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COOLBELLUP WATCH A WINNER

The unique Coolbellup Neighbourhood Watch and Customer Assistance Post in that suburb's shopping centre continues to go from strength to strength.

Local residents recognised the need to stem a tide of break-ins around the vicinity and decided to team up with Coolbellup shopping centre management to create the region's only NHW Centre of its type.

The Post's main functions are to recruit new members for the Neighbourhood Watch scheme and provide passing shoppers with crime prevention and personal safety information.

District Chairman of Neighbourhood Watch, Laurie Humphreys believes the success of the initiative is due to an integrated approach by police, Centre security

firm Secureforce International, shopping centre management and a loyal group of volunteers.

"I also believe this co-operation contributed significantly to the recent crime-free month experienced in Coolbellup, when not a single offence was reported and the Post was processing around 100 applications per week," he said.

First Class Constable Matt Cole and Constable Kevin Miller of the Hilton Police Station added their sentiments by indicating how important it was to have members of the public on their side and helping them to assist the entire community.

The Coolbellup Neighbourhood Watch Post, which is actively supported by the City of Cockburn, featured prominently at the 1996 State Neighbourhood Watch Conference as a success story for others to follow.



Constable Kevin Miller (left), John Cooper and Senior Constable Matt Cole at the Post.



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SOUTH LAKE SENIORS NEWS

New members are welcome to join the South Lake Senior Citizens' Association each Monday between 1.00pm and 3.30pm at Jandakot Hall, Anning Park in Forrest Road Jandakot.

Activities include table tennis, carpet bowls, darts, cards and board games.

Participants can also enjoy a tea or coffee and a chat. Regular outings are arranged. For further details please contact the Association on telephone 417 3139 or 417 3301.

CITY JOINS THE CASHLESS SOCIETY

Local residents and other customers with bills to pay at the City of Cockburn no longer require any money! They will however, need a credit or transaction card.

The City is pleased to announce the commencement of new EFTPOS and credit card payment facilities for people who prefer not to carry around large sums of money.

Senior Finance Officer Nelson Mauricio said the service would add a further dimension to customer facilities while reducing the increasing risk of carrying notes and coins.

"In addition to their rates, our customers will also be able to pay building licences, dog registrations and even purchase recycling products," he said.

Rates can be paid by quoting credit card details on remittance slips and returning them through the mail. This avoids the traditional long queues resembling a conga line around the administration block at that time of year.

Unfortunately reduced cash held on Council premises will not permit customers to obtain cash using the EFTPOS facility. Major credit cards presently being accepted include Visa, Mastercard and Bankcard.

The City owned South Lake Leisure Centre has also adopted the EFTPOS and credit card convenience facilities for a large range of services and products.

For further information on this topic please contact Nelson on telephone 411 3517.



Cashier Michael Yakas with a more traditional method of paying bills.

ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITION ON AGAIN

The annual senior arts and crafts exhibition and sale conducted by the Cockburn Community and Cultural Council will once again be held at the Civic Centre Hall on October 19 and 20.

This year will see a number of excellent prizes on offer for all sections including a new acquisitive prize donated by the City of Cockburn entitled "Aspects of Cockburn". The new award has been introduced to give local artists an opportunity to show their talents and at the same time helping to develop a pictorial history of the Cockburn area.

Many great gift ideas will be on show and with Christmas fast

approaching, it represents a good time to buy that special gift.

A junior exhibition has already been run by the Cultural Council during August and attracted fewer schools than anticipated. The June Miguel Award was won by Yangebup Primary School Year 7 and the New Arlene Crane Award was won by St. Jerome's Primary School.

All details and entry forms for the senior exhibition are available at local libraries and from the reception desk at the Council administration building. Further information can also be obtained by contacting Mrs Loris Argentino on 418 2494.



KEEPING GREEN

The City of Cockburn would like to thank the people who commented on the use of glossy paper in the last Soundings edition. We can reassure our environmentally conscious readers, that Soundings is printed on harvest stock derived from recycled industrial waste and not recycled paper. Harvest stock is not burdened by high handling and manufacturing costs, thus keeping the price down. It is also fully recyclable at the end of its life. The City insists upon using environmentally friendly products whenever possible and we are gladdened to see a similar community sentiment.

WETLANDS EDUCATION CENTRE UPDATE

Many readers may have seen the Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre in Hope Road Bibra Lake and been curious about its functions and achievements.

The facility was established to provide information to the public about our wetlands and their management. It also provides a home for the Wetlands Conservation Society, Friends of the Centre and the Coolbellup Scouts, being used as an ideal venue for meetings, seminars and other activities.

A main hall capable of accommodating 120 people dominates the Centre, however there is also a gallery which can hold 60 people and a large modern kitchen. Outside, you will find landscaped native gardens, grassed areas and a 1.5 kilometre nature trail that winds through the surrounding banksia woodlands to the lakefront with a viewing platform. All the wonderful facilities are available for use by the community. A recent visitor to the Centre was orchard pioneer Joanna Seabrook who

took time out to give a talk on the topic of weeds. Joanna, who has been called the Mother of Environmental Science, is a life member of the Wildflower Society of WA, a Greening WA Board director, a trustee of the Gordon Reid Foundation and an author of plant books.

Management of the Education Centre is carried out by a committee comprising representatives from the above mentioned groups plus the City of Cockburn and the local community. Anyone wishing to assist the work being done to educate people about the Beeliar Wetlands or simply help with tree planting and maintenance are invited to contact the Co-ordinator Rex Salur on telephone 417 8460.

Educational programs or school visits can be arranged by contacting the Centre's Education Officer Denise Crosbie on telephone 417 8460. Hire bookings from community groups can be made via the Bookings Officer Glen Wilson on telephone 417 9203.



Friends of Cockburn Wetlands members Jim Connolly (centre) and Ian Miller (right), provide some guidance to work experience student Heather Burne at a regeneration project within the banksia woodland.

BOOM GATES AT WATTLEUP

The Railway Crossing Protection Committee has endorsed the installation of boom gates at the Wattleup Road rail crossing. Wattleup Citizens' Association wishes to express thanks to the Council and Mayor Ray Lees in particular for assistance given in achieving this much needed improvement. Local Wattleup residents also extend thanks to the City of Cockburn for a barbeque that was installed in Deepdene Park recently.

DO YOU KNOW A GREAT AUSSIE?

Do you know any great Australian individual or organisation who has performed an exceptional feat or made an outstanding contribution during 1996?

The City of Cockburn would like nominations for the 1997 Australia Day Awards, to be presented at a special function conducted by Council on January 26, 1997.

The Australia Day Awards are divided into three categories:

- * Australia Day Citizen of the Year;
- * Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year (for those born after 26 Jan 1971);&
- * Australia Day Community Event (or Group) Award.

We are proud to recognise the achievements of some of our heroes so if you would like someone worthy to be considered for any of the above awards, please contact the Council's Public Liaison Officer, Mike Winchester on 411 3524 for further details and a nomination form.

Our Customer Service Charter is that....

WE KNOW: Our Customers are **THE** reason we are here and we **WILL** endeavour to:

- ◆ To remember that our Customers contact us in variety of ways
- ◆ Provide the **APPROPRIATE** people to assist our Customers
- ◆ Treat our Customers as we would like to be treated ourselves
- ◆ **LISTEN** to our Customers and find out **THEIR** needs
- ◆ Respond to our Customers needs promptly
- ◆ Accept Customers complaints and deal with them fairly
- ◆ Be responsible for our actions



The City of Cockburn

Striving for the Best

OUR PLEDGE TO YOU....

Structural changes at the City of Cockburn have developed the **Customer Services Sub-Committee**, made up of Management and Staff who are committed to reviewing and improving services to all Customers of Council. The recently launched **Customer Service Charter** pledges a firm commitment to delivering quality and friendly service throughout the City, an undertaking never embarked upon before in an organised fashion. Public Liaison Officer and Chairman of the City's Best Practice Committee **Mike Winchester**, has commended the Committee's dedication and is pleased to be working with such a dedicated, professional team.

Should you wish to contact any member of the Customer Services Sub-Committee, you can do so by calling ☎ **411 3444** or writing C/- the City of Cockburn, Reply Paid 2, PO BOX 1215 BIBRA LAKE WA 6163. A postage stamp is not required.



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SAFETY MANUAL LAUNCH

The City of Cockburn's updated safety manual was officially launched in June at a special gathering to mark the occasion.

A safe and healthy workplace has been a long-term commitment for the Council and this latest initiative will continue that trend. As a responsible employer, it endeavours to provide a working environment free from hazards, while at the same time actively encouraging employees to take responsibility for their own safety and to use the processes that are available to them.

The manual, prepared by the Council's personnel section and distributed to all managers, supervisors and OHS representatives,

has been designed as a reference guide for any matters that fall within the scope of the City of Cockburn's Safety Program.

Of course no manual can stand in isolation as a means of achieving a safe and healthy workplace. The City also conducts special safety training sessions for all new employees, where participants are invited to "Thinksafe" by making safety an integral component of their lifestyle.

Over the next few months, it is planned to train all employees in procedures for identifying hazards in their work area, assessing associated risks for those hazards and implementing appropriate control strategies.



City of Cockburn safety co-ordinator Neryl Stevenson and "Thinksafe Sam" at the June launch of the new manual.

ATWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE - UPDATE

The new Community Centre has a revised completion date of January 1997. The Centre will include a Community Hall; Child Health Clinic; Financial Counsellor; Out of School care; Family Support Worker and Office Accommodation.

*Further Information from Gill Palmer
Telephone 411 3433*

WORLD PEACE RECOGNISED IN COCKBURN

This year's ceremony in recognition of world peace and to mark the anniversary of Hiroshima Day took place in Manning Park during August.

The ceremony was attended by the Japanese Vice-consul Mr Nishyumi, Council representatives, and a large group of local students, teachers and parents.

A tree planting is held each year by the City of Cockburn in remembrance of the day peace was declared and World War 2 ended. The Japanese city of Hiroshima was one of the last targets of the war and the atomic blast that levelled the metropolitan area took the lives of almost 200,000 residents.

Each year, children traditionally plant young trees at the ceremony

and these saplings are tended by Council staff throughout the year. The children and their families are invited to monitor the growth of the trees, helping them to remain aware of why they were planted and the reasons for ensuring such a tragedy never occurs again.

One of the tallest trees in a previous ceremony site at Peace Park was planted by Cockburn's current mayor Ray Lees many years ago as a young boy and he still takes a keen interest in the annual event.

Mr Nishyumi, who was recently appointed to his position, said his country was proud to be part of the peace celebrations. Following the latest planting, the Vice-consul and mayor Lees presided over a morning tea at the City's reception centre and met all the participants.



Japanese Vice-consul Mr Nishyumi and Mayor Ray Lees share the planting duties

Mr Nishyumi and Mayor Lees ready to meet the other participants



OOPS!! SORRY
VANCE

Unfortunately our last edition of Soundings had a small error. We reported that staff member Vance Thompson was a new trainee draftsman. Vance is in fact a hard working building surveyor and has been with the Council for two years. The Soundings production team apologises to Vance and thanks those readers who picked up the confusion.

LOCAL KARATE CLUB GOES FOR GOLD

Three young locals proudly represented Australia at the World Karate Championships held in Japan during August.

Melissa Vella (23), Tracey Vella (21) and Michael Shaylor (20) all of Yangebup, fought well on behalf of both their country and home club in Coogee. All three trained intensively several times a week to reach peak condition for the titles, while holding down full-time jobs and attending to other commitments.

Participants fought a version of the sport called Karate Do (or empty

hand way) that is fairly recent in origin compared to traditional methods.

Cockburn's local club which meets at the South Coogee Agricultural Hall, is led by the Japan Karate Association's State President Darrell Playle who has attained the rank of Sensei. A Coogee resident himself, Darrell provides coaching, training, competitions and other activities in a voluntary capacity, depending upon members and the wider community for financial and social support.

Michael Shaylor, Tracey Vella and Melissa Vella go through the routines with other club members.



AERO BOXING PACKS A PUNCH

Champion American boxer Mike Tyson may have something else to think about if Yangebup resident Andrea Miller has her way.

Andrea won a recent aero boxing competition at the South Lake Leisure Centre in fine style from an overall field of 250 entrants.

The competition marked the launch of the sport at the Centre and proved very popular with all participants attempting to win the prize of a luxury two-day package at Burswood. This included accommodation, meals

and use of all facilities for two people.

Andrea can still be found hitting the bag at any of the Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday sessions, with an array of sound effects to rival any of the martial arts movies.

Aero boxing is an aerobic or step type exercise that is ideal for those wishing to burn off some fat. Further information on the sport can be obtained from the Centre on telephone 417 3003.



Competition winner Andrea Miller with her latest sparring partner

SPOOKY TIME A HIT WITH CHILDREN

Sixteen local youngsters saw the darker side of their library when a special sleep-over was held recently.

Cockburn youth services librarian, Hilary Hatfield arranged the event as an interactive learning experience for the young people.

A number of eerie events were included such as a spotlight hunt, skeleton making, balloon walking and perhaps the highlight of the evening - fluffy bunnies, a contest to see how many marshmallows could be placed in the mouth while still being able to talk.

Group discussions were also held

on how particular superstitions evolved and the children heard spine-tingling stories from several scary books.

The hungry ghost busters were fed with green worms, witches brew, false teeth and other torturous delights. An early morning "Time Warp" aerobics session woke everyone up the following morning just in time for parents to reclaim their little witches, warlocks and goblins.

Everyone involved had a great time and the idea could happen again, providing of course that Hilary and Natasha of the Spearwood library get out of therapy in time!

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