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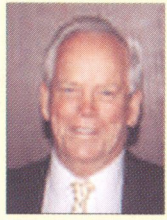
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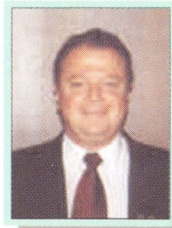
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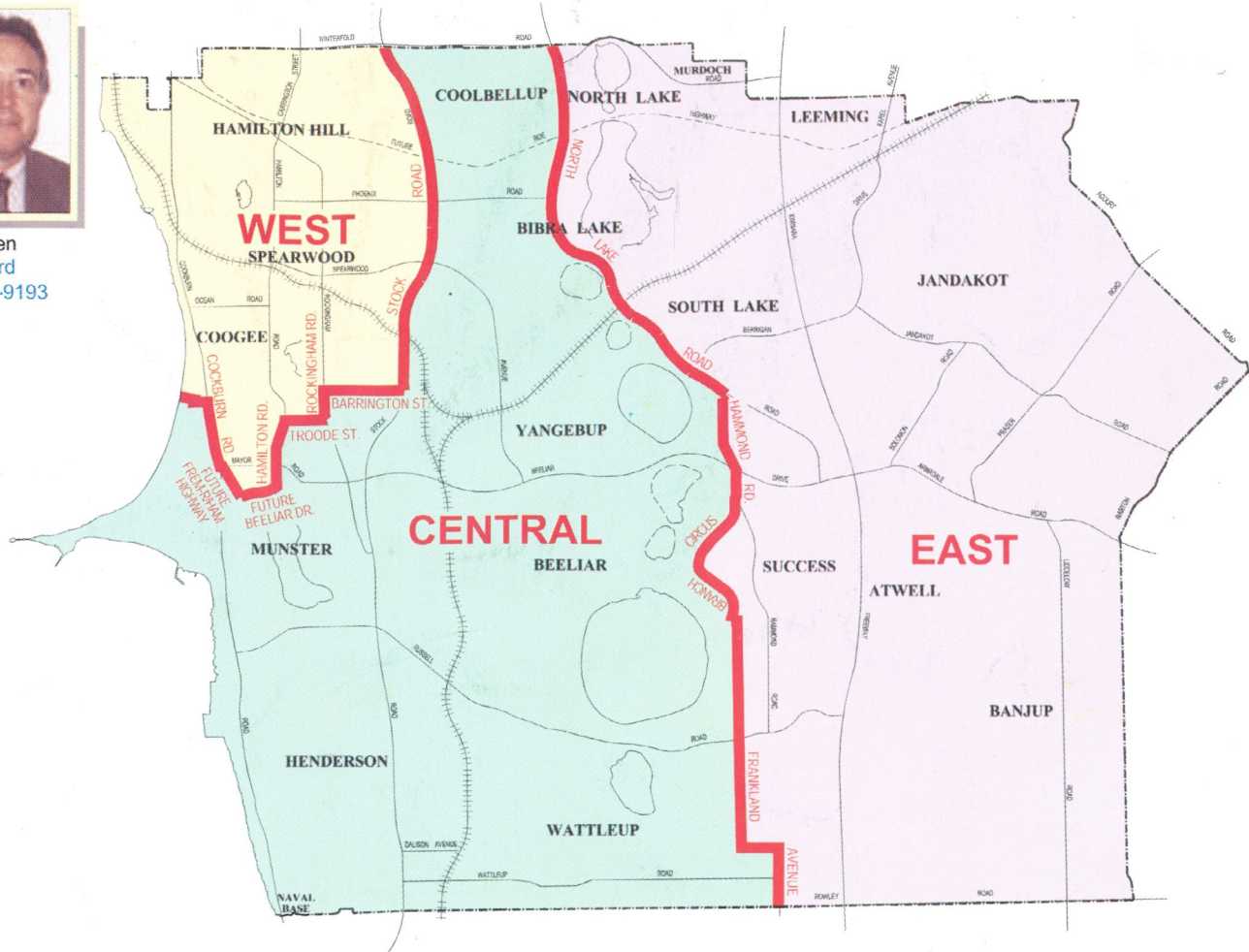
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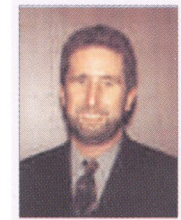
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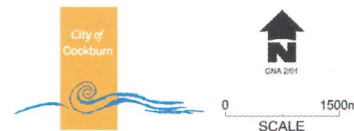
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