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Kwobarup opening

The State's first purpose built Aboriginal respite facilities were officially opened by Cockburn's new Mayor John Grljusich recently.

Kwobarup and Ngalla Maya are the names given to the two new developments that have been added to the existing Jean Willis Centre for Aged and Disabled in Hamilton Hill.

Kwobarup, which is an Aboriginal name meaning good place, will provide local frail aged and disabled indigenous people with a recreational centre for get togethers and a location to hold community education campaigns.

Ngalla Maya, meaning our place, has been designed as a homely environment in which residents are encouraged to bring along familiar items such as pictures or favourite pieces of furniture which will help lessen the trauma sometimes associated with a stay in respite.

Mayor Grljusich opened the facilities at a special ceremony attended by over 100 people, who were treated to a wonderful performance by internationally renowned Aboriginal entertainer, Richard Wally.

"The opening of Kwobarup and Ngalla Maya continues the Council's ongoing commitment to assisting frail aged and younger disabled people to remain living in their own homes and communities," Mayor Grljusich said.

Construction of the new facilities was made possible



Cockburn Mayor John Grljusich and Melville Mayor Katie Mair open the new centres.

thanks to funding provided by the Home and Community Care Department, Lotteries Commission and the City of Cockburn.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the respite, community care and domiciliary services offered locally is invited to contact the Cockburn Melville Aged and Disabled Program on 9314 6363. The administrators of the Program are particularly keen to hear from anyone with a few hours to spare each week who might wish to volunteer their services.

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Cockburn's scenic cycleway

Cockburn cyclists and walkers can now enjoy a state-of-the-art path stretching over six kilometres from Woodman Point to South Beach and connecting with an existing cycleway into the heart of Fremantle.

The dual-use path was officially opened on March 21 by the Department of Transport's Director General, Dr Chris Whitaker at a special ceremony attended by the mayors of both the City of Cockburn and City of Fremantle, respective councillors, local members of parliament and guests from other agencies involved in the project.

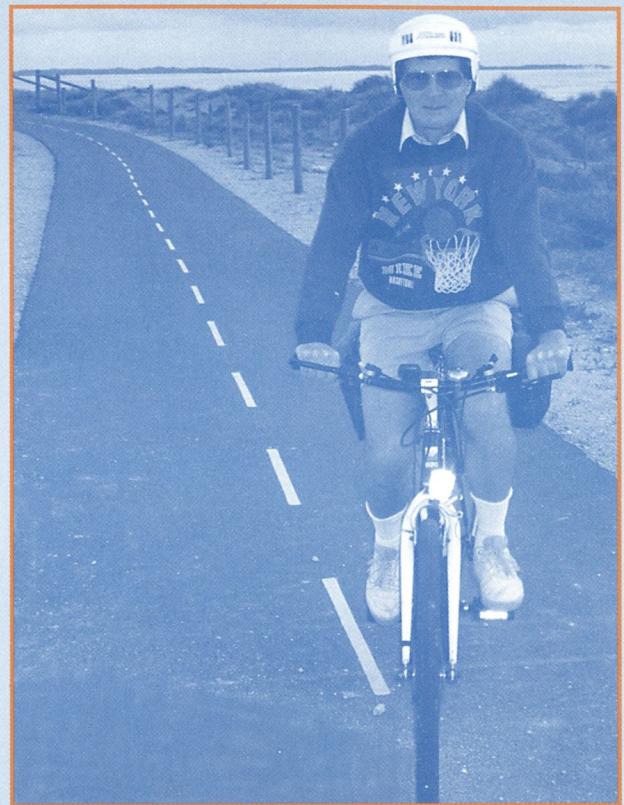
"This is an ideal recreational cycling path being relatively flat and providing some wonderful scenic views along the route," Dr Whitaker said.

"Although this is principally a recreational path, we expect it will also be used by commuters who want to cycle from either Coogee Beach or Spearwood into their workplace at Fremantle."

The path was constructed by the City of Cockburn with additional funding being provided by Transport's Bikewest unit and the Department of Commerce and Trade.

The South Beach to Woodman Point section is the first regional cycling route completed under the umbrella of the Perth Bicycle Network Plan. In the future it is hoped to extend the existing path all the way along the coast to Rockingham.

A link between Hamilton Road in Spearwood and the beachfront dual-use path is also now under construction.



City of Cockburn's Administration Support Officer, Robert Santich, making use of the new cycleway by riding to and from work. Garden Island is in the background.

Jetty to jetty proves popular

This year's Coogee Beach Jetty to Jetty swim saw a record turn out despite the stormy weather.

A total of 108 participants braved wet and windy conditions to swim the 1.6kms between the jetties at Woodman Point and Coogee Beach. The winner was Hayden Jackson in a smart time of 20 mins 24secs.

It was very much a community day with many people coming down to watch the proceedings and enjoy a hearty cooked breakfast with the swimmers. Race assistance was kindly provided by the Cockburn Volunteer Sea Search and Rescue group and the Cockburn Powerboat Association.



Medal presentations were made by City of Cockburn former Mayor, Ray Lees to Mr Jackson and the fastest female Carolyn Kezic who registered a time of 21 mins 42 secs. The short course event (800 metres) was won by Peter Hau and Vicki Wright took the honours for fastest female.

Best Effort trophy winner Les Lainsbury (68) said this year's swim was the hardest he had ever

attempted. "I made the mistake of training in calm water during the fine weather but next year I'll be better prepared," he said.

A bunch of swimmers brave the cold conditions (for the 1997 Jetty to Jetty swim).

New landmark at Atwell

The recently established and rapidly growing suburb of Atwell is now the proud owner of an impressive looking community building centre.

Atwell Community Centre is not due to be officially opened until late September but is already welcoming visitors who wish to inspect the available facilities.

The \$1 million Centre is situated on Lydon Boulevard, directly opposite the Atwell Primary School which is now under construction.

A health clinic nurse and a financial advisor/council-

lor are already in residence and a kindergarten is set to begin next month.

When fully operational, the Centre will also provide ample space for community, sporting and church groups to gather. The main hall will accommodate 150 people, with several multi-purpose rooms able to cater for smaller groups.

Further information about the Centre and its facilities can be obtained by contacting the Atwell Management Committee's interim chairperson Caroline Sharkey on 414 5582 or Committee assistant Marie Wood on 414 5565.

The new Atwell Community Centre on Lyndon Boulevard in Atwell – a beautiful complex for community use.



Jandakot may emulate Joondalup

A \$15 million regional sporting complex at Jandakot could become a reality if negotiations with the State government remain on target.

The City of Cockburn is currently lobbying for additional funds to construct a major sporting complex adjacent to the proposed Thomson Lake shopping centre on the corner of Forrest Road and the Kwinana Freeway.

Already the City has set aside \$1.25 million as a budget to start the initial planning stage. A steering committee has been put in place to examine concept plans and develop the project further.

City of Cockburn Chief Executive Officer Rod Brown believes the complex could prove an ideal home for State teams such as the Perth Glory

(soccer) and the Western Reds (rugby league).

"Preliminary discussions have already been held with the Glory management and they have indicated a strong interest in the Jandakot site," he said.

"The site will have excellent access by both the freeway and the future Perth to Rockingham rail link for people living in the northern and eastern suburbs of the metropolitan area.

"There is presently no major sporting complex south of the river and Jandakot would also be a central location for patrons living in the southern suburbs."

With the new complex being built from scratch, many of the problems associated with redevelopment of an existing stadium such as Subiaco Oval will be avoided.

COUNCILLOR'S SPECIAL

Your new team . . .

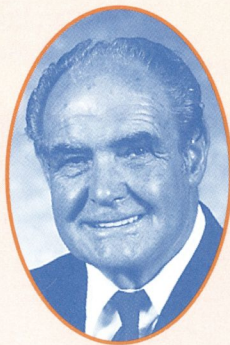
Following the Council elections held on May 3, Cockburn has two brand new Councillors.

North Ward's successful candidate Laurie Humphreys from Coolbellup joins the team along with Sarah Hunt of Jandakot who stood in our East Ward.

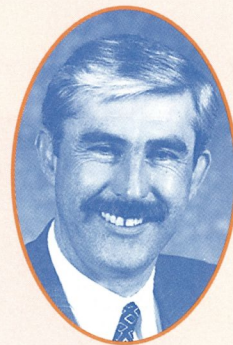
Sitting Councillors were either returned or elected unopposed into all other Council positions.



Mayor John Grljusich
COASTAL WARD



Clr Ray Lees
COASTAL WARD



Clr Joe Ostojich
COATAL WARD



Clr Joe Gianoli
WEST WARD



Clr John McNair
WEST WARD



Clr Marinko Pecotic
WEST WARD



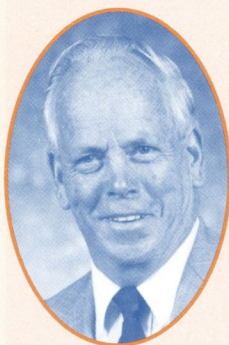
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WEST WARD



Clr Dino Elpetilli
EAST WARD



Clr Sarah Hunt
EAST WARD



Clr Laurie Humphreys
NORTH WARD



Clr Nola Waters
NORTH WARD



Clr Logan Howlett
NORTH WARD



Clr Stephen Lee
SOUTH WARD



**Deputy Mayor
Terry Battalis**
SOUTH WARD

Your new mayor . . .



Heading up the new team is Cockburn's Mayor for the next two years, Clr John Grljusich.

Mayor Grljusich was voted in to the top job by his fellow Councillors at a special meeting of Council held in early May. Clr Terry Battalis was also voted in as Deputy Mayor.

"I feel happy that my fellow Councillors have confidence in my ability to fill this important position and to fulfill their expectations," Mayor Grljusich said.

"I believe the City will continue to grow and prosper in a positive manner with everyone's views taken into consideration."

The new mayor took the opportunity to thank predecessor Ray Lees for the tremendous work he had put in during his stint as Cockburn's leader.

"Ray often said to our constituents that his door was always open and I intend to continue that commitment," Mayor Grljusich said.

"Naturally I hope to be a success and I want to see some emphasis placed on the plight of our youth by way of increased employment."

"We need to give them some real hope and make them feel part of the overall decision making process."

Child's play now even easier

The City of Cockburn has recently installed almost \$64000 worth of play equipment in local parks for our younger residents to enjoy.

New play units were installed at Picotee Mews in Coogee and Radonich Reserve in Munster.

Extensions to existing equipment were installed at Powell Reserve in Coogee, Beale Park in Spearwood, Glenmia Reserve in South Lake and Atwell Reserve in Atwell.

Plans are underway to provide further equipment to parks and public open space in Yangebup, Coolbellup and Spearwood.

"The Council has earmarked a further \$60,000 so that adults and children can better utilise our parks and public open space," Cockburn's Parks Services Engineer Rob Jack said.

"Newer areas that required some playground facilities often had some basic equipment installed initially and this was then upgraded the following year as more funds became available."



"The public are encouraged to put their requests for local equipment, which could range from play units and shelters to BBQs, in writing to the Council for consideration," he said.

"As more people become aware that Council provides these facilities, a greater number of parks and reserves are being developed earlier and to a higher standard.



ABOVE: Children at play on the new equipment at Atwell playground.

LEFT: City of Cockburn's Parks Supervisor, Laurie Murnane exploring the new play equipment at Atwell with some local children.

Library language skills

Spearwood public library has introduced a new facility for people interested in undertaking self-taught language learning studies.

The Language Learning Resource Centre is a collection of material and supporting equipment designed primarily to assist residents learning English as a second language. Some Japanese and Italian lessons are also included in the Centre's study program.

Materials and equipment in the Centre include books, cassettes and other multimedia materials, a personal computer, and several portable language laboratories.

City Librarian Duncan Furphy said the resources were part of a State government initiative aimed at providing regional libraries with the ability to act as a reference point for people trying to learn a language outside of a formal classroom situation.

Two new faces

Cockburn Council has appointed two new customer services officers to provide residents with even better service.



Dee Dowd and Sharon Schilling have joined our information desk in the main reception area of Council's administration building.

Sharon, a former admin officer with the City of Fremantle, recently made the move to Cockburn and has settled in nicely.

Dee has been with Cockburn for almost five years and maintains an excellent knowledge of the City's services and departments.

Both Sharon and Dee are available to assist you from 8.30am to 4.30pm each weekday.

South Lake Leisure Centre News

The South Lake Leisure Centre's Pepsi/Bali competition was drawn recently with first prize going to a lucky Melanie Garces of Kardinya.

Melanie won a trip for two to Bali for five nights including air fares and all accommodation.

Out going Cockburn Mayor Ray Lees made the presentation which capped off a very popular competition. All participants in the Centre's aerobics and water aerobics classes were automatically in the draw.



Street Signs

The City of Cockburn has stopped the installation of illuminated street signs in an effort to determine their suitability.

A six month moratorium period will be used to gather community views about the erection of these signs.

An abundance of illuminated signs can be seen along major metropolitan roads such as Stirling Highway. Local examples have been erected at the intersections of North Lake and Forrest Roads, North Lake and Phoenix Roads, and North Lake and Farrington Roads.

Some concerns have been raised in the past about the aesthetic impact of large illuminated signs and Council wants to know how residents feel about the issue before proceeding any further.

Any comments can be put in writing and forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 1215 Bibra Lake 6965.

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Red Cross donation

The City of
Cockburn and local
residents played an
important role in this
year's record breaking
annual Red Cross
Doorknock Appeal.

Cockburn's former Mayor
Ray Lees handed over a
cheque for \$5000 to a
thrilled Red Cross Co-
ordinator Wally Riley on
behalf of the City.

Mr Riley said the money
from Cockburn Council
meant a lot because most local authorities provided organisers but few made direct
donations.

Cockburn residents also showed their generosity by donating over \$6000 to the
Appeal on an individual basis. Long-time local Red Cross Doorknock organiser Wally
Hagan (80) was extremely pleased with the results of this year's Appeal.

"We had fewer collectors this time but the people we had worked very hard and the
Cockburn residents were more generous than last year," he said.

"I feel good about doing this work because I know where the funds go and I know
what tremendous things the Red Cross does with the money collected."

Mr Riley said all existing Doorknock collectors were volunteers and their efforts are
very much appreciated.

The Red Cross needs more people willing to follow their lead for future Appeals and
any people interested in helping out are encouraged to contact the main office on
9325 5111.



Former Mayor Ray Lees hands over the \$5,000 cheque to Red Cross Co-ordinator
Wally Riley (centre) with Cockburn organiser Wally Hagan (right).

Citizen of the year

Munster resident Valda Ellement has been
named Cockburn's 1997 Citizen of the Year for
her dedication to community service.

Mrs Ellement has lived in the area for 20 years and is an
avid craft enthusiast with a strong sense of public spirit.

A keen ceramic worker, she was nominated by the
Cockburn Community and Cultural Council, an organi-
sation for which she is currently secretary.

Valda is also directly involved with a host of other
community groups including the CWA, Fremantle
Penguins, Red Cross Society, RSL Ladies Auxiliary and
the Cockburn Senior Citizens Association.

All we can add is well done!



Valda Ellement

**WE HAVE A NEW
POSTCODE!**

Our new postal address is now:
City of Cockburn
P.O. Box 1215, Bibra Lake, WA 6965