



Coolbellup 
Community Association

2021-22 Annual Report



Chair's Report

Pip Brennan

Partnership with other groups

Over this year we have been focusing on building on and developing partnerships. There are many awesome groups in our suburb doing wonderful things.

- In 2021-22 we supported Cooby Youth Space as they incorporated as a separate entity, for example we took two donations in the short period of time between the establishment meeting and them getting a bank account. We are very supportive of the work this group is doing.
- We assisted the Coolbellup Amateur Football Club to apply for a \$2,000 grant to support their first ever NAIDOC round Family Day.
- On behalf of the Coolbellup Community School and Learning Centre, we applied for a Jubilee Tree grant successfully to have mature native trees planted near the new playground adjacent to the school
- We have been keeping in touch with all the Len Packham Club users, especially Western Knights Soccer Club, as we have been in the venue now for one year.
- We held a Volunteer event in May which we invited the P&C, Cooby Youth Space and others to, and we are planning a bigger Cooby Volunteer event in December, funding permitting.

Consultation

- We were not successful in our grant request to City of Cockburn to undertake consulting about the 2022-23 Budget Submissions using a "Kitchen Table" discussion method – where people have discussions with their networks in informal settings and provide feedback which is centrally collated. However we have been able to combine to Facebook Pages – Coolbellup Community Association and the Cooby Events page so we have 2,500+ people. While our membership is small, our social media reach is larger. We also ensure that we share our posts on Coolbellup and Surrounds Chat Page and Cooby Now pages in particular.
- We consulted via Facebook about which mural artist was preferred to complete the Len Packham mural, and received overwhelming endorsement of local Noongar artist Amanda Hart. This mural has recently been completed.
- We also provided feedback on the CCTV project in Coolbellup, providing feedback about key places to locate cameras.
- The outgoing CEO of City of Cockburn Tony Brun convened meetings with "districts" – groups of suburbs – and we met with Spearwood and Hamilton Hill, at the Coolbellup hub. We met prior to the meeting and presented our feedback on shared issues:
 - **We are the forgotten suburbs -post Revitalisation Strategies**
Groups are not happy with local planning policy Design Guidelines, a Medium Density Good Development Guide and a City-wide residential verge education brochure, which were also delivered through the Revitalisation Strategies. City of Cockburn need to make amendments to their Revitalisation strategies and

conduct reviews. City of Melville website is a good benchmark, provides transparency.

- **Divisive consultation and lack of information**
For example: Manning Ridge Bike Track, Wally Hagan Stadium - these projects have shown that not consulting with everyone leads to backlash, backtracking and community division. Seeking to be more informed, as well as clarity on what exactly has been funded for suburbs in the last budget.
- **Lack of community space**
City of Cockburn conflates sport with community, and not everyone plays sport. Most Cockburn venues prioritise sporting clubs over any other use. The Coolbellup Community Hub is not a true hub, as there is only one public service, being the library that is open to people to drop in. There needs to be a social policy in City of Cockburn. And there needs to be a review about groups needing to pay hire fees when offering volunteer services.
- **Lack of support from Councillors**
Generally, Councillors do not attend resident group meetings and the feeling we get is that when they want something they reach out to us, otherwise they are not as supportive as we need them to be. They follow their own agendas rather than owners and resident's needs.
- **Losing services to ARC/ Cockburn Central**
Bit by bit events and services seem to be re-locating further and further away
- **Not enough help for charities and groups aiming to create change**
Being charged for venues, knocked back for grants, and difficulty partnering.
- **Youth Services**
Centralised Youth Services do not meet our needs. In Coolbellup we have taken this into our own hands, and face many barriers: Cost of room hire, access to funding, insurance, Cockburn Youth Services looking to the group to provide services which they can refer young people to.
- **Crime**
Crime is a concern across all three suburbs, however no CCTV coverage.

Town Teams

- Town Teams are partnerships between residents, local government and businesses. Every time we undertake a survey we always receive feedback about the original shops, which are all individually owned and as a strata there are many challenges to partnering and working together. City of Cockburn generally is not able to invest in infrastructure on private land, but the reality is that the shops provide one of our key “bumping” places – places to meet with other people and build social connection.
- We re-grouped by confirming our Town Team status – we had discussed and agreed to this in 2019 but had not finished the paperwork – and have undertaken a survey about what people want.

Events

- We ran Cooby Fest 2021 on the last Saturday in November, and will run it again on 26th November 2022 at the later time of 5-8pm at Len Packham Hall and Reserve.

Treasurer's report

Special Notes:

- The CCA operates on a financial year beginning on 01 September going through to 31 August.
- As at the end of August 2021 there are two grants that are awaiting expenditure – the Jubilee Tree Grant which is being worked on this week, and Cooby Fest which hasn't happened yet.

Coolbellup Community Association Bank Account

Opening and Closing Balance for 2021/2022:

Coolbellup Community Association bank account began the financial year with a balance of \$5,678.78. As BankWest are no longer supporting this type of account, we closed this on 26th July 2022 with a closing balance of \$10,268.41. The balance of the Bendigo Bank account as at 31st August 2022 is \$10,278.79 with interest deposits accounting for the 0.38 cent and one membership deposit.

Summary of Income:

Income	\$ 10,783.92	NOTES
Grants	\$ 9821.20	Total income for 2021/2022 was \$10783.92 composed of: Grants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3,500.00 was for CoobyFest 2021 • \$ 600.00 was for the Volunteer week grant. • \$4,200.00 was for the Jubilee Tree grant for our school • \$ 981.20 was for Kaya Cooby Donations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 for Cooby Youth Services which was passed straight onto them when their bank account was opened Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 442.34 was income from Cooby Fest stall holders less EventBrite costs
Membership	\$ 60.00	
Donation	\$1000.00	
Other	\$ 442.72	

Summary of Expenses:

Expenses	\$ 6,183.91	NOTES
Grant Expenses	\$ 3,919.17	Total expenses for 2021/2022 were \$ 6,183.91 composed of: Grant expenses totalling \$3,919.17 \$3,319.17 for Cooby Fest 2021 \$600.00 for Volunteer Week costs Printing for Kaya Cooby in October 2021 Other: \$1,000.00 was for the transfer of Cooby Youth Space donations, \$81.65 for Cooby Youth Space Nightfields costs \$33.89 stationery reimbursement and \$168 for kitchen items
Room Hire	\$	
Printing	\$ 981.20	
Advertising	\$ -	
Other	\$ 1283.54	