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PARK ART WILL SHOWCASE OUR TALENT

HERE'S an occasion not to be missed: Cockburn Community and Cultural Council's annual Art in the Park on the weekend of March 27, 28.

The Manning Park event provides a wonderful showcase for artists and craftspeople. There will be displays of paintings in oil, water colours and acrylics, as well as a large variety of local craft stalls.

Many of these items will be available for purchase. As well as admiring the art and craft of many

talented people, visitors will have an opportunity to take a work of art home. Light refreshments for all and entertainment for younger members of the community will be part of the two-day show which is organised by the Cockburn Community and Cultural Council (Inc.) as part of its aim to foster and promote the growth of art and craft in the local district.

Enquiries about Art in the Park should be made to Fay Condren, tel 337 7409.

DISEASE: DON'T KEEP IT IN THE FAMILY

CHECK your family health tree! By quizzing your relatives about the family's medical history you can improve your chances of avoiding inherited diseases.

That is the message of a new community education project about hereditary disease being piloted in the Cockburn area by a team of health professionals from Genetic Services, Birth Defects Registry and the Health Department of WA.

Almost 6,000 defects are hereditary and about one in 10 people will be affected by some form of inherited disease during their lifetime. Each year, one baby in 20 born in Western Australia has a birth defect, and many of these are due to hereditary factors.

Liz Reeson, co-ordinator of the Hereditary Disease Project, says: "By looking at the health problems suffered by your parents, grandparents and other family members, you can often determine if you, or your children, have an increased risk."

The good news is that there are now many ways for preventing, detecting and treating those hereditary diseases and birth defects.

Tests are now available for diseases such as Down syndrome, haemophilia, thalassaemia, muscular dystrophy, cystic



■ Winner of the Hereditary Disease project competition, Elise Stanners (l) pictured with co-ordinator Liz Reeson.

fibrosis and spina bifida.

Some common hereditary diseases for which there are currently no genetic tests are diabetes, asthma and heart disease.

People who are concerned about a disease that may run in their family should seek advice from their local doctor.

There are now genetic counselling clinics in the Cockburn area where specialists provide up-to-date information about hereditary diseases. A doctor's referral is needed to attend one of these fortnightly clinics.



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SALUTE TO OUR UNSUNG HEROES

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*BEING on Council's a lot of fun
Some folks out there think.
They say we spend a lot of time
On fags and food and drink.
They never really see the work,
Time and patience it all takes,
To make our district come alive
And take its rightful place.
Rates 'n' roads 'n' rubbish
Were once the main concerns,
Now it's finance, health and admin,
Such a lot to learn.
One wonders why one does it,
One wonders why one cares.
There are very few accolades
From anyone out there.*

*Pressures from developers,
Calls from ratepayers too.
Sometimes it gets to be too much,
The pressure gets to you.
But then you look around the place
And see where you have been.
The people you have visited,
The places you have seen.
A playground here, a bench, a tree
Kiddies having fun,
Deep down inside you get a glow
For a job that's been well done.*

*Some people think you're crazy,
Some people think you're mad.
To me, being a Councillor,
Really makes me glad.
I truly hope I've done my bit
To make this district better.
So ends this tale*

*I've brought to you,
In a Council letter.*

This poem was submitted by a current Councillor and surely reflects the feelings of many Councillors, both here and in other local authorities.



It's worth remembering that Councillors are elected to their positions by ratepayers and residents. Their services and time — including an obligation to regularly attend council, committee and community meetings — are given voluntarily.

The City of Cockburn Council comprises 14 Councillors (including the Mayor) and the district is divided into five wards as follows:

West (4 Clrs); North (3 Clrs); East (2 Clrs); South (2 Clrs) and Coastal (3 Clrs).

MINISTER FIRM ON BY-PASS RULING

DAVID Smith, then Minister for Planning, notified the City of Cockburn on December 3 last year that he approved the amendment to the Metropolitan Region Scheme that saw the deletion of the Fremantle Eastern By-Pass road.

In a letter, he stated: "I have weighed the regional advantages of retaining the road against the disadvantages to local communities and I came to the view that while there could be some disadvantages in regional traffic terms without the road, they can be overcome by alternative traffic management measures. However, in view of the social and physical disruption that the road would cause in the Fremantle, South Fremantle, Beaconsfield and East Fremantle areas, I decided that the Government's previous promise to delete the proposed road was justified on both planning and social grounds.

SOLUTION SOUGHT ON TRUCK ROUTE

RESIDENTS of North Lake and Kardinya have sent a petition to Council requesting that Farrington Road be downgraded from a regional road to a local road. In particular, residents want action taken to prevent trucks using the road.

Reasons cited for the anti-truck stance are that the road passes through Beeliar Regional Park; the standard of road is inadequate for a regional road; extra noise is created and there is danger to pedestrians crossing the road.

Main Roads Department has indicated that the road qualifies for blackspot funding and a preferred solution is to install a media island in Farrington Road from North Lake Road to Progress Drive. This would improve safety for pedestrians.

The issue will be further discussed by all interested parties in an attempt to find an acceptable solution.

WORKS PROGRAMME BOOST FOR COCKBURN - centre pages

BANGERS AND CAKE MARK OUR OZ DAY

THE City of Cockburn began Australia Day celebrations on January 26 with an Aussie BBQ breakfast for 300 people.

The new Administration building was open for guided tours and a chance to meet staff.

Mayor Don Miguel highlighted the importance of Australia Day and then acknowledged those who played a significant part in the construction of the new building. Prior to this, flags were raised by Mayoress June Miguel and a representative from HMAS Stirling.

After the official opening of the Administration building, the service of past councillors was recognised before 60 new Australians were sworn in by the mayor. A cake donated by the Phoenix Shopping Centre marked the occasion.

It is planned to hold similar activities next year.

■ *Pictured above right, Mayor Don Miguel opens the new administration building. Volunteers serve sausages to guests at the Australia Day celebrations (right). Below, the new Administration building ready for business.*



LET'S HEAR FROM YOU

Community organisations are invited to submit items suitable for publication in *Cockburn Soundings*. Send your items to *Cockburn Soundings*, c/o Council Administration, PO Box 21, Hamilton Hill, WA 6163. Tel: 411 3444.

NOMINATE YOUR No. 1 CITIZEN

BOTH organisations and individuals are invited to submit nominations for the City of Cockburn's 1993 Citizen of the Year Award. The Award is presented annually during the Foundation Day function on June 4.

Nominations should be submitted in writing and addressed to the City Manager, PO Box 21, Hamilton Hill, WA 6163.

Nominators should include their name and address, the nominees name and address and full particulars of their service to the Cockburn community.

Nominations close at 4pm, Friday, April 30, 1993.

Contact Mrs Ellis on 411 3444 for further details.

A MAJOR BOOST FOR CO

RESIDENTS of the Cockburn district will soon be enjoying a number of new or upgraded facilities as a result of the local capital works programme.

Construction work has begun on nine projects with a total value of \$2.8 million.

The Commonwealth government has contributed \$1.915 million; the Lotteries Commission's share is \$219,000 with the City of Cockburn contributing the balance of funds.

Projects underway are:

- * Upgrade of Wally Hagan basketball stadium: the work involves construction of new toilet changerooms, creche, kiosk, office and entry, meeting room and expansion of seating area. Cost: approximately \$600,000. Completion: June 1993.
- * Additions to Centenary Hall and refurbishment of the library in Coolbellup:

the work involves construction of a new library and centre for Cockburn Skillshare adjoining Centenary Hall, and the refurbishment of existing library to create offices for the Coolbellup Family Support Service, Community Health Service, Co-Assit, and Co-Scope. Cost: approximately \$759,000. Completion: June 1993.

- * Lakes Complex external aquatic facilities: a grant of \$110,000 from the Commonwealth Local Capital Works Programme and a further grant of \$100,000 from the State government has allowed Council to bring forward Stage Two of the Lakes Complex — the development of external aquatic facilities and extension of the carpark area. The external facilities will include water slides, a lazy river and a larger pool nestled into a well-shaded tropical landscaped garden. Cost: \$460,000; Completion: Summer 1993.

COMMUNITY INFO

For information about the Cockburn Joint Community Association and Cockburn West Ward Association, call Mrs Jenkins on 418 2117.

MAKE A DATE

The Historical Society of Cockburn meets at Azelia Ley Homestead on the first Wednesday in each month. Anyone interested in local history, and meeting people with similar interests, should contact either Harry Willis (tel: 418 2693) or Arlene Crane (bus. tel: 411 3444) for more details.

LEEMING PARK VIEWS SOUGHT

RESIDENTS will be able to have their say in proposals for Leeming parkland boarded by Casserley Drive, Greencroft Crescent and Brandwood Gardens.

At present the land is in its natural state, largely covered by banksia.

One proposal is to minimize clearing, but grass and reticulate the

road verge surrounding the park, and a small area fronting Casserley Drive and Greencroft Crescent. The other proposal is to clear the land and level it for a grassed oval, carpark and possible clubrooms.

Sketches of the proposal will be distributed to Leeming residents along with a questionnaire seeking preferences.

FOUNDATION DAY NOMINEES WANTED

FRIDAY, June 4 is the date of this year's Foundation Day/Pioneers' Day function.

Residents are eligible for an invitation to the ceremony if they can meet the following criteria:

1. (a) aged 50 years or over, and
(b) a resident, and still living in the district of Cockburn for a continuous period of 50 years

OR

2. An ex-Road Board member, or ex-Councillor still living in the district of Cockburn, or still owning property in the district.

Contact the City of Cockburn in writing giving relevant details of your eligibility. Those invited to last year's function do not need to reapply.

Contact Mrs Ellis on 411 3444 for further details.

ACTIVITY CENTRE OPEN FOR ALL

A NEW children's activity centre will open in South Lake in mid-March. The After-School programme will be moving into this building.

All children are welcome to take part in activities on a full-time, part-time or occasional basis.

Activities run between 3pm-6pm on school days. Fee relief is available. For further details contact Alison Basley on 411 3444.

ENROL NOW

AN after-school service runs from the Spearwood Pre-Primary Centre on school days from 3pm-6pm. Places are limited and enrolments have begun. Contact Alison Basley on 411 3444 for details.



City of Cockburn

Recycling Newsletter

I am pleased to report that effective immediately - waxed cardboard cartons such as milk, cream, fruit juice and any others of similar texture are now recyclable and will be collected by council's contractor.

A full list of recyclable materials is shown below.

WAXED CARDBOARD CARTONS

Milk, Cream, Fruit Juice etc.

NEWSPAPERS

No glossies ie. Magazines, Inserts.

GLASS

Bottles, Jars and Flagons.

ALUMINIUM

Drink cans and other.

OLD RAGS

Not good clothing that can be reused.

PLASTICS

All Plastics, except flimsy shopping bags.

CAR BATTERIES

USED OIL

In sealed containers.

Recycling crates are available from Council for use in lieu of bags.

Cost \$9.00 each.

These will be emptied by the Contractor and will not be taken away.

R. W. BROWN
City Manager/Town Clerk

COCKBURN COMMUNITY IN WORKS PROGRAMME



- * Coogee Beach: a disabled access ramp abutting the existing Coogee Beach jetty will provide a unique, custom-built access point to the beach and water for the frail and wheelchair-bound. Cost: \$66,000.
- * Hall Dennis De Young Reserve: a multi-functional hall will be built near the corner of Liddelow and Oxley Roads in Banjup to service the growing population of the area. Cost: \$250,000.
- * Children's Activity Centre: a new facility will be established on the South Lakes

Pineview School site to cater for Council's After School Care and Vacation Care programmes. The School will also have use of the facility.

- * Davilak Reserve changerooms: the long-awaited refurbishment is now well underway. The work includes new changerooms, function area and relocation of the kiosk, umpires' room and storerooms.
- * Lake Coogee: a general clean-up around the lake has been completed and work is underway on a dual-use path. Tree-planting around the Lake's edge will begin prior to winter. The work will substantially increase the amenity of Lake Coogee's environs. Cost: \$70,000.



Andrew rides away with info prize

CONGRATULATIONS to our young winners in recent competitions organised in conjunction with Council's Information Directory.

The 1992 edition distributed to householders in August last year included two competitions: one, open to students under 16 years, required entrants to seek answers to a questionnaire by reading the directory. Winner of a mountain bike was 11-year-old Andrew Musulin.

A colouring-in competition for under-8s produced two winners: Haydn Roberts (7) and Michele Peake (6). Both received a books and games package.

The annual Information Directory contains important details about Council and Community services and is a valuable reference point for all residents. Keep it handy.

■ Pictured (left) with Mayor Don Miguel are Andrew Musulin and (front, l to r) Michele Peake and Haydn Roberts.

VACATION CARE FOR APRIL FUN

THE City of Cockburn operates Vacation Care programmes from the Lakes Aquatic Centre and the Joe Cooper Recreation Centre. The centers cater for all primary aged children between 8.30am-5.30pm during the school holidays.

Enrolments for the April school holidays

are:

South Lake programme: Wednesday, March 10 at the Lakes Complex

Joe Cooper programme: Thursday, March 11 at Spearwood Library

Contact Alison Basley on 411 3444 to receive an enrolment form.

CALL THE HELP LINE

Community organisations are invited to contact appropriate Council staff and/or Councillors on matters of interest or concern. Call the Council Administration on 411 3444.

PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT FOR JANDAKOT STRATEGY

THERE has been increasing pressure recently for development in the rural areas overlying the Jandakot Mound between the South-East and South-West corridors.

In response to these concerns, the State Government, in consultation with local authorities, has prepared the Jandakot Land Use and Water Management Strategy.

The Jandakot Land Use and Water Management Strategy covers an area of 222 sq kms, roughly corresponding to the existing and proposed Jandakot Public Water Supply Area (JPWSA).

It provides a detailed plan for much of the area between the South-East and South-West urban corridors to complement the structure planning which is being undertaken for those corridors.

The study process involved an examination not only of the existing land use but also the potential impacts which any land use changes may have on the groundwater resource and the wetland and vegetation regimes of the area.

The strategy contains a land use plan, and recommends policy and statutory mechanisms for protecting the groundwater resource and environmental values in the area over the next 30 years. It also recommends a programme of action

designed to implement the strategy.

When finally adopted, the strategy will be a non statutory guide for land use and water management considerations. It will not change the zoning of any land.

It will, however, serve as a guide for the preparation of amendments to the Metropolitan Region Scheme and for more detailed district and local structure plans, town planning schemes and zoning amendments.

The strategy is now open for public comment. Any comments or suggestions you may wish to make will be welcome and will be taken into account in completing the plans.

Your comments should be sent (no later than 4pm, April 30) to

Department of Planning and Urban Development

Albert Facey House
469-489 Wellington St
Perth WA 6000
Tel: (09) 264 7777

or
Water Authority of WA
PO Box 100
Leederville
WA 6007
Tel: (09) 420 2420.

The Cockburn branch of the Australian Pensioners' League of WA (Inc) meets in the Old Council Chambers, cnr of Rockingham and Forest Roads, Hamilton Hill, every second Tuesday at 1.30pm. Tea is served after the meeting, followed by bingo. Outings and social gatherings are also arranged. Anyone interested in joining the group should call 331 1175.



■ An attentive audience on Australia Day . . . these youngsters were enjoying story time with Children's Librarian Eve Morrissey. Queries on library services can be made by calling 411 3499.

RECYCLING REPORT — SEE BACK PAGE

GIO'S COMMON HEALTH FOR COMMON GOOD

NEITHER age nor disabilities could stop competitors from enjoying themselves at the 5th annual GIO Australia Common Health Games.

More than 750 athletes from seven local government authorities, from Wanneroo in the north, to Cockburn in the south, took part in the four-day event at the Parks Centre in Victoria Park.

The Common Health Games, helped by

an \$8000 sponsorship from GIO Australia has flourished during the past five years. Competitors, who attend adult day care centres, took part in events such as basketball, shuffle board, baton relay, quiz and target volleyball.

The City of Stirling were this year's champions. Their spokesman Tom Grace said: "These Games have no losers, only 750 wonderful champion athletes involved in a champion event."



■ Competitors at the Common Health Games.

ROSANNE IS HERE TO HELP THE YOUNG

The City of Cockburn is now sponsoring an Early Education Programme. Rosanne Allen, the Early Education Officer, will be working with families in the Yangebup, South Lake and Coolbellup areas.

Rosanne, a qualified primary teacher, will work to link families and younger children to community resources. She will also enhance family skills.

Rosanne can be contacted on 411 3444.

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A new series of swimming classes at the Lakes Complex will cater for over 50's who, while learning to swim, had fear of water, or of venturing out of their depth. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9am. - 11am. for beginners, and 11am. - 12 noon for more advanced swimmers.

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Aquarobics is a fun water fitness programme for people for whom conventional exercise is a problem.

Classes, which run at the Lakes Complex from Monday to Friday, at 10.15am, are designed to improve cardio-respiratory endurance, flexibility, strength and balance. Participants also learn about posture and back-care.

Contact Lakes Complex staff on 417 3003 for more details.

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YANGEBUP CARE

A NEW after-school service has opened at the Community Hall in Yangebup. Services cater for primary aged children between 3pm-6pm.

The children are provided with afternoon tea and a variety of activities. Call Alison Basley on 411 3444 for more information.

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RSL WELCOME

Cockburn RSL Sub-branch holds meetings at 10am on the fourth Sunday of each month. A cabaret dance is held on the third Friday of each month at 7.30pm. All are welcome to enjoy good music, tea and coffee, which are provided free. For more information call Wally Hagan on 335 1454 or 337 6413.

RECYCLING: LET'S CLEAN UP OUR ACT

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PO Box 21,
Hamilton Hill WA 6163*

ROOM for improvement: that's the comment for the report card on Cockburn's recycling effort despite an October-December 1992 quarter total of 3.23 kgs per household.

A survey of recycling carried out between November 30 and December 11 last year showed that 28 per cent of the district placed goods for recycling in a total for that fortnight of 46.1 tonnes of recyclable material collected.

Every little helps in our fight to help our planet and residents are urged to get behind the City of Cockburn in its recycling effort.

Council's recycling contractor has now introduced a better method of leaving

empty bags: they will be rolled up and secured with a special recyclable tape, so now each fortnight the first item into the the recyclable bag will be the tape from around the bag.

This new method will be much tidier than the old way and will prevent bags being blown away by the wind.

There is still more good news: 50-litre recycling crates can be purchased from Council for \$9 each and these will be emptied and returned by the Council's contractor as an alternative to the bag currently in use.

If you wish to purchase a crate, contact Council's Health Department on 411 3444.

THIS AND THAT . . .

Beeliar Drive was connected through to Hammond Road from the freeway on December 23 last year.

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Reticulation has been installed at Poole Park in Hamilton Road, Coogee.

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Consultants O'Brien and Associates are preparing a management plan for Lake Coogee. Local residents and other interested parties have joined a committee to assist in preparation of the plan.

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The first stage of the Thomson's Lake subdivision west of the freeway abutting Beeliar Drive has been completed. The Landcorp residential sub-division east of the freeway abutting Tapper Road is well-advanced.

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The Water Authority has installed additional bores in the Jandakot area to extract water from the Jandakot Water Mound. The bores

will be connected to the water treatment plant in Bartram Road.

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A main Water Authority sewer has been extended from Blackwood Avenue to Forrest Road and along Frederick Street. Homeswest will now extend into the Hilton Park area on the north side of Winterfold Road with a redevelopment plan for higher density housing.

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Yangebup and Bibra Lake water levels are to be protected from rising water levels. Any flooding that threatens to cause damage to homes or the environment will result in water being pumped to a site near Miguel and Sudlow Roads, where it will recharge the underground aquifer.

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The city's annual junk drive at the end of the last year produced 140 tonnes of rubbish collected from 1500 households.

LOCAL ELECTIONS SET FOR MAY 1

THE 1993 local government election will be held on Saturday, May 1 with vacancies existing in West Ward (two), and North, East and Coastal Wards (one each). There will be no election in South Ward.

Nominations for election will open at the start of business on March 18, 1993, and close at 4pm on April 1, 1993.

Electors unable to cast a vote on May

1 should note the following dates:

Applications for postal votes (March 27-April 27)

Early voting (April 14-April 30)

Absent voting (April 14-April 28).

If you have queries regarding the 1993 Local Government elections, call the Council Administration on 411 3444.

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

Cockburn Senior Citizens' Association welcomes new members. Minimum age 55 years. Call 418 5798 or 337 3772 for details.