

COCKBURN

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SOUNDINGS

Message From Your Mayor

Cockburn Council Celebrates Foundation Day

On Friday the first of May I was delighted to attend Council's largest ever Foundation Day function. Over 420 people enjoyed lunch and entertainment provided by Council.

Our Foundation Day celebration enables the Council to recognise and thank the pioneers of the district for their efforts in establishing our City, which currently ranks as one of the fastest growing cities in the Metropolitan area.



It is hard to imagine that a little over 25 years ago we didn't have a library and now we have three of them. Thirty years ago land in Goss Street Spearwood was selling for \$5,000 a block and nowadays the average price of a block of land in Cockburn is fast approaching \$100,000.

Our City is booming. Thanks for this prosperity must go to our pioneers who laid the foundations for the success Cockburn enjoys today

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EVENTS CALENDAR

3rd, 4th & 11th JULY
NAIDOC EVENTS

17th JULY
Next Council Meeting

9th AUGUST
Quarantine Station Tour

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Major Stores

Action	9414 5444
Woolworths	9414 5222
Woolworths Liquor	9414 5222

Food

Donut King	9498 5248
Gateways Chinese Restaurant	9498 6313
Gateways Fish & Chips	9414 6038
Good Life Health Foods	9498 5000
Micachinos Cafe	9498 5242
Oven Delight Patisserie	9498 5599
Subway	9498 5200
Wendy's	9498 5508

Fashion

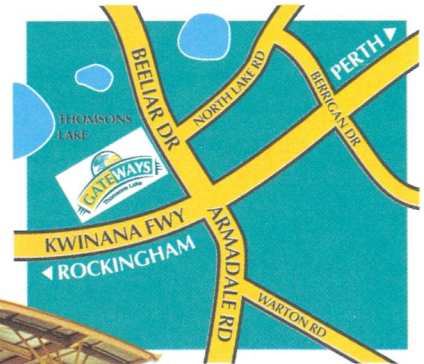
Gekko Fashion	9498 6600
Kay's Bags	9414 6785
Rockmans	9414 5600
Showcase Jewellers	9498 5276
Surfs Up Surf Shop	9414 6317

Services

Australia Post	9498 5263
BankWest	131 718
Checkers (Mens Hairdressing)	9414 6655
Clear Image Skin Clinic	9498 5188
De La Rose Creations	9498 5322
Farrington Drycleaners	9498 5316
Fixit Multi Services	9498 5958
Gateways Dental Centre	9498 5122
Gateways Medical Centre	9414 6777
Harvey World Travel	9414 6788
Kodak Express	9498 5255
OPSM	9498 5855
Price Wave (Ladies Hairdressing)	9414 6655
Richard Noble & Co.	9414 5111
Success Public Library	9414 5599
Video Ezy	9498 5111

Household

Gateways Newsagency & Lottery Centre	9498 5222
Knives Forks & Allsorts	9498 5888
Pharmacy Plus	9498 5977
Red Dot	9414 6722
Tandy Electronics	9414 5948
Thrifty Link Hardware	9414 5333



IT PAYS TO SHOP AT GATEWAYS!

We wish to advise all Saver Card members that the current retailer offers will be available from 1st July 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.



This month's Lucky Gateways Saver Card Members numbers.

11

23

If one of these numbers is yours just present your winning Gateways Saver Card to the Centre Management office prior to

Saturday 14th July 2001 to receive your \$20.00 Gateways gift voucher.

568

School Holiday Entertainment at Gateways

Monday 9th -
Saturday 14th July

Hey Presto Magic Show

11am Daily

Saturday 14th July 10am - 1pm

FREE Face Painting

Saturday 14th July 11am - 2pm



'The Fresh Food People'
WOOLWORTHS



ACTION
Packed full of GOOD TASTE

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

Bibra Lake Clean-up

Innovative Technology Used to Assist in Cleaning up Bibra Lake

Earthmovers, pumps, trucks, and a PVC contraption that looks as much like modern art as the latest technology. There has been a bit of work going on in Beeliar Regional Park and you might be wondering just what Council is up to.

The City of Cockburn has taken the initiative to install new and innovative technology to assist in the clean up of Bibra Lake. For some time pollutants have been entering the water in Bibra Lake. It is hoped the new system, just installed, will prevent further pollutants entering the lake from the existing drainage system.

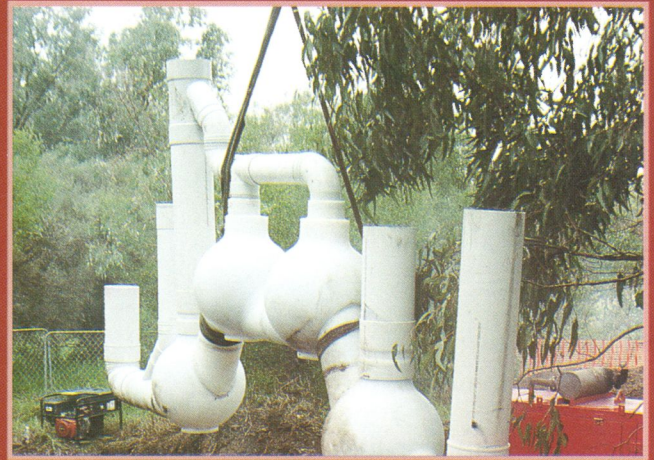
Two years ago Council's Works Manager Ian Street noticed the existing drainage system was not getting the job done and was generally in a bad state of repair. "It was then that I thought we should be able to do something a bit better and enhance the existing drainage system, and look at cleaning up the damage done by fertilisers to the lake," recalls Mr Street.

After the problem was identified, Council's Design Section undertook an investigation into Gross Pollutant Traps (GPT), which would be needed to stop the pollutants getting into the existing drainage system. Because of the water table around the wetlands, no current GPT could cope with the situation at Bibra Lake.

Then Council contacted Advance Concrete Products, who seemed to have a system that could get the job done. After a meeting between Council's Works, Design and Environmental teams and ACP head Shane Wormald, it was agreed ACP would custom design a system for the north eastern drainage catchment of Bibra Lake.

The system works by sending drainage water through a number of pipes and filters that remove harmful pollutants before they reach the lake itself. Most of the system is beneath the ground with little visible on the surface. It is the system's ability to function under water that makes it unique in Australia.

Regular monitoring will be done to ensure the system is working properly. If successful Council will look at options for installing others within our drainage catchment.



Cycling Towards Sustainability

By Geoff Amos, City of Cockburn Cartographic Services Officer

The air is a little crisp as I don my cycling gear - several layers of clothing, gloves and a beanie for under my helmet. (This will keep me warm as winter approaches.) I take off into the still air for my journey to work.

I am undecided as to which way to go: Shall I take the scenic coast route, or shall I ride that little bit extra and ride along the new cycle path next to the freeway? I take the coast....

I am enjoying the picturesque vista of the ocean's mirror-like surface along one of the many bike paths along the coast. There are many "Good Mornings" from local walkers and other cyclists. Completely stress free.

You get plenty of time to think as you ride. Today I am thinking that if more people rode instead of automatically hopping in their car to get to places, like to work, or the shops, or to wherever, how much better our lives would be. You would be healthier, start your day off stress free, save money, and in the bigger picture, helping the

environment. There would be less congestion on our roads, reducing our dependency on fossil fuels and reducing pollution.

I have to leave the coastal path now and take the cycle path that runs along the railway line. There are a few hills here, but the good thing about hills is that you get to go down - fast...

Another benefit is fitness. I would find it hard to fit in the time during the day for a fitness program if I didn't commute by bike every day. The more I ride, the fitter I get, the better I feel.

Ahh, here's work. Lock the bike up and jump into a hot shower, ready to face the day fresh and with a clear mind...

For further information on sustainable living in Cockburn contact Kirsty Stratford on 94113441.



Our Children Our Future

The City of Cockburn would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Children's Services Plan "Our Children Our Future," which has now been completed.

The plan looks at future direction of Children's Services for the next ten years.

This review recognises the importance of families in nurturing children, however, the primary interest of the review is children themselves and the services, which they access and need as they grow to adulthood.

The consultants Helen Grzyb and Associates found that there were many Children's Services in the Cockburn region, which were highly regarded by children and parents and were a vital part of local community life.

If you require further information please contact Jill Zumach at the City of Cockburn on 9411 3431.



GOLDEN GROUP TOURS GOLDFIELDS

On Friday the 5th May, Cockburn Centre Base Respite took fourteen of their elderly members on a trip to Kalgoorlie-Boulder. This trip was over four days with the clients using their free passes to travel to and from Kalgoorlie by train. On arrival they were met by the Co-ordinator of the Community Services for Kalgoorlie who arranged their accommodation and supplied them with their bus and driver for the weekend.

They stayed at the Goldfields Camp School where they had all of their meals. Given the high standard of hospitality shown and, if the opportunity arose for a return visit next year, this would be a must on everyone's calendar.

On the Saturday and Sunday the group went on tours of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, the Museum of the Goldfields, the Super Pit, and the Goldfields Art Centre. One of our members wanted to visit the gravesite of her first born which she had not seen for many years and this was one of the highlights of her visit. Another one of the highlights was having afternoon tea and tour of the famous Langtrees 181, on the infamous Hay Street.



Establishment of a Community Bank

A lengthy article was published in the March issue of the Cockburn Soundings, outlining a proposal to establish a community Bank at the Hamilton Hill Shopping Centre.

An extensive outline was provided in exactly what was required of potential customers and investors to establish a bank.

The survey requested that customers provide support by either pledging funds to the project, or indicating if they would become a customer of the bank. From a potential result of 26,000 questionnaires,

approximately 75 responses were received. Total pledges were \$73,400. 71 of those responses were willing to have the information provided in the survey passed on to the Steering Committee, 14 of the responses were prepared only to become customers of the bank, leaving an actual number of pledges at 61. Based on the poor return, Council will not be proceeding with a feasibility study, as the minimum level of pledges required (\$350,000) has not been achieved at this stage. The City of Fremantle is

intending to proceed with their customer survey very shortly. The survey will be distributed within the Hilton Park precinct only. Survey results will be coordinated directly by the Hilton Park Precinct Coordinator who will be liaising directly with the Hamilton Hill Community Bank Steering Committee. At this stage Council anticipates no further involvement, unless a further approach is received from the Committee advising that pledges have reached the required level.

NAIDOC WEEK

To celebrate **NAIDOC** (National Aboriginal Islander Day of Celebration) week in July a number of activities have been planned. Tuesday July 3rd - is a lunch time family get together at Yonga Educational Centre at Bibra Lake. Wednesday July 4th - South Lake Ottey Neighbourhood & Family Centre is

celebrating with a sausage sizzle and family entertainment from 3.30pm - 6.00pm Wednesday July 11th - join in the Karaoke and fun at Coolbellup's Burdiya Hall from 12.30 - 3.30pm.

Further enquires can be made to Cassandra Cooper 9411 3433

Beeliar Wetlands Heritage Trail

Yangebup and Little Rush lakes will soon be sporting a new image thanks to funding from the Federation Community Fund and the City of Cockburn.

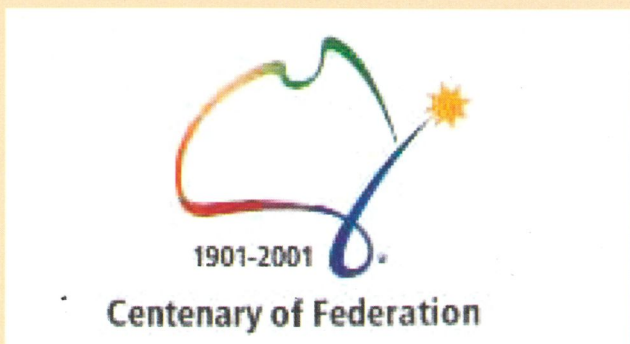
Four public art works have been commissioned to go alongside the lakes at Yangebup and Little Rush and a community artwork has been commissioned for Yangebup Lake.

The Public artworks are looking at a diverse range of issues that relate to the lakes including the wool scourers, the market gardeners, indigenous culture and settlement.

The community artwork will look at why these lake areas are important to different groups in the community and map the stories. This amazing project will be recorded on a recycled cement tank near Yangebup Lake.

The majority of the artists involved in this project are local and there has been a great deal of interaction within the local community on different issues relating to this project. Artists Lesley King Dowding, Nicky Stone, and Claire Bailey have been working with Yangebup Primary School and the Mater Christi school in Yangebup. The students have been glazing and firing tiles for the public art works.

It is hoped that the works will be in place before June 30 this year with an official opening in August or September.

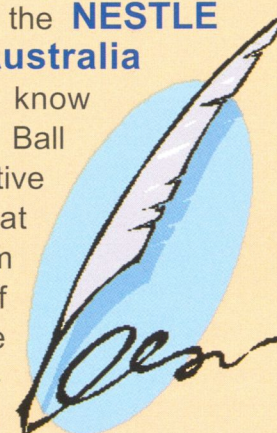


LIBRARY ACTIVITIES



Children's Author Giving Workshops at Library... As part of the NESTLE Write Around Australia Competition,

well know children's author, Duncan Ball will be conducting free creative writing workshops at Spearwood Library from 30th of July to the 2nd of August. Local schools are being invited to attend one-hour sessions where children can learn about the writing process from the author who created the character Selby the talking dog.



On the 3rd of August the twenty finalists from the South Metro Zone of the NESTLE Write Around Australia Competition will also attend an extended workshop with Duncan Ball. Here they will get assistance with improving their winning entries or creating new stories for the second round of judging.

Zone Co-ordinator, Luba Kambourakis from Spearwood Library, said that Duncan Ball has won four West Australian Young Reader's Book awards. "Children love his books because of his wacky humour and childlike sense of fun. His workshops provide a great opportunity for local children to access and integrate practical information on writing." Please contact Luba Kambourakis on 9411 3493 for more details.

July School Holiday Programme

Visits from Dept of CALM's Aboriginal Heritage Officers and farmyard animals are the highlight of the City of Cockburn's Libraries programme for the July school holidays.

Children will hear Aboriginal dreaming stories, learn songs, dances and Nyoongar words.

In addition, cuddly farm animals will "oink", "cluck", and "quack" their way to Spearwood and Coolbellup Libraries and the Atwell Community Centre.

Arts and crafts activities will also take place to complement the visits.

Please contact your local library or phone Luba Kambourakis on 9411 3493 for more details.

Planning for Retirement Seminar

Libraries are normally closed on Sundays. However, July the 8th will be an exception at Spearwood Library. At 10am, Richard Press, the Financial Adviser from RetireInvest Fremantle will provide an information session on Planning for Retirement. Topics to be covered are financial planning, how to maximise Social Security entitlement, and minimising tax. Refreshments will be provided. Please contact Luba Kambourakis at Spearwood Library on 9411 3493 for bookings.

Cockburn Libraries On-line

The Library Catalogue is now on the Internet at <http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au>

Now you can search the Library Catalogue from the comfort of your own home, 24 hours a day. You can reserve items and access your borrower record!

All you need is your library membership number (its on your library card) and your library PIN (Personal Identification Number). If you don't have a PIN

please contact the City of Cockburn Public Library & Information Service and quote your membership number, name and address and we will organise a PIN for you.

The Library's Internet site also features a subject guide to sites of interest on the Internet.

SAFER CITY

Cockburn Council Offers Free Services to Improve Home Safety...

According to the Bureau of Statistics, West Australians are 41.6 per cent more likely to fall victim to a break-in or burglary than residents of other states. 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 residents' valuables. Through the Safer City project, Council offers a number of free services to residents, including:

- Kerb House Numbers
- Safety Audits
- UV Marking
- Engraving
- Digital photographs of valuables
- Referrals to Community Police, Fire Safety Information, and Neighbourhood Watch

"Should a break-in occur at your home, having your belongings clearly marketed will assist the recovery of your items," according to Cockburn's Safer City Project Officer Nick Deane. "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.

According to Mr Deane, the kerb house number marking can make a very important difference in an emergency. "Looking for hard to find house numbers, can delay police and emergency vehicles reaching you. Easy to read kerb house numbers can save critical minutes in an emergency," says Mr Deane.

The City of Cockburn offers free engraving, UV marking, stamping, digital photography, and kerb house numbering.

To book these services ring the Safer City Project Officer on 9314 3001.

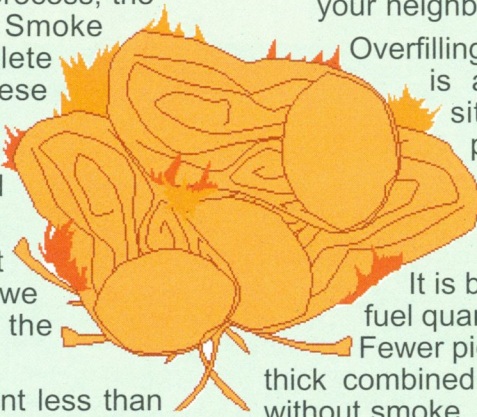


A BURNING ISSUE

Slow combustion wood heaters are a popular way of heating houses in Western Australia. Unfortunately, due to their popularity the smoke they produce has become a problem in some suburbs, particularly during cold, calm winter nights and mornings.

We all have a responsibility to ensure our wood heaters operate efficiently. The more efficient the wood heater and the combustion process, the less the smoke emissions. Smoke indicates poor or incomplete combustion of the fuel and these emissions can have a dramatic impact on public health (respiratory irritation, asthma) and obviously pollute our atmosphere.

- To ensure the efficient operation of your wood heater we recommend you adopt the following practices:-
- Use dry wood (moisture content less than 25%).
- Dry bush wood is better than mill ends as they are often 'green'.
- Split logs. They will dry quicker.
- Ensure the flue is clean and free from soot and creosote.



- Start the fire with dry newspaper and thinly cut kindling (vent fully open).
- Once burning, add large pieces of dry wood in a criss-cross fashion (leave the vent fully open for 15-20 minutes).
- On still days, consider not lighting the fire, as the smoke will not disperse and adversely impact on your neighbours.

Overfilling a wood heater and closing the vent is a common practice however; this situation causes significant air pollution and will result in greater maintenance and cleaning costs due to the build up of incomplete combustion products in the flue.

It is best to control heat by adjusting your fuel quantity and keeping the vent fully open. Fewer pieces of dry wood, 10-15 centimetres thick combined with sufficient air will burn slowly without smoke.

An efficient fire should have bright swirling flames and red embers and there should be little or no visible smoke coming from the chimney.

Should you require further information or a brochure on wood heaters, please contact Council's Health Service on 9411 3589.



ASSISTANCE FOR HOME BASED BUSINESSES

Many small businesses close in their first few years, due to inexperience, lack of support and isolation. Now home-based small business people will no longer have to do it alone, thanks to a program undertaken by Coastal Business Centre.

The non-profit organisation is running workshops that will assist small business owners to develop their business skills, and put them in touch with other business people in their area. It is also providing free, one-on-one counselling services for all small businesses in the City of Cockburn.

"Coastal Business Centre acknowledges the isolation experienced by many Home Based Business owners, which often holds back the development and growth of their businesses," said Barbara Grinsell, coordinator of the Home Based Business project. "We have developed a program that will improve the skills of business owners - and in turn, that will help the business to develop and grow."

The State Government's Small Business Development Corporation is sponsoring the program, which includes a variety of

services to small businesses as well as the business workshops. The workshops, conducted at the City of Cockburn offices, run for two hours and will cost Home Based Businesses just \$16.50.

Topics will include:

- Understanding & Interpreting Your Financial Statements
- Practical Internet & E-Mail Skills
- An Introduction to the Law of Contracts
- Negotiation Skills
- Guerrilla Marketing
- Pricing, Costing & Break-Even Analyses
- How to write a tender
- Occupation Health and Safety Issues in the workplace
- Business networking skills, how to network effectively

Other business services are also available through the Home Based Business program free of charge. Businesses can receive business coaching, counselling and mentoring services or have a free

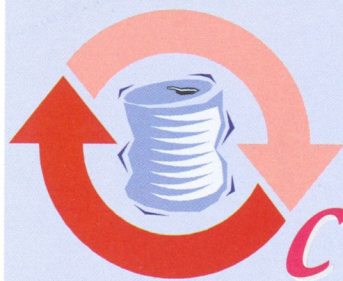
All home based businesses are invited to contact Coastal Business Centre on 9430 8569 for further information.

**Quarantine Station Tour (Woodman Point Recreation Camp)
Thursday 9th August 2001 at 4.30pm**

Friends of Woodman Point will be hosting a FREE history tour of the Quarantine Station at the Woodman Point Recreation Camp. Included in the tour will be the Isolation Hospital which is the focus of the Friends group activities. Bob Poore whose father Bertie nursed the small pox patients will be co-hosting the tour and has some extremely interesting and vivid memories to share.

Contacts for information:

Hugh Maclean: 9387 9709 Yvonne Coyne: 9411 3583



Recycling Bins Come To Cockburn

By now, approximately 80% of Cockburn residents have received their new yellow-topped bins. With the delivery of the bins, Cockburn joins the new regional resource recovery plan that will, once fully operational at the end of 2002, enable the recycling of a whopping 85% of domestic household waste normally sent to landfill.

After two weeks of collections Council's Waste Services department is pleased to report a good participation rate. We apologise to residents still waiting for their bins. Unfortunately, the bin delivery contractor is experiencing a delay in obtaining sufficient numbers of bins from Melbourne to meet the delivery program. The deliveries will be back on schedule soon.

**Cockburn
households
doing well as
they start
recovering
resources**

There have also been some problems in the delivery of information packs to some areas of the district. As a general rule recycling collection days have not changed from the previous bagged

collection service. So if you have received the wrong calendar, please set your yellow topped bin out for collection on your regular rubbish collection day in accordance with the green or orange shaded weeks, whichever was appropriate for your previous service.

Please call our Customer Service section on 9411 3543 if you still have not received a bin or calendar and we will be happy to arrange your new service or clarify your collection day. Thank you for your continued patience and co-operation in assisting Council in a smooth and successful transition to the new waste management initiative.

Thank you to residents who have phoned with questions about the use of the 2-bin system. Some of these questions, and the answers, are printed below to help you use your bins more effectively.

QUESTION:

What should I do with Juice or milk cartons with foil lining such as certain long-life milk cartons?

ANSWER:

These cartons are currently not recyclable so for now, put them in your green bin. Once the Bedminster In-Vessel Composter is up and running the cardboard will be composted and the foil will be screened out.

QUESTION:

What should I do with toothpaste tubes?

ANSWER:

These should go into your green bin if no number code 1,2 or 3 is displayed.

QUESTION:

What should I do with clear plastic strawberry containers with no number code?

ANSWER:

These should go into your green bin

QUESTION:

What should I do with cooking oil?

ANSWER:

Small quantities (less than 1 litre) can go into your green bin. Please take any greater amounts to your nearest Household Hazardous Waste facility.

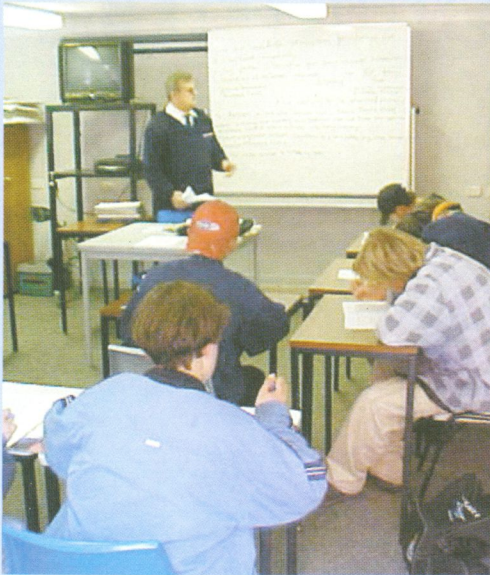
QUESTION:

When and how do I put out my new yellow-topped bin?

ANSWER:

Your yellow-topped, commingled recycling bins should be put out fortnightly, on the same day as your green bin is collected. Bins should be placed 0.5 metres apart and 0.5 metres from the edge of the kerb, in order to enable the hydraulic arm on the collection vehicles to reach, lift and empty your bins.

Cockburn Introduces Youth at Risk to a Marine Future

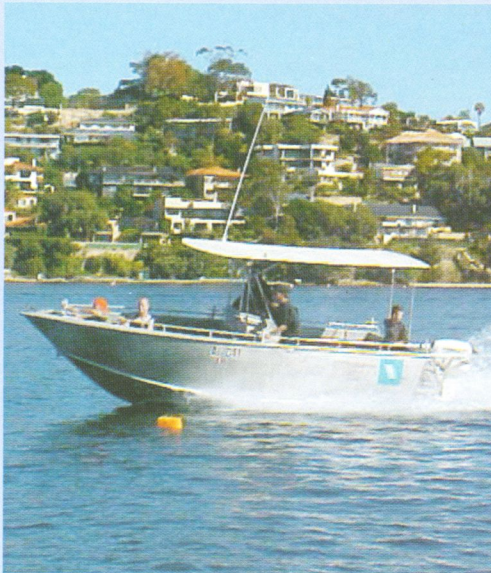


Working with community organisations, including Fremantle Community Policing, TAFE, Safer WA, and the Ministry of Justice, the City of Cockburn has been running a Marine Intervention Program targeted at troubled youth in the district. The Marine Intervention Program began last year with two courses, and already one has been completed in 2001. To date 36 students have been involved in the program.

Senior Constable Frank Bell of Fremantle Community Policing created the concept for the program. It is designed as an intervention initiative to offer youth at risk a productive activity. The program is not a reward for young people who have broken the law, rather an intervention in the life of a young person at risk of becoming a serious offender in the future.

For each course 12 youths were chosen to take part in a curriculum that included:

- practical seaman ship
- occupational health and safety at sea
- navigation
- small water craft proficiency
- senior first aid
- work place communications
- charts and plotting
- general rope work knowledge



Each program lasts 5 weeks. The third Maritime Intervention Program was completed in June 2001.

After completing the course, the participants gained a nationally recognised qualification for employment within the West Australian aquatic environment.

Has the program been a success? Consider these results:

- Only one of the students completing the programs from April 200 to June 2001 has re-offended. Ninety percent have gone onto further study, work experience or involved in active job seeking
- Two student in the present group have prepared, painted and anti-fouled the 10 metre TAFE Dive Boat, "Birkin," voluntarily on a weekend in adverse weather conditions, TAFE indicated their work was of a very high standard.
- Council wishes to put in place and fully fund a similar program, as a pilot scheme for 15 to 17 year old females doing Eco-Tourism,
- Other Police Districts and other Local Councils have indicated an interest in promoting a similar program.
- The Marine Intervention program format, philosophy and proactive Community Policing is a transferable model. The model with alterations to suit local needs is capable of being adopted nationally, as well as throughout WA.



DERELICT VEHICLE AMNESTY

Are you the owner of a disused vehicle that's in a state of disrepair or wrecked in a residential area? The City seeks your co-operation to remove the vehicle in order to improve the appearance of the residential lots within the City.

An amnesty has been placed on disused vehicles to be removed by owners by the 31st of August 2001. After this time any person that wrecks or stores disused vehicles that in the opinion of the City detracts from the residential appearance of the land and makes the land look untidy, will be served a notice to clear the disused vehicle and may be fined.

To avoid removing your disused vehicle please ensure it is not visible from the street and adjoining houses and where possible, leave it inside a shed or cover it with a tarpaulin. Once you have finished with the vehicle please ensure you make arrangements for it's proper disposal.

The City has made arrangements with Simsmetal Ltd to remove derelict vehicles from your property **FREE OF CHARGE**. To have your vehicle removed for the amnesty, please fill out the attached coupon and return to the City offices by mail, fax, e-mail or in person no later than the 31st of July 2001.

Simsmetal may reserve the right to refuse collection of your derelict vehicle if:

- The vehicle is not accessible from the street;
- There is petrol remaining in the car's fuel tank;
- There is a pressure vessel(s) or gas cylinder inside the car (LPG cylinders, BBQ gas bottles);
- The car contains, or is filled with, household and/or garden rubbish.

A little bit of thought will enhance the appearance of the City and make it a cleaner place to live. So don't leave it for tomorrow, do something about it today!

Owners Name: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Ph: _____

Vehicle make: _____

Model: _____

**Return this
coupon To:**

City of Cockburn
PO Box 1215
Bibra Lake DC WA 6965

Fax: 9411 3416

E-mail: planning@cockburn.wa.gov.au

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