

# ANNUAL REPORT

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SEPTEMBER 2019 - AUGUST 2020

**Coolbellup**   
**Community Association**

# INTRODUCTION

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2020

The Coolbellup Community Association - or CCA - was established in 1983. We are a group of volunteers who give our time to make our suburb even better than it already is.

Our financial year runs from 1 September to 31 August each year.

## Our Objectives are to:

- Identify community needs;
- Work cooperatively towards the fulfilment of these needs;
- Advance the development, improvement and maintenances of local facilities and services;
- Establish appropriate communication links with internal and external bodies;
- Voice an opinion in reflecting the various needs of the local community;
- Assist members by making them aware of their rights and responsibilities within the community;
- Initiate, assist and maintain social and community interaction for the general population within and outside the suburb of Coolbellup;
- Foster community spirit in order to improve the quality of the life of the residents of Coolbellup and
- Ensure a non-political, non-sectarian, non-discriminatory association.

Like many volunteer organisations, we have had fluctuations in membership but have finished the year strongly with a refreshed membership and a Code of Conduct to ensure that we can function effectively and co-operatively.

Our current focus is on Projects, Events and providing Updates to Coolbellup residents.

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*The Coolbellup Community Association acknowledges the Whadjuk Nyoongar people as the traditional custodians of this land, and pays respects to Elders past and present. The general area of Coolbellup is recognised as a place belonging to Wardang (crow).*

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Chairperson

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# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The Coolbellup Community Association continues to seek grants to undertake projects and activities. We received \$5,487 in grant income between September 2019 and August 2020.

We were also supported by the City of Cockburn through \$3,464.95 in reimbursements for operational expenses including:

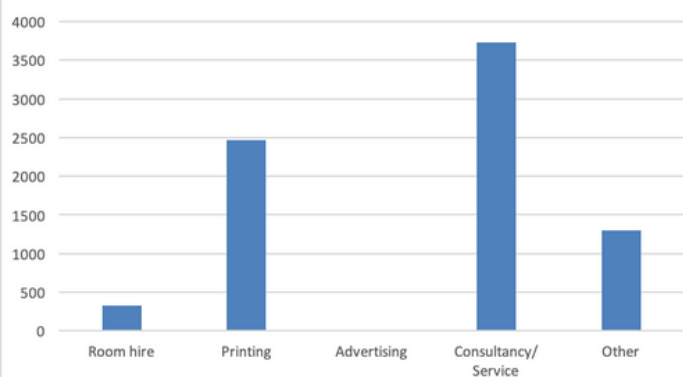
- Printing of our newsletter Kaya Cooby
- Subsidy for our Post Office Box
- Free venue hire

We aim to keep around \$4,000 in our bank account at all times, and ended the year with \$9,418.53, with \$4,891 in grant costs still to be spent. This means we have just over \$4,500 in reserves.

This financial year we have been able to create a Paypal account to allow for more payment options without the risk of a credit card.



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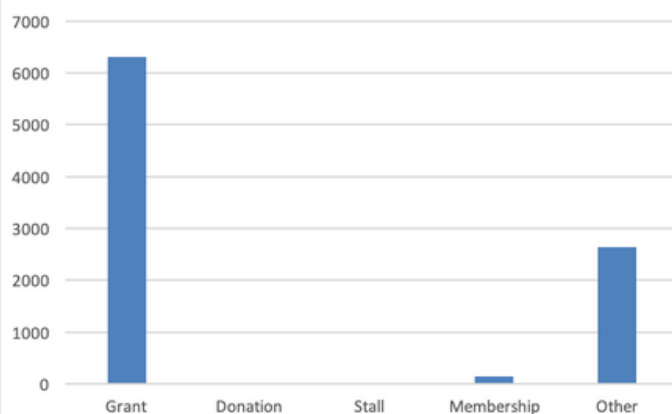
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Our largest expenses reflect the services that are purchased through grants, in this case the Cockburn Seniors Theatre Grant. Printing is our second largest cost and this amount is reimbursed to us through the City of Cockburn,

## INCOME

As noted above, the majority of our income is through grants from City of Cockburn. We also obtain reimbursements for costs such as printing of newsletters and the cost of the Post Office box. We have not undertaken fundraising activities in 2020

INCOME



# EVENTS

We began this year with a program of activities and events however by March 2020 all COVID-19 meant all events were cancelled.

We had been running the Craft and Flea Markets in the Coolbellup Shops on the last Saturday of the month but these ceased during COVID and are only planned for special events rather than a regular event. We have found a regular market doesn't attract the footfall needed to create enough momentum for stalls.

We had planned a Neighbour Day event in March but this also needed to be cancelled. We convened an online event but found that it was not well attended. We ran CCA meetings online as well, and while that kept us ticking over, it was definitely not the same as meeting face to face. We were lucky enough to enjoy a driveway concert by Robert Graham and his daughter Scarlett back in April as they toured around Cooby.



We negotiated successfully to get the BLISS Co bus to come back to the Cooby Skate Park area in 2020

# PARTNERSHIP EVENTS

There are several key partnerships for the CCA where we collaborate to bring you events. The **Cooby Swap and Share** has been running for several years now in front of the library on the first Saturday of the month. This has in turn inspired the Budget Submission for a wall between the area where this event is held and the back of the Coolbellup Shops (see projects for further information).



Brought to Cooby by City of Cockburn



In November 2019 our Craft and Flea Market was visited by the Coolbellup School and Learning Centre P&C who ran a very impressive stall, and invited the children along to sing Christmas carols.

As the CCA financial year was coming to a close, we formed a closer partnership with the Coolbellup School and Learning Centre P&C and are excited about the Fathers' Day Market we ran in September, and other events we have planned for 2020-2021.



# PROJECTS

The CCA was successful in its budget submission to the City of Cockburn to build a **Community Wall** near the Library, where the Swap and Share event is held each month.

We will be working on that project until 30th June 2021, and as a first, we will be given the \$30,000 to manage the project ourselves.

We also received a Community Grant of just under \$3,000 to create bookmarks to get out to all residents to encourage those who have email addresses to join our mailing list for updates. We will also hold a community conversation before December 2020 to continue to explore the idea of a "heart of Cooby" - a place where people of different generations can gather, to do non-sporting things. We had been hoping we could develop a space within the Coolbellup Shopping Centre, but early conversations with Lotterywest have indicated we need to think about a space like Len Packham Reserve to create this multi-age, multi-purpose centre for gathering.

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We  
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Cooby

Projects  
Events  
Updates

## Cockburn Seniors on Stage Project

In 2019 we auspiced the grant for the **Seniors on Stage Cockburn Theatre Production**. They held the final performance on 21st December. The project leads were Ralf Rauker and Helene Fisher



*This picture appeared in the local paper.*

# PROJECTS

In 2020 we created a **Community Pantry** at the Coolbellup Shops. It is situated just next to the new GPs. It works on a simple principle "Take What You Need, Give When You Can.." It is available during shopping centre open hours monitored regularly to make sure it is clean and all non-perishable food is within date.

In June of 2020 we were awarded a special COVID-19 grant where we received \$2,500 to purchase groceries to supplement community donations and update the signage.

We are delighted that Sonas Early Learning Centre have taken the opportunity to build it into their program for the children to enjoy an expedition and learn about community giving.

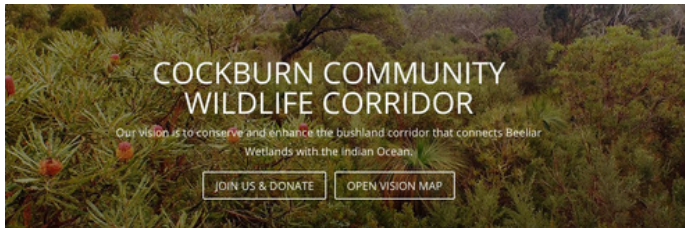


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# UPDATES



The Coolbellup Community Association is represented on the Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor and Rehabilitating Roe 8 Committees by Angela Jakob Key activities for the year include the development of a signage plan and 71,000 natives planted  
Read more here:  
<https://rehabilitatingroe8.org/>  
and here:  
<http://www.cockburnwild.org/>



Coolbellup Avenue has had traffic calming works undertaken as a result of the advocacy efforts of CCA members and residents.

The traffic bridge between Hamilton Hill and Coolbellup was damaged by a truck, and had to be demolished in February. The Coolbellup and Hamilton Hill Community Associations wrote to key government agencies and politicians about its replacement. Recently it was announced that the Footbridge will be replaced at a cost of \$7 million. We will stay in touch with the project to see if we can influence aspects of its design.

We publish our Kaya Cooby newsletter three times per year. The newsletter is delivered to your door by volunteers, and is also put up on the CCA website. Where available, extra copies are left at the Community Pantry or Library.

