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ELECTIONS!

The City of Cockburn has an elected Mayor and Council. Stephen Lee has become the City's first directly elected mayor. "This city is going places," said Mayor Lee, "I'm excited to reacquaint myself with the staff...there is no doubt we can be a successful team." Mayor Lee thanked his supporters and the members of his campaign team. "I will adopt a policy of having an open door and an open phone line," Mayor Lee informed the crowd assembled at the Civic Centre on election night.



It was a historic night on Wednesday December 6 as the first postal vote was held in the City. With 43.4% of ballots being returned the result was considered a good one by Council staff. "I think it was a positive return," said CEO Rod Brown.

Returning Officer Ken Bird said it was a close count. In the end Stephen Lee won by 154 votes over the next closest candidate Mary Jenkins. Because of the close count, the bundles of ballots were rechecked, however it was determined there was no need for a recount.



Stephen Lee was also a candidate for Central Ward Councillor, but his election to Mayor meant he could not be a Councillor as well. Thus the remaining three Central Ward candidates automatically became Councillors. They are Val Oliver, Martin Reeve-Fowkes and Nola Waters. In the East Ward Ian Whitfield, Richard Graham and Susan Rennie were elected to Council. Alistair Edwards, Laurie Humphreys, and Kevin Allen were elected to represent the West Ward on Council.

The Mayor's term will last until 7 May 2005. Councillors serve two or four year terms.

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Whats on at Gateways Shopping Centre

On behalf of everyone at Gateways Shopping Centre we wish all of our customers and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Christmas trading hours have been extended for those last minute shopping trips with the inclusion of Sunday 17th and Sunday 24th December between the hours of 12pm to 6pm

The Gateways Saver Card has been introduced to reward our customers and provide you with some great incentives just for shopping at Gateways. Join up next time you visit and claim your very first reward.

Santa has arrived with complimentary lollypops to all the children who, when

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visiting can have their photos taken with Santa for a small fee which includes a Christmas Card folder to present this special keepsake either to family or friends.

Christmas Jackpot at Gateways, one lucky customer could be celebrating with \$1,000 worth of shopping vouchers Sundav the 24th on December. Simply make a purchase at Gateways to enter the big draw (conditions apply). Join in the Christmas celebrations on this special character with special day, appearances for the children as well as free give-aways and loads of fun for everyone from 12pm to 6pm.

Seasons Greetings from the Gateways Shopping Centre



Corner Beeliar Drive & Kwinana Freeway Telephone 9498 5577 Facsimile 9498 5588

ENVIRONMENT LOCAL AGENDA 21

Sustainability - What Council is doing?

Last month's article outlined some things that can be done around the home in the name of sustainability. This month we take a look at some of the things the Council is doing.

Cities for Climate Protection (CCP)

CCP is a campaign of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives with over 370 local governments worldwide (the City of Cockburn being one) participating. CCP empowers local governments to cut greenhouse gas emissions. CCP is based on a structured, 5 level milestone, program. The City of Cockburn has completed milestone 2 and is currently working on milestone 3.

To date the City of Cockburn has conducted a greenhouse gas emission inventory and in December 1999 the City of Cockburn made the commitment for its 2010 greenhouse gas emissions to be 20% less than it's 1995 greenhouse gas emission levels.

The City of Cockburn is now in the process of developing a Local Action Plan. Work undertaking to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions has included installing solar powered lights at Catherine point and Rotary lookout, the purchase of two dual fuel vehicles for the vehicle fleet and retro-fitting the Civic Centre by replacing incandescent lights with florescent lights.

Environmental Management Systems (EMS)

EMS is a systems approach to improving environmental protection by using a single environmental management system across all functions of the organisation. EMS is a tool, which allows the Council to integrate environmental responsibilities into Councils corporate planning and management, and provides for continual improvement in environmental performance. EMS contains the following elements:

- An environmental policy
- Identification of environmental aspects and significant impacts
- Identification of legal and other requirements
- Goals, objectives and targets that support the policy
- An environmental management program
- Definition of roles, responsibilities, and authorities
- Training and awareness procedures
- Process for communication of the EMS
- Document and operational control procedures
- Procedures for emergency response
- Procedures for monitoring significant impacts
- Procedures to correct non conformance
- Record management procedures
- Auditing program
- Procedures for management review.

The City of Cockburn is currently developing an environmental aspects and impacts register.

The City of Cockburn is committed to revegetation and weed control within a number of conservation reserves. In 1999/2000 \$52,000 was spent on revegetation and \$99,000 for weed management.

The City of Cockburn in conjunction with Melville, Canning, Fremantle and East Fremantle Councils finalised a deal with Bedminster (Australia) that will mean the contents of your rubbish bin will become compost rather than going to the tip. This will result in significant reduction in landfill gas emissions over the next 20 years.

The City of Cockburn is currently undertaking many activities that fall under the banner of sustainable development and the development of the Local Agenda 21 plan will ensure this continues.

If you wish to join the Local Agenda 21 mailing list please call the Environmental Section at the City of Cockburn on 9411 3505.

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Draft Coastal Work Plan

What do the reserves, Coogee Beach, North Coogee and Manning Park have in common? They are part of the City of Cockburn's coastline, which are included in the Draft Coastal Works Plan.

The City of Cockburn and Comnet, with the assistance of Natural Heritage Funding, have developed a Coastal Works Plan. The Draft Coastal Works Plan has been developed in conjunction with the community, and outlines proposed works and environmental management for coastal areas.

The Coastal Works Plan can be viewed at the City of Cockburn Council Offices, Spearwood Library and Coolbellup Library, with summaries available at the City of Cockburn.

Your comments are important to the development of the Coastal Works Plan. Comments are required in writing and sent to Environmental Services Department - City of Cockburn, PO Box 1215, Bibra Lake, WA. The closing date for comments is 31 December 2000.

If you have any questions or require a copy of the summary you can contact Environmental Services Department on 9411 3505

ENVIRONMENT **DRAFT ISSUES PAPER**

As part of it's ongoing Local Agenda 21 project, the WEAKNESSES City of Cockburn and BSD Consultants held four targeted community meetings on 29th and 30th November to set the community's vision for the future of the City. A wide range of community groups were invited to attend, including resident's associations, environmental groups, community groups such as Lions and RSL, business representatives and sporting aroups. Those unable to attend were sent information about the project, and invited to submit comments to the City. Such information packages were also sent to schools in the City, to encourage their participation.

The meetings were a huge success, demonstrating that the community is, in general, highly conscious of the current scenario in Cockburn, and has a strong idea of what they want the City of Cockburn to become in the future. Although issues that some people saw as weaknesses these were also perceived as strengths by others (eg industrial development), and some issues perceived as threats were perceived as opportunities by others. On the whole all participants stronaly supported the Local Agenda 21 process, and agreed that good planning and good community consultation would go a long way to helping Cockburn develop to its maximum potential.

SWOT Analysis

A significant proportion of the sessions was spent conducting Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities and Threats analysis of the City. As can be seen below, the community believe that the City of Cockburn has excellent potential to develop into a model community, with a vibrant urban centre, positive community attitude, and high environmental standards.

STRENGTHS

- Natural Assets (Coastline, Wetlands, Bushland).
- Size of the City.
- Ethnic diversity/diversity of population and interests.
- Education values ("open classroom") of natural/cultural areas.
- Social connectivity with natural assets.
- Strong community groups.
- Coastal Location.
- Access to regional transport systems.
- Proximity to high quality international Universities (Murdoch and Notre Dame).
- Strong retail centres.

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- Good support from the City of Cockburn.
- State Government is willing to invest significant amounts of money into Cockburn based development.

- Cockburn, and especially its coastline, is dominated by industry.
- Cockburn has "no soul", and "no heart" and is visually unattractive.
- Lack of town centre/social values.
- No economic development strategy.
- Poor planning in terms of the interface between environment and urban areas.
- Low sense of security/safety.
- Low value, both internally and externally perceived, creating a dumping ground with a lack of community pride and esteem.
- Highly fragmented society, geographically and in terms of facilities.
- All transport, both roads and public, is oriented north-south, or to and from Fremantle and Perth. There is no intra Cockburn transport network, and public transport is generally poor.
- Natural assets are being degraded at a high/unacceptable rate.
- Inadequacy of state legislation and concern for Cockburn, and a lack of community control of State planning issues.
- No give/take relationship with State Government ("State takes, takes, takes").
- High cost to community when natural capital is misused/given the inappropriate economic value.
- No faith in the DEP/EPA to protect environment.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Build on current diversity of interests.
- Natural assets, and potential for eco-tourism, education, and simply as a natural asset. These assets do not occur anywhere else in the world (eg Beeliar Wetlands).
- Size of the city, with growth opportunities.
- Appropriate use of freeway, if combined with rail/public transport to the coast.
- Building conditions for future developments, such as passive solar design standards, and requirements for visual amenity.
- Community input for setting industry standards.
- Horticultural options.
- Big business/small business connections and development.
- Much of Cockburn is a blank canvass, with good opportunity for high standards of sustainable community design.
- High-level of community interest and knowledge.
- Creating an industry based on environmental values and state of the art technology.

THREATS

- Impression that Perth needs more industrial land, and Cockburn is the ideal location.
- State Planning Commission, and a lack of understanding of what the people of Cockburn want.
- Roe Highway, Fremantle-Rockingham Controlled Access Highway, and roads in general
- EPA and DEP do not have community interests at the forefront, and are overshadowed by other department's decisions.
- Decisions are made from the outside, with no real idea of the impacts.
- State Government departments suffering from "Capture Theory".
- Residents that oppose ALL development.
- Lack of communication between residents and developers.
- Non cooperative councillors and council staff.
- Bad reputation.
- More bad planning.

From this analysis, a vision for the future of Cockburn was sought. The common themes of this vision can be summarised as follows:

In 30 years time our vision for Cockburn is a community that:

- Is less wasteful, treats waste as a resource, minimises waste.
- Has a vibrant heart, is attractive, has a good energy, and a self empowered community.
- Retains, values, utilises and appreciates its environmental assets.
- Appropriately considers environmental and community values in decision making.
- Has the ear of all levels of government.
- Has community based, efficient public transport that serves the needs of the Cockburn community.
- Is aware of its environment, and encourages sustainable practices in the community, such as recycling, gardening, energy and product use etc.
- Is a safe and secure place to live.
- Offers good quality education opportunities, utilising the natural and social resources available.
- Is amongst Perth's leading environmental managers.
- Has well planned beach areas meeting environmental and social needs.
- Contains pollution free/clean industrial developments.
- Houses world class industrial developments, and fosters the co-location of related small business.
- Is a show case of environmental and pollution reduction industries.

If you have any additional strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats or you have a vision for the City of Cockburn you would like incorporated in the issues paper please send them in writing marked "LA21 Issues Paper" to the City of Cockburn by the 19th January 2001.

Vanishing Wildlife

It is not only the plants in our conservation reserves that make them a pleasing place to visit but it is also the many animals and birds that can be seen. We endeavour to encourage wildlife in our reserves with one of our aims being to maintain reserves in a condition that provides much needed habitat for our unique wildlife. But no matter how much we work at maintaining these areas there are always problems with which we require the community's help.

One such problem was brought to our attention by a number of concerned citizens who noticed that young swans (cyanets) appear to be missing from around a number of the wetlands. The cygnets still had the plumage associated with young swans and had not yet developed feathers to allow them to fly. They could be seen swimming, walking or sitting with their parents and appeared to be thriving. It is possible that they may have been taken by predators such as foxes or even cats but there is also a rumour that they may also have been removed by persons or people for reasons known only to them.

The taking of wildlife is an offence under the Wildlife Protection Act and the Wildlife Conservation Act. Heavy penalties apply to anyone convicted of taking wildlife without a permit or appropriate authorisation. We would like to hear from anyone who has seen or knows of anyone taking wildlife illegally. Please contact Council's Environmental Services Department on 9411 3444.



Youth Outrage Holiday Program January 2001

In response to requests for more activities for young people, Council has created the Youth Outrage Holiday Program. Bookings are essential, for more information phone Youth Development Officer, Brian Riley on 9411 3582 or 0438 900 136.

	WEEK	
Tuesday 9th Jan.	Horseriding Beach	\$20
Wed 10th Jan.	Cable Waterski	\$20
Thurs 11th Jan.	Adventure World	\$15
Friday 12th Jan.	DarkZone/Movies	\$15
	WEEK	2
Tuesday 16th Jan.	Great Escape	\$15
Wed 17th Jan.	Bickley Outdoor Adventure Camp	\$15
Thurs 18th Jan.	SouthLake Leisure Centre	\$10
Fri 19th Jan.	Surfcatting South Perth Foreshore	\$15
	WEEK	3
Monday 22nd Jan.		\$20
Tues 23rd Jan	Rotto	\$20
Wed 24th Jan	Wet'n'Wild Kalamunda	\$15
Thurs 25th Jan	Adventure World	\$15

BBQ Lunch Provided Bring, Hat, Sunscreen, Towel, Shoes & Socks

Lunch Provided Bring, Hat, Sunscreen, Towel,etc

Arrive after 10am, Bring own Lunch, Hat, Sunscreen, Towel, Etc.

Bring, Hat, Sunscreen, Hillary's Boat Harbour Towel, Bathers, Etc.

10.30am Canoeing, Flying Fox, BBQ Lunch Provided

BBQ Lunch Provided Bring, Hat,Sunscreen, Towel, Etc. Swimming, Skateboarding, Gym, Indoor Rock Climbing.

BBQ Lunch Provided Skating, Blading, Bring, Hat,Sunscreen, Towel,etc

Swimming, Fishing, Snorkling, Riding, Surfing. BBQ Lunch Provided Bring, Hat,Sunscreen, Towel, Etc.

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Arrive after 10am, Bring own Lunch, Hat, Sunscreen, Towel, Etc.



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PROBLEMS WITH RETAINING WALLS?

Landowners and new homebuilders are often unexpectedly faced with having to install a retaining wall. This can be an expensive and complicated problem, which often causes ill feelings between neighbours.

Council has seen the need to have a policy, which outlines the rights and responsibilities of landowners placed in this situation. It is often not known that a person must obtain a Building Licence from Council before work can commence. This is to ensure that walls are properly designed and will be structurally stable.

There are limits on how high a retaining wall can be built and there are responsibilities for those carrying out the work not to destabilise existing buildings in the vicinity.

The Policy also contains information on party walls, rights of adjoining neighbours and how disputes may be resolved and is available at Council's Administration Offices during normal business hours.

New Marketing Program for Local Business

Do you own a small business? Need more customers? Spending money in the classifieds and not receiving any phone calls?

Marketing Today may be the answer to these questions and will help you promote your business to generate more sales. The Coastal Business Centre presents the programme. Marketing Today has been developed to help small business people to easily learn how to market their business. It is a step by step learning programme, which uses your business as the example.

Marketing Today is delivered in two, 4 hour sessions. It is presented by Barbara Grinsell, a local small businesswoman with some twenty years experience of teaching small business people how to run their business better.

The cost of the programme is \$125. To register or find out more about Marketing Today call Coastal Business Centre Executive Officer Phil Kemp on 9430 8569.

BIRDWATCHING

Like to know more about the birds that inhabit our wetland and bushland areas? Well why not come along on a bird watching walk?

The City of Cockburn, in conjunction with Birds Australia, has organised a bird watching tour around the shores of Yangebup Lake and Market Garden Swamp.

Members of Birds Australia will be conducting the walks. They have extensive knowledge of the birds of the area and have travelled widely identifying and studying the habits of birds.

When: Commencing at 8.00 AM. Market Garden Swamp: Sunday 14 January 2001.

> Yangebup Lake: Sunday 4 February 2001.

What to bring: A hat, sunscreen, binoculars and sturdy footwear are recommended.

Limited numbers of binoculars are available for loan.

Spaces are limited. Please call Councils Environmental Services Section on 9411 3502 for further details and to confirm your attendance.

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The South Lake Leisure Centre will be closed from Wednesday 20th December until 26th December.

On Boxing Day the Centre will reopen at 8.00AM for normal trading. The closure is needed for maintenance to the concourse surfaces.

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Vacation Swimming classes are again being held at the Centre during the school holidays this summer. We will be again offering discount vouchers for entry to the Centre for the lessons.

Included in the cost of the vouchers are entry to the Centre for the children and one spectator. Prices are:

1st series:

9 entry \$27.00 18 entry \$44.10 27 entry \$61.20 36 entry \$78.30 45 entry \$93.60 54 entry \$108.00 2nd series:

10 entry \$30.00 20 entry \$49.00 30 entry \$68.00 40 entry \$87.00 50 entry \$104.00 60 entry \$120.00

Note: 1st series is over nine days due to no classes on 1st January 2001.

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A 30 entry pass gets three children and one spectator into the pool for the ten lessons.

For the summer period the aquatic centre will be opening at 5.30 am Monday to Friday for all those of you who want to get started earlier during summer.

The skate park is up and running and we are looking at increasing the number of sessions during the summer period. We will be having a 9.00 am - 12.00 noon session and a 6.00pm - 9.00pm session Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We are also looking at having some special sessions for the under 12's age group. Keep a lookout for information posters and brochures at the Centre.

New Face at the South errues erusiel exist

There's a new member of the team over at the South Lake Leisure Centre. Shane Harris joins the Centre staff as manager this month. Mr Harris completed a Bachelor of Science with Honours from Edith Cowan University where he majored in Sports Science. He comes to the South lake Leisure Centre after serving as Operations Manager at the Bayswater Waves Leisure Centre. He has also worked as Aquatics Manager at the Belmont Oasis Leisure Centre and was a consultant with Corporate Health Professionals. "I'm looking forward to the challenge of running the South Lake Leisure Centre," says Shane.



Last month you may have read about the opening of the new Skate Park at the South Lake Leisure Centre. Skate parks are not built for free. On November 29, 2000, the Hon. Simon O'Brien, MLC, handed over a cheque for \$37,576 from the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund. CSRFF along with the City of Cockburn, Office of Youth Affairs and Safer WA all helped to fund the building of the Skate The CSRFF is a programme Park. established by the Ministry of Sport and Recreation and aims to increase participation and achievement in sport and recreation for all West Australians. In March 2000 a sum of \$8 million was provided for community organisations and local government authorities through the CSRFF.



Have a New Years Eve Fling in the Park

Local yet internationally acclaimed Celtic band Fling, in conjunction with the City of Cockburn are once again putting on their popular New Years Eve show - fling in the Park, down in the beautiful settings of Manning Park. Fling are a contemporary Celtic Band who have toured extensively through Europe and Asia and get people up and dancing wherever they perform. So bring the family down to Manning Park New Years Eve, bring a blanket, something nice to nibble on and something to keep the mozzies away.



Keep Your Home Safe for the Holidays

With Christmas around the corner most people would be aware that the number of house break-ins increase over this time of the year, because with holidays, picnics and outdoor activities your home may be left unattended for longer periods.

The City of Cockburn is aware that the council may not be able to prevent break-ins. However, the City does have a plan to deter future break-ins and safe guard your valuables with ID marking, engraving and digital photographs. Should a break-in occur at your home, having your belongings clearly marked will assist the recovery of your items. Marking items also deters would-be thieves from stealing your goods, as this makes re-sale more difficult. Digital photographs provide proof of ownership and are of assistance to police and insurance companies.

The City of Cockburn is offering free engraving, UV marking, stamping and digital photography. To book this service ring the Safer City Project Officer on 9314 3001 who will return your call to make an appointment to visit your home.

Editor's Note

In the November edition of Cockburn Soundings profiles of the mayoral candidates for the recent local election were published. The candidates wrote these profiles. The final sentence of Mr George Grljusich's profile states, "I am married to Judy with three children." Mrs Marlene Grljusich (nee Barbarich), former wife of Mr Grljusich, and her son Rod Grljusich contacted this publication and wish it to be known that Mrs Marlene Grljusich is the mother of Mr Rod Grljusich.

HOLIDAY HOURS FOR THE LIBRARY

Over the Christmas holidays the Spearwood and Coolbellup Libraries will not be open normal hours. Below is a schedule for operating hours at the libraries over the holiday period.

DECEMBER

Friday 22	10.00am - 1.00pm (note early close)
Saturday 23	Normal hours (9.00am - 11.45am)
Sunday 24	Closed
Monday 25	Closed
Tuesday 26	Closed
Wednesday 27	Coolbellup - 10.00am - 5.15pm
	Spearwood - Closed
Thursday (00	

Thursday 28 Friday 29 Saturday 30 Sunday 31 Normal hours (10.00am - 8.15pm) Normal hours (10.00am - 5.15pm) Normal hours (9.00am - 11.45am) Closed

JANUARY

Monday 1 Closed Tuesday 2 Normal hours resume

ALSO

The Library Service will be upgrading its computer system early in the New Year. It is expected that both Spearwood & Coolbellup Libraries will be closed on: Wednesday 10 January 2001 Thursday 11 January 2001

RUBBISH COLLECTION TIMES CHANGED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Regular rubbish and recycling collection days have been changed: from 25 December 2000 to 23 December 2000 & from 1 January 2001 to 30 December 2000 The Henderson Landfill Site will be closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day. **FREE CDs**

U2 You Am I Fatboy Slim Marilyn Manson Ricky Martin Limp Bizkit Powerfinger Kylie Minogue The Superjesus Human Nature Britney Spears CDs by these

'Top 10' artists, along with hundreds of other titles, can now be borrowed from the library

-For Free!

City of Cockburn Public Library & Information Service



Spearwood Library Coleville Crescent 9411 3491

Coolbellup Library 90 Cordelia Avenue 9314 1695

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Turn Cockburn upside down to find the next Australian of the Year and Community of the Year

Council is calling on the people of Cockburn to turn the district upside down to find Cockburn's 2001 Citizen, Young Citizen of the Year and Community of the Year.

The Citizen of the Year Award recognises an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to this community. The Young Citizen of the Year Award recognises similar achievements by young people up to 25 years of age.

The Community of the Year Award recognises the achievements of an entire community or group, such as a specific community project, the work of a particular group or organisation or a record of achievement by a suburb or area.

The winners of the awards will be announced by the Mayor Lee on 26th January 2001. They are drawn from are based on nominations solely received from the public, and judged by a Board of Representatives of the City of Cockburn.

Nomination forms are available in this issue or from the Council office, by phoning the Council on 9411 3458.

Nominees for Citizen of the Year must be Australian citizens and, other than in exceptional circumstances, should reside in Cockburn. Nominations must be received by Thursday 4th January 2001. For Further information contact Communications Manager, Chuck Ellis on 9411 3551.

Nomination Form for the City of Cockburn's 2001 Australia Day Citizen of the Year

(Fill out, cut off, put in an envelope and post. No stamp required.)

State

Telephone

I would	like to	nominate

Citizen of the Year

ar Young Citizen of the Year

Community of the Year

My reason for this nomination (attach details if space is insufficient)

Address To:

City of Cockburn Reply Paid 1215 Bibra Lake DC WA 6965 (No postage stamp required)

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Nominator's	name
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Address

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