

MacFaull Park lights up



This year, the City's annual Christmas on the Green event is moving to MacFaull Park, Pomfret Road, Spearwood.

There will be a concert by the Acapella Christmas Choir, a camel train, face painters, an animal farm, performances by Fairy Queen Caroline, waterslides, bouncy castles and most importantly, an appearance by Santa and switching on of the Christmas tree lights.

Be sure to keep Saturday 10 December free for this wonderful family event which starts at 5pm.

To see what other awesome events are coming up, visit **cockburn.wa.gov.au/events**





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Get creative this Christmas at Cockburn Libraries

Design your own cards and decorations

Create simple decorations and cards, along with other Christmasthemed activities to keep the kids entertained.

Monday 19 -Friday 23 December,

10am - 1pm at all Cockburn Libraries.



Sweet Christmas Cupcakes

Saturday 17 December 1 - 3pm, Spearwood Library

Decorate delicious Christmas cupcakes. Children over 8 years of age accompanied by an adult are welcome.

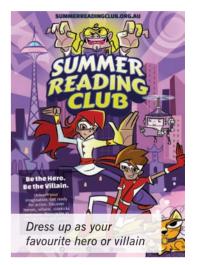
Book online at library.cockburn.wa.gov.au

Hero or Villain Summer Reading Club



The Summer Reading Club is back! Be a part of it for your chance to win amazing prizes.

Running from 1 December to 31 January, the Summer Reading Club is a great way to keep the kids entertained and reading over the summer holidays.



It's not just about reading though; there are games, activities and competitions for pre-schoolers to secondary school students. With the school holiday activities running through January at the library, you can be a hero or villain outside of the club as well.

Visit library.cockburn.wa.gov.au for more information.

Looking for something to read over Summer?

Novelist is a great search tool that helps you figure out authors, titles and series similar to the ones you love. Just type in a name, a title or even a mood (thrilling, feel-good, historical) and see what comes up! Find reviews, reading lists, expert recommendations and even age-defined reading lists for bored kids.























Mayor's Message

The bushfire season is upon us and high fuel loads can be seen across many parts of the State. Responsibility rests with all of us to make every effort to minimise the risk to people and property around our homes, business premises and in our recreational areas.

Our amazing career fire fighters and volunteers in the Cockburn State Emergency Services, Jandakot Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, South Coogee Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade and the Cockburn Sea Search & Rescue respond 24/7 to call outs. These people are highly trained and skilled and often travel outside their jurisdictions to support other emergency services responding to incidents.

Being prepared by having an appropriate plan in place will go a long way toward minimising the risks we and our career and volunteer emergency services volunteers face.

Ensure the necessary maintenance around your property has been completed, talk to your neighbours and report any rubbish/abandoned vehicles in bushland areas.

In closing, on behalf of the elected members I take this opportunity to wish you an enjoyable festive season and New Year. School holidays are rapidly approaching so be mindful when out and about on our roads. Safe travels to one and all.

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City thinks global, acts local

The City of Cockburn continues to take strong action on climate change. This includes a range of mitigation and adaptions across the City, including:

- Solar PV cells across many Council facilities
- A zero emissions vehicle fleet and the purchase of fuel efficient Council vehicles
- Council facilities with energy efficient LED lights, upgraded insulation and energy and water efficient appliances
- Sustainable design features in new Council facilities
- A Greenhouse Emission Reduction Fund for large scale programs that reduce emissions
- Methane gas extraction from the landfill cells at the Henderson Waste Recovery Park, converting to electricity

- Two and three bin systems for households to reduce waste and to encourage composting and recycling
- Geothermal energy for heating the new pool at the Cockburn ARC
- Regular energy audits of Council facilities
- Evolving energy efficient technologies
- Electric vehicle charging stations.



More information cockburn.wa.gov.au/RenewableEnergy



- Establish a budget for Christmas spending and stick to it
- Start shopping early and take advantage of the lay-by system offered by most stores
- Be aware that you are being encouraged to spend by retailers who want to meet their annual budget targets. Do not be sucked in by special offers
- Avoid rushing around at the last minute, buying whatever you can get your hands on
- Make a list of people to buy for
- Put a limit on how much you will spend on each person and stick to it
- Talk to your friends and family about putting a limit on the amount spent on presents
- Think about doing 'Secret Santa', where you put everyone's name in a hat and you pick out a person to buy a present for at an agreed amount. This ensures everyone gets a present but you do not have to buy for everyone
- Buy and prepare food in advance. Some dishes will freeze well for months

- Celebrate Christmas on your own terms. Make it a relaxing and memorable time that doesn't have anything to do with commercialism
- Be upfront and realistic with children about what they are likely to receive – do not set them up for disappointment on Christmas Day. If the gift they want is very expensive perhaps grandparents or other family members would be happy to contribute
- Don't be swayed by tempting offers of extended credit or loans sent to you in the weeks leading up to Christmas
- Don't be pressured to go into debt to meet peoples expectations. If spending thousands on presents or hosting a seafood lunch is not within the budget, speak up
- Don't wake up with a debt hangover. Avoid using credit as much as possible. Avoid store cards or in-store financing altogether, as interest rates can be very high
- Don't forget to give yourself a break; there is no Christmas rule book. Make plans that allow you and your family to have a truly happy and meaningful Christmas.





Waterslides ready for Cockburn's young and young at heart

Progress at Cockburn ARC has gathered pace in recent months with the most visually striking aspect of the centre being its three colourful waterslides.

Our blue 'looping rocket' will start with a mind-blowing drop! After starting in a transparent rocket launcher, riders are plunged through a number of loops down to the end.

Our 'aqua tube' is a great one to start on before you progress to the looping rocket. It's still a fast ride though.

The 'space boat/shuttle combo' is for one or two people aboard a rubber rafter. Riders accelerate around the space boat edging closer to the exit point. From there, more speed propels you toward the space shuttle, climbing and dropping down from the walls of an enormous cavern!

The centre will also include a 50m heated outdoor pool, a 25m heated indoor pool, a learn to swim and interactive water play area.

The construction of Cockburn ARC is part of the City's 'Community, Lifestyle and Security' objective to provide safe, attractive and healthy programs and infrastructure for a diverse range of activity and people.

Visit cockburnarc.com.au or follow us on Facebook facebook.com/cockburnarc



Exercise equipment in local parks

Exercise equipment is available in 19 parks around Cockburn. In 2017, Co-Health will be offering half-hour exercise sessions at selected parks from 5pm.

To receive a schedule of dates and locations, contact Co-Health via email at beactive@cockburn.wa.gov.au or call 9411 3444.

Summer is here and a great way to keep up the momentum for your healthy lifestyle is to arrange a healthy picnic in the park with your neighbours after your exercise session. Go to **beactivecockburn.com.au** for more information about this and other Co-Health activities.

This initiative forms part of the City's 'Community, Lifestyle and Security' objective to provide safe, attractive and healthy programs and infrastructure for a diverse range of activity and people.



A playground for everyone

The City recently launched the Bibra Lake Regional Playground which is designed to promote inclusiveness and celebrate diversity.

Local Aboriginal heritage inspired many features throughout the playground including giant oblong turtles, climbing frames modelled on Aboriginal fish traps and giant 'talking' rocks placed in a Yarning Circle.

The 7,000m² fenced playground also includes swings, a seesaw, and flying fox designed to provide maximum access for people of all ages and abilities. Large stainless steel barbecues have under-bench wheelchair recesses to make cooking easy, plus retro-fitted custom designed ignition



buttons to promote use by people with visual impairment or limited use of their fingers.

The playground will also feature the City's first 'changing places' facility with a height-adjustable adult-sized changing table, a tracking hoist and automatic doors with enough space for two carers to assist.

cockburn.wa.gov.au/parks

Planning for a growing Cockburn

Children and families

The City of Cockburn worked closely with a large range of children, parents, carers and community groups to identify the needs of families and children in the community.

Eight priority actions were identified which formed the Children and Families Strategy 2016-2021.

To find out more, visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/childrenservices



Active Aging

The City of Cockburn has worked with its seniors community to develop the Age-Friendly Strategy 2016-2021.

A total of 10 priority actions have been identified ranging from an audit of existing outdoor seating in parks and public places, to exploring mechanisms to encourage and support older people to safely walk their dogs.

Both strategies form part of the wider City Strategic Community Plan 2016-2026, and in particular, the 'Community, Lifestyle and Security' objective to provide safe, attractive and healthy programs and infrastructure for a diverse range of activity and people.

cockburn.wa.gov.au/seniorscentre

Copies of the strategies are available from the City's libraries and administration building or from our website.



Cockburn Youth Services have school holidays covered

Cockburn Youth Services have an exciting school holiday program on offer for young people 10 - 17 years of age.

The Outrage Program includes excursions around Perth while Cockburn Youth Centre offers engaging and fun activities at the centre.

The youth centre also offers a safe and welcoming place in the community for young people to hang out. There's heaps of free equipment to use and lots of spots to chill out with friends.

Visit the centre at 25 Wentworth Parade, Success, book a program at cockburn.wa.gov.au/youthcentre or check out Cockburn Youth Service's Facebook page.

Public art shines in Cockburn

The City's local planning policy for art is bringing colour and life to urban spaces throughout Cockburn.

The 'Percent for Art' concept allows developers to give back to their local setting by funding decorative and stimulating artworks in larger scale developments.

With urban art becoming increasingly popular, blank walls are becoming a unique urban canvas for artists.

The piece below, on the corner of Rockingham Road and Davilak Avenue was commissioned by the Infill Property Group and created by local artist Brenton See.



Road safety is everyone's responsibility

The City of Cockburn is taking a stand against road deaths and serious injury in the area by taking part in WALGA's RoadWise Road Ribbon for Road Safety® campaign. So far there have been more than 58 deaths in the metropolitan area this year, a number the City does not accept.

As we head into the festive season, we ask individuals to play their part by complying with all road rules, being alert and behaving safely and courteously on the roads.





Keep our oceans clean this Summer

Clean Ocean, Clean Catch is an online awareness campaign produced by the City of Cockburn and Perth NRM to combat marine litter found in and around our coastal areas.

Litter is unsightly and can cause injury, death and extinction of marine species. It also creates pollution, hazards and negatively impacts human health.

Fishing litter is comprised of fishing tackle and lines, balloons and plastic packaging. Reports from local cleanup groups in coastal areas have indicated that litter from recreational fishing has become a significant problem.

Everyone has a right to enjoy our beautiful coastal environment. Let's work together to keep them litter free.

Find out more and help keep our oceans clean at cockburn.wa.gov.au/cleancatch



Cockburn Community Events

cockburn.wa.gov.au/events



2016

2 Dec Celebrate Ability Day
Manning Park, Hamilton Hill
10am - 1pm

10 Dec Christmas on the Green
MacFaull Park, Spearwood
5 - 8pm

17 Dec

The Port Pop Up

Coromandel Park, North Coogee 3 - 5pm

10 Dec Cockburn Youth Services School Holiday Program cockburn.wa.gov.au/youthservices 20-23

Cockburn Libraries
Christmas Activities
library.cockburn.wa.gov.au

2017

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Jan

The Town Centre Pop Up
Cockburn Central Town Square, Junction
Boulevard, Success 11am - 1pm

Heat 1: 23 February Heat 2: 25 March Cockburn's Got Talent
Registrations close Thursday 19 January

cockburn.wa.gov.au/cockburnsgottalent

26 Jan

Australia Day Coogee Beach Festival

Coogee Beach Reserve, Coogee 8am - 12noon





How to report hoon drivers

Hoon drivers are a common complaint in many communities and the City of Cockburn is no different.

We shouldn't have to put up with this anti-social behaviour but there is a right way to report these offences without putting yourself at risk.

To report illegal motorbike activity

- 1. Call police on 131 444 if bikes are seen on any public roads, verges or footpaths
- 2. For off road vehicles observed on public reserves, (parks) please call the City's Ranger Services on 9411 3444, 7am - 7pm on weekdays and 7am - 6pm on weekends. Rangers are not available on Christmas Day
- 3. For detection outside of these times, please call the City's Safety and Security Service, CoSafe on 1300 26 72 33 who will observe and report the incident to Rangers the following morning. Please note that CoSafe is not authorised to deal with motorbike issues
- 4. Any information that can be collated such as colour of bikes, helmets, possible addresses, registration plates, or peculiar markings may help detect the offenders. Also note the time and day of which you observed the actions.

To report hoon behaviour to the Police

You can use a Traffic Complaint Form available at police.wa.gov.au/Police-Direct/Traffic to record details of the incident.

DO NOT put yourself at risk when trying to gather evidence.

The only way a hoon may be convicted if police don't witness the incident, is for you to attend Court. If you are not willing to attend Court, in some cases your information may help to establish a pattern of behaviour that could lead to later apprehension and conviction, so your information is still appreciated.

NOTE: If immediate police attendance is required, call 131 444.

What to report

- Description of behaviour, e.g. speeding, drag racing, burnouts, etc
- Description of driver
- Day and time of behaviour
- Location of behaviour
- Vehicle registration
- Vehicle make, model
- Vehicle colour

Cockburn Resident & Community Associations

The City of Cockburn has a range of active resident associations and community groups that are doing great things in the community. Here are a few stories.

Harvest Lakes Residents Association presents: Christmas Concert by the Lake 2016

The Harvest Lakes Residents Association will be celebrating this year's festive season with a Christmas concert. The event will include performances by Josephine and Goggles, Eureka Quartet and South Perth Lions Club Big Band.

It will take place on Friday 23 December, 5 - 9pm at the Harvest Lakes Community Centre, Aurora Drive, Atwell.

There will also be a sausage sizzle and an assortment of food and drinks available to purchase along with a special appearance from Santa.

Email harvestlakes@cockburncommunity.asn.au for more information.





Calleya Culture Club

The recently established Calleya Culture Club, based in the new suburb of Treeby meets regularly to discuss development in the area as well as plans for community activities and events. These have included an Easter egg hunt and a Halloween Trick or Treat day.

The club are excited to see a number of new developments in the estate including a new nature-themed playground, five hectares of parkland, a fenced dog park with doggy play equipment and a community garden currently under construction.

Email calleyacultureclub@gmail.com or visit the Stockland Calleya Facebook page to find out more. facebook.com/StocklandCalleya/



South Beach Community Group

The South Beach Community Group (formerly South Beach Traffic Action Group) formed out of concerns about traffic in South Beach and the future traffic increases resulting from the Shoreline development.

The group is passionate about advocating on behalf of its local residents and ensuring they stay informed on topics such as Roe 8, the inner/outer harbour and developer accountability to building regulations. They also focus on ways to connect their area with public transport as well as cycling and walking.

The group is planning an event called Music in Barrow Park. It will be a great opportunity for the community to come together and get to know one another.

The group invites residents to attend regular public meetings on the last Sunday of every second month, with the next event on Sunday 29 January 2017. Email SaferSouthBeachEstate@gmail.com to sign up to the newsletter or to get involved.

Cockburn Resident & Community Associations

Coolbellup Leisure Club

Coolbellup Leisure Club is a social group for all ages and meets at Len Packham Reserve every Thursday morning from 9.30am to 12noon. The club organises a number of activities including board games, cards, darts and carpet bowls.

This year members have visited Bunbury, Gidgegannup and Hillarys, with all outings including a morning tea, lunch and an activity or attraction.

New members are always welcome! Membership is \$28 annually.

For more information contact Daphne on 9414 7124.



Coolbellup Hub: Fruit and Veg Swap

The Coolbellup Hub has launched the Home-Grown Fruit and Veg Swap. You can swap home-grown or home-made, preferably organic produce. It is a process of sharing rather than trading, so no money changes hands.

As well as fruit, vegetables and herbs, you can swap seeds, seedlings or cuttings, compost or vermiculture (worms), and flowers. Eggs and preserves are welcome but swappers do so at their own risk.

Everyone is welcome to join the swap and if you don't have any anything to swap you can still come along. It's held on the first Saturday of the month, 10.30 - 11.30am at Coolbellup Hub.

The next swap will take place on Saturday 3 December. For more information contact the Coolbellup Library on 9411 3830.





Volunteer Sundowner

The City recently hosted the third Volunteer Sundowner Event for Cockburn clubs and volunteers. 140 volunteers from local sporting and community groups enjoyed the sounds of Benj Bernal and delicious canapes by La Mint Café.

To get involved in community volunteering, email Cockburn Volunteer Resource Centre at volunteering@cockburn.wa.gov.au or call 9411 3444.



Creative Shed Cockburn Inc.

Creative Shed Cockburn aims to provide a safe, supportive and friendly environment for members of the Cockburn community to get creative. People of all ages and abilities are welcome.

Activities include healthy cooking, gardening, clay work, sewing, writing and upcycling clothes and furniture.

Next year the group will become involved in woodwork and metalwork when it joins Cockburn Men's Shed in its new location at Cockburn Central.

Contact Frances Stone on 0422 810 797 or email creativeshedcockburn@gmail.com for more information.

You can also follow them on Facebook, search for the public group 'Creative Shed Cockburn.'





Cockburn Resident and Community Associations

Yangebup Progress Association presents their Carols by Candlelight

The Yangebup Progress Association Inc are proud to present their first annual Carols by Candlelight, a narrated re-enactment of the traditional Christmas story on Saturday 3 December at Nicholson Reserve, Yangebup.

Be entertained by local school choirs from Beeliar and Yangebup as you listen to the story of the birth of baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph and the three wise men.

This family-friendly event will include food vendors, children's activities and entertainment from 5pm, with the show starting at 7pm sharp.

Grab a blanket or chairs, bring the family and enjoy a picnic and evening on the green.

We look forward to bringing to our community a quality Christmas production they will enjoy for years to come.



7PM 3 DECEMBER NICHOLSON RESERVE, YANGEBUP

Carols - Candles - Choirs - Christmas Story - Camels - Animals - Food and more!

Environment, History and Culture

History with Leah

Jandakot Christmas Tree Festival

On Saturday 22 December 1900, the first annual Jandakot Christmas Tree Festival was held at the newly-built Jandakot Agricultural Hall for families of the surrounding farming district.

Mr and Mrs William Bateman and other pioneers of the Jandakot area, arranged for a beautifully decorated tree, presents, games and entertainment for the 45 children and their parents who turned up to celebrate a hot Christmas in an unforgiving landscape.

By 1906, what Mr Bateman had hoped would become an annual institution had done just that. The annual Jandakot Christmas Tree festival was a wild success, with an evening's entertainment provided by local volunteers, an enormous tree, and a jolly Father Christmas handing out presents to over 100 children. The adults enjoyed dancing to a band, and an extravagant dinner was provided, with grapes and other fruits grown by local market gardeners for dessert.

The Christmas Tree Festival became a solid fixture of the Jandakot district, giving isolated settlers a chance to gather and enjoy themselves in an otherwise difficult and demanding environment.



Environment, History and Culture



Spring time is time to Turtle Watch!

The arrival of Spring marked the beginning of the Long-neck Turtle breeding and nesting season in our local wetlands and lakes. Females become particularly vulnerable to threats such as traffic and predators.

If you see a turtle crossing the road, you can help it by taking it in the direction they were heading and not into the water.

Help our turtles by letting us know when and where you see them around your neighbourhood.

Visit climatewatch.org.au/species/reptiles/oblong-turtle or download the mobile app at the ClimateWatch website to log your turtle sightings.

For further information, email environmentalmanagement@cockburn.wa.gov.au or call 9411 3444.



City of Cockburn / Council



Hamilton Hill-North Coogee Proposed Boundary Change

The City officially objected to a proposal by a small section of the community to have the Cockburn suburbs of Hamilton Hill and North Coogee included within the boundaries of the City of Fremantle.

Council approved its submission to the Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB) at a special meeting on 29 September. At a public meeting a week later, 300 people howled down the organisers of a 250-signature petition asking the Board to consider annexing the Cockburn suburbs to Fremantle.

Consultation and investigation by the City of Cockburn found the proposal had little real support in the community, and if approved, would cost it and the City of Fremantle, and their ratepayers millions of dollars to implement.

Council has requested CEO Stephen Cain lobby the Minister for Local Government and Communities, the Department of Local Government and Communities, and the WA Local Government Authority to review legislation that forces councils to consider proposed changes to their boundaries.

The LGAB's consideration of the Hamilton Hill/North Coogee boundary change was triggered when it received a 250-signature petition, which represented just 1.3 per cent of the suburbs' 20,000 residents.

Cockburn councillors believe a petition for boundary reform should contain valid signatures of at least 10 per cent of affected residents, to justify the arduous, time-consuming and expensive process.

Council hopes the LGAB will make a decision on the unpopular boundary change proposal by the end of the year.

Councillors Corner

Cr Chamonix Terblanche

The Greater Fremantle proposal was vetoed by the community at a recent community hearing. We heard about the many good things our community love about Cockburn and felt the passion in the room.

Cockburnians are proud of the place they live in and have worked hard to raise their families in such a wonderful location; a place where neighbours care about each other and respect for fellow community members abounds.

This made me think about the W.B. Yeats quote: "There are no strangers, only friends you have not met yet". Do you know your neighbours? If not, I suggest you knock on their door and invite them for a coffee or a barbeque – you would be surprised how good it feels to get to know your neighbours. And who knows, you might just strike up a lifelong friendship that is worth its weight in gold!

Cr Phil Eva

With the weather warming up there is no better place to go than the new Bibra Lake Regional Playground.

Let your children's imagination run wild while they explore the delights of this \$3.4M playground. Watch out for the giant bull rushes that shoot water, climb the tree top walk and crawl through the cargo net tunnels.

Keep an eye out for the two metre long bull ants or make friends with the family of giant long neck tortoises. There are six BBQs, shelters, and the native trees have been preserved to enhance the natural beauty.

Bibra Lake is one of the 'Jewels in the Crown' of the Cockburn wetlands system. Hopefully I'll see you there over the Christmas period. Lastly, may I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a safe New Year.

CITY OF COCKBURN WARD BOUNDARIES

West Ward: Coogee, North Coogee, Hamilton Hill, Spearwood East Ward: Atwell, Aubin Grove, Banjup, Cockburn Central, Hammond Park, Jandakot, Leeming, South Lake, Success, Treeby Central Ward: Beeliar, Bibra Lake, Coolbellup, Henderson, Munster, North Lake, Wattleup, Yangebup



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