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SOUNDINGS SOUNDINGS

Message From Your Mayor

Lake Coogee Cycle Path and Walkway Opening



On Friday, 15 March 2002, I had the pleasure of officially opening Cockburn's newest cycle and walkway at Lake Coogee.

With the opening of the pathway and the Wetland Crossing Structure, the public will be able to enjoy the Lake safely without damaging our sensitive wetland environment, and for the first time in history we now have wheel chair access to the western side of the lake.

At the opening ceremony, local school children were the first residents to formally use the path and the new bridge, but it was great to have many long term residents

and pioneers in attendance to witness the opening.

The Wetland Crossing and pathway was built in conjunction with the Water Corporation's Woodman Point Environmental Enhancement Project, and demonstrates what can be achieved with a piece of pipe and a whole lot of imagination.

I am extraordinarily pleased that the City of Cockburn was involved in bringing the Coogee Lake pathway to realisation, and I have no doubt that in 20 years time Lake Coogee and its surrounds will be every bit as popular and widely known as the Bibra Lake area is today.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

16th APRIL **Council Meeting** 17th APRIL **Youth ANZAC Parade Rockingham Road** 24th APRIL **Meet the Mayor Gateways Shopping** Centre 21st MAY **Council Meeting** 29th MAY **Meet the Mayor Phoenix Shopping Centre** 31st MAY **Foundation Day** Luncheon

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Look Who's at Gateways Shopping Centre

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

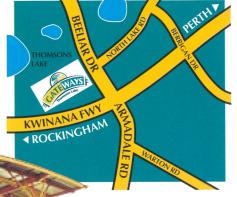
Gekko Fashion	9498 6600
Kay's Bags	9414 6785
Rockmans	9414 5600
Showcase Jewellers	9498 5276
Surfs Up Surf Shop	9414 6317

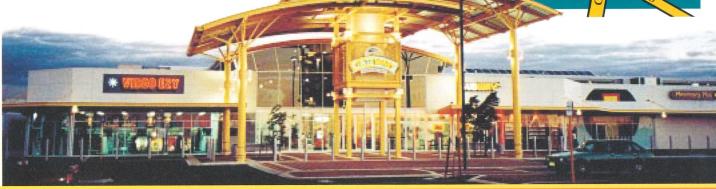
Services

Australia Post	_9498 5263
BankWest	_131718
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
Thomsons Lake 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!

Monday 22- Saturday 27 April 2002

Bring the kids along to join in the fun of the New Silly Billies Show. Shows will be at 11.00am & 1.00pm daily with plenty of music, funny games and lots of prizes during the show.





Anzac Day 25th April 2002

Gateways Shopping Centre will be closed on Thursday 25 April 2002 for Anzac Day, the Centre will be open from 9am - 9pm on Wednesday 24 April 2002

The first 10 Saver Card members to present their Saver Card and a receipt of purchase to the Centre Management office will receive a FREE family pass to Gloucester Park.



















COOGEE BEACH PARTY

It took more that a little rain to dampen spirits at the third annual Coogee Beach Party. Over 2,500 people came out for a day of fun at Coogee Beach on March 17th.

As always the Sandcastle Competition was popular. This year's competition became a real test of skill as each sandcastle builder was given a set of children's beach toys to construct his or her sand creation. The sandcastle builders did not disappoint, constructing not only sandcastles, but sand-whales, sand-cars, sand-giant crabs, sand-sailboats, and sand-ocean liners.

This year's beach party marked the start of the Coogee Challenge. Teams of young people from our five local high schools competed in events such as "bury a team-mate" and "save the mullet" to win the right to have their school's name engraved on the Coogee trophy, which looks a lot like a beach ball. Emmanuel Catholic College, Success, came away the winners and picked up \$500 for their school.

The Coogee Beach Party is held on the third Sunday in March each year, and has become one of the Cockburn Classic Events. It is always a fun day, no matter what the weather.

















COOGEE BEACH - CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS -

Volunteers Essential...

...In Coogee Beach Revegetation

Coogee Beach sand dunes have been severely degraded by development, trampling, invasion by exotic weeds and destruction of vegetation. Unfortunately, this has resulted in loss of habitat and has unbalanced the natural eco-system. To prevent further degradation and enhance the coastal environment, the dunes along the foreshore of Coogee Beach will be stabilised and revegetated. The work will be carried out over several years. The aim is to restore the dunes to a more natural state. Work has already begun in the northern section of the reserve.

Weed control, sand stabilisation, fencing and revegetation is to be undertaken. The City of Cockburn received a grant from the

Commonwealth's Coast Care and has committed the funds to the rehabilitation work. Weed control and sand stabilisation, using the process of brushing, has already commenced. New fences have also been erected.

Nearly 6500 plants have been ordered for the first year of planting. Planting will take place in June. The City is calling on volunteers from the local community to come along and help us plant. If you would like to be involved in the planting, either give Council's Environmental Services Section a call on 9411 3502, or keep an eye out for further details in your local newspaper during late May.



BABIES COACHED BY OLYMPIC SWIMMER

n Wednesday 20th of February, local mums and babies had the opportunity to pick up some valuable swimming tips from Olympic Swimmer Samantha Riley.



Sam joined in on the fun at a South Lake Leisure Centre Parent and Baby Swim class.

Riley is the ambassador of KEEP WATCH, the Royal Life Saving Society's toddler drowning prevention program. KEEP WATCH helps to educate and raise awareness in order to reduce toddler deaths in Western Australia.

Riley assisted the class as an instructor to raise awareness of the importance of toddler water safety.

Last year, 35 children under the age of five Australia wide lost their lives through drowning. The majority of these deaths occurred in home swimming pools. Young lives were also claimed by lakes, rivers, dams, bathtubs and fishponds.

KEEP WATCH has 4 Key Safety Steps. These are:

- 1) Supervise
- 2) Fence Your Pool
- 3) Familiarise Your Child With Water
- 4) Learn Resuscitation

Riley is enthusiastic about promoting swimming safety.

"By ensuring your child is supervised and confident in the water you are giving them the best possible chance to grow up with a love for the water and swimming," explains Riley.



The South Lake Leisure Centre is one of 44
Royal Life Saving Endorsed Swim Schools in Western Australia.

Parent and Baby Classes are held daily by qualified teachers. Term Two of the Swim School commences on the 5th May. To enrol in a class or to receive further information contact the South Lake Leisure Centre on 9417 3003.

COCKBURN CENTRAL

Moves Forward



The City of Cockburn has approved the draft structure plan for Cockburn Central, the proposed new regional City centre for Cockburn.

Cockburn Central is to be situated on the 42-hectare site, on the western side of the Beeliar Drive - Kwinana Freeway intersection. It is designed to become the economic and community hub for 200, 000 people who will ultimately be residents of the thriving Cockburn region.

The proposal for Cockburn Central by LandCorp includes shopping, public transport, entertainment, recreation and public services. Land will also be set aside for new commercial and residential estates in this integrated and vibrant town centre.

The draft structure plan, which incorporates feedback from an extensive community consultation program, closed for

public comment on 1 February 2002.

The plan is currently being submitted to the Western Australian Planning Commission. Endorsement of the Cockburn Central plan by the Government's peak planning body is the next stage in the intensive, strategic planning process.

Re-zoning of the site to urban is additionally

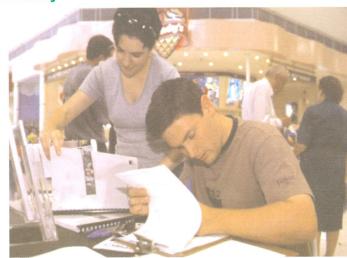
progressing under the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) amendment process.

Cockburn Central Steering Committee Chairman, Garry McKeown said it was pleasing to see the project moving ahead to the next phase.

"The project team is committed to achieving the best possible outcome for the structure plan and Council's decision marks an important step in the planning of Cockburn Central," he said.

The Western Australian
Planning Commission is
expected to consider the
draft Cockburn Central
structure plan by the end of
the year, once the MRS
amendment is finalised.

For updates on Cockburn Central log on to the Cockburn Central web Site at www.cockburncentral. com.au or call the Info Line on 9328 4511.



Cockburn Youth Services

MORE FUN THAN A SLAP IN THE FACE WITH A WET FISH

Vertigo - Sunday 14th April

(National Youth Week - 7th - 14th April 2002)

Cockburn Youth Services will be finishing off National Youth Week with a **MASSIVE** youth event @ Vertigo Skate Park (86 Forsyth St, O'Connor).

Doors open @ 12noon and the action continues until 8pm. \$8 entry plus \$2 to enter one of the sk8 competitions.

Skate Competitions

BMX Demos! Fire Breathers! Free Sausage Sizzles! Sk8 til you drop! Bands & DJs playing all day!

Enter the Competitions on the Day - get there by 3pm to register



Battle of the Bands' is back for 2002 so if you are in a band or enjoy scratching & mixing beats then come along to Vertigo Skate Park and check out some of last year's band & DJ competitors.

Entry forms for this year's Battle will be available on the day. The first of the **BOB 2002** heats is due to kick off in June so get involved and get jammin! For more info contact Hsien on 9411 3582.

If you think you'll have transport dramas, give Mary a call on **9411 3447 by Thursday 11th April** and we might be able to help.

Youth Outrage...

...School Holidays Program

If you are aged between 12 & 17 and need something fun to do during the school holidays, Youth Outrage Program is a high-speed boredom slicer & dicer.

Activities include Adventure World, Q-ZAR, Imax, Tube Riding, Movies, Pot Black, Sports, Ice Skating, Ten Pin Bowling and so much more...

Affordable & Great Value for Money - Discounts for booking the entire Program. Further discounts if you have more than one young person in your family. The Youth Outrage Program is approved "Registered Care". A rebate is available to eligible families through Centrelink.

Transport is included. Each day participants are picked up and dropped off

by our qualified and experienced staff at three different locations around the Cockburn region.

Bookings are essential so for further details & enrolment forms contact Hsien on 9411 3582 or drop by Youth Services at the Yangebup Community Centre.

Regenerate Magazine needs...YOU!

The Youth Advisory Council wants your contributions to the Cockburn youth owned & run Regenerate Magazine. Please send interviews, reviews, stories, poems, photos, cartoons and anything else you can print in black & white to regenerate_magazine@hotmail.com or Regenerate Magazine, City of Cockburn, PO Box 1215, BIBRA LAKE DC WA 6965.

CITY HONOURS 2001 YOUTH RALLY TEAM



Youth from Cockburn and Kwinana were recently honoured for their participation in the 2001 Youth Rally Team.

Last year, the talented, local team finished 1st in their division at the 2001 Rally Australia competition.

Each of the 22 youth members were presented with achievement certificates. The function, held on the evening of March 7th, provided the community and sponsors

with an opportunity to meet the successful team.

The ages of the youth ranged from 15 - 24. Co-driver Glen Hancock, at 15, was the youngest competitor in the national competition, while Kelly Temmen, 18, was the only female in the racing team.

The Youth Rally Team was formed to educate youth regarding safe driving practices, as road fatality statistics are highest in the 17 - 24 age group.



Mary Ashe, City of Cockburn's Youth Services Co-Ordinator says, "the aim of the program is to prevent youth considering themselves invincible. The Youth Rally Team is of great benefit to young people. It is a great opportunity to gain knowledge and put safer driving techniques into practice."

In April, Youth Services will be taking applications for its 2002 Youth Rally Team. The City is again seeking sponsorship from the local community.

For more information about the Youth Rally Team, contact Mary Ashe in Youth Services on 9411 3447.

WHAT DO YOU WANT???

City of Cockburn's Social Services Department needs to know WHAT DO YOU WANT?

Social Services is responsible for a range of activities including, Before and After School Care for Children, Youth Services (eg. Battle of the Bands), Provision of Aged Services and Community Funding. Do you know what we provide? Are we providing what you want? Should we be doing something different? This is the information we need from you.

HOW CAN YOU TELL US WHAT YOU WANT?

PLEASE COME TO ONE OF OUR SOCIAL SERVICES INFORMATION WORKSHOPS

For more information please contact Yvonne Coyne, Community Development Coordinator, on 9411 3583

Atwell South

WA's First GREEN Smart Estate

LandCorp will soon commence work on Western Australia's first green smart estate at Atwell South.

Atwell South will feature building design guidelines providing energy

saving passive solar principles. These guidelines will ultimately save money for home owners and will simultaneously produce environmental benefits.

Public Open Space has been set aside where future residents will be able to enjoy an abundance of natural flora and fauna from the new parks and rejuvenated wetlands. A ridge of towering pine trees will be utilised to create a spectacular walkway within the estate. To further maximise the site's

special

characteristics and atmosphere, existing trees will be retained wherever possible. A network of walking paths and cycleways will create a means for environmentally friendly local travel. These features, combined with quality landscaping will ensure that Atwell South is an attractive sub-division with strong community appeal.

Atwell South will be situated within the area between the Kwinana Freeway to the west, Gibbs Road to the south, Bartram Road to the north and Beenyup Road to the east.

The new neighbourhood has been developed in close consultation with LandCorp (the State

Government's Land
Development Agency),
City of Cockburn,
Waters and Rivers
Commission,
Department of
Planning and
Infrastructure,
Department of
Environmental
Protection and the
Housing Industry
Association of WA.

For further details about Atwell South please contact LandCorp's Project Information Officer Angela Reimers on 9328 8199



City Declared A WINNER In Technology & Productivity

The City of Cockburn was declared a **Gold** winner at the 15th Annual 2002 Government Technology Productivity Award for its G.I.S. (Geographical Information System) and WebMapping.

The Awards are presented to federal, state and local government departments that have improved their productivity and provided better customer service through embracing technology.

The City of Cockburn gained national recognition for being a pioneer in G.I.S for over five years. The Award was presented at an evening Gala, black tie ceremony at Parliament House, Canberra on the 19 March 2002.

The project team consisted of Gunther Schlomer, Heidi

Brown, Paul Vayler and Anthony Procino. Cockburn's Manager of GIS Services, Gunther Schlomer, accepted the Award on behalf of the department.

The team was delighted by their win according to Heidi Brown, Cockburn's Senior GIS Officer.

"We are all elated, " she explains. "It is extremely encouraging to receive recognition at this level. The integration of GIS has already made the City more effective and efficient and has further contributions to make. It is an exciting and challenging time."

WebMapping allows the organisation to distribute its spatial data from a single, central database. It allows the entire Council organisation to

view and query the information. This enables customer queries to be generally resolved during first contact. Previously, there was a longer waiting time frame to allow for inter-department consultation.

The new system has reduced the time it takes staff to perform tasks, which involve locating necessary data. These tasks include: City mail drops and letter posting, linking lost dogs to their owners, quicker response and action for damage reports, street lighting and tree lopping requests, and, faster response times in emergency situations.

The GIS technology benefits residents of Cockburn as customer queries and requests can now be managed more rapidly and efficiently by Council.

Vive Le Mayor



Mayor Stephen Lee recently opened the new North Lake Petanque (French Bowls) Club's pitches provided by the Spanish Club. Mayor Lee threw the first boule of the day in a style reminiscent of an Ashes cricket test.

During the intense play a feast of Paella was enjoyed by competitors and spectators alike.

Overall winners on the day were from the Cockburn/Rockingham Petanque Club - Patrick Vert, Michael Van Den Dorpe and Hina Vert.

Cockburn now boasts two petanque pitches in the District, Manning Park and the Spanish Club.

For those interested in taking up the sport please contact Joe Cortes (North Lake Petanque) 0418 273 331 or Helen Bayet (Cockburn/Rockingham Petanque) 0419 912 485



They can -

- * Fall 15 metres without injury
- * Swim 16 laps of an Olympic swimming pool
- * Tread water for 3 days
- * Jump 1m vertically 1.2m horizontally
- * Wriggle through a hole 1/4 of its size
- * Have up to 15 000 descendants in a year !!!

Working together with your next door neighbours is the key to removing the worlds most resilient animal - RATS! Talking to your neighbours can assist in regular baiting for these pests that carry diseases, fleas, lice and ticks and can also damage your wiring.

What to look and listen for?

Droppings, signs of fruit and vegetables being eaten, greasy rub marks along the paths they travel, signs of gnawing damage, noise in walls, cupboards and ceilings. They are most active at night.

What can I do to help?

- * Keep your garden clear of disused materials and remove ripe fruit and nuts from trees and vines regularly.
- * Block up any damaged sections of walls, eaves or around piping that act as access points at your house
- * Only feed your chickens enough for the day to reduce the amount of food left out overnight.
- * Keep pet food dishes clean and

- seal packets of bulk pet food to prevent access for rats
- * Don't compost meat scraps, keep rubbish and compost bins free from holes and sealed.
- * Store firewood off the ground in small piles away from the sides of sheds/fences

Baits & Traps

- * TREAT REGULARLY at the same time as your neighbours with rat bait available from City of Cockburn for only \$1.65/packet
- * Rat traps are an option and can be hired from some pet shops.
- * Contact local pest control operators for advice.

Contact the City's Health Services on 9411 3589 for further information.





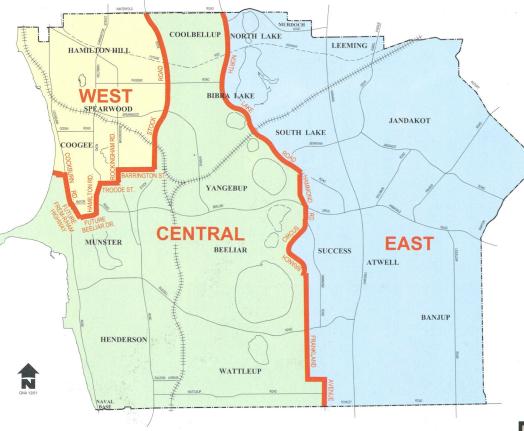
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