

City of Cockburn | May 2023

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Cockburn



wetlands to waves

# Soundings

Whadjuk Nyungar Boodjar

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NOT MONEY**

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We invite you to be part of the best place to be

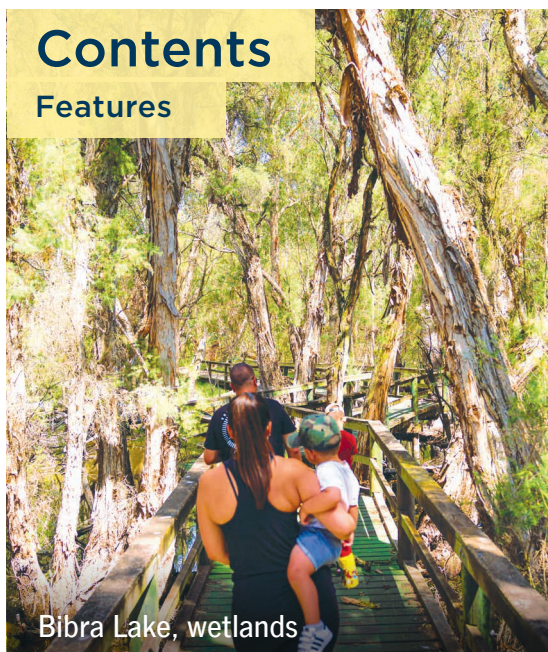


The City of Cockburn acknowledges we are on the Boodjar (country) of the Whadjuk Nyungar people.

We have included Nyungar language on the cover to identify the First Nations peoples of this area and show our respect for the beauty and resilience of the language.

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Henderson Cliffs,  
Henderson



Stay  
Connected



## Message from the Mayor



Cockburn continues to grow in population, job opportunities and infrastructure, both private and that of local government, creating a well-balanced mix of residential, commercial, retail and industry. Major developments planned or underway at Jandakot City, Henderson, Cockburn Gateway Shopping City, Cockburn Central and along our coastline present amazing opportunities for us all.

The recent opening of the Bethesda Clinic, the first private mental health facility in the southern suburbs, right in the heart of the City, was well received by the community. The open day saw hundreds of people taking advantage of touring the four-storey clinic and the official opening was also well attended. The Bethesda staff were exceptional in greeting members of the public, leading tours of the facility and showcasing the great services they will be offering.

The City recently provided the opportunity for the community to comment on the Community, Sport, and Recreation Facilities Plan. We received many responses and the City's staff are preparing an agenda item to go before Council, in due course. Exciting times for our community and hopefully the outcomes will bring the dreams and aspirations of so many to fruition.

To be kept up to date and to be made aware of opportunities to comment on the many projects the City undertakes, you can subscribe to receive notifications via the City's Comment on Cockburn website. As always, your feedback is welcomed and valued.

On behalf of the Elected Members and staff, I invite you to enjoy the many opportunities and experiences available in the City of Cockburn. To our volunteers, keep up the good work as you follow your passion to make Cockburn 'the best place to be'.

**His Worship the Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP**

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## Reconciliation Week

To mark Reconciliation Week, the City is delighted to have the award-winning and nationally acclaimed Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse performing at Success Library. Gina writes songs almost exclusively in Nyungar language. Gina brings (with guitarist and collaborator Guy Ghouse) a modern take on ancient traditions, powerful storytelling, guitar brilliance and an incandescent voice.

National Reconciliation Week (27 May to 3 June) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation.

This year's theme is Be a Voice for Generations. It encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in our everyday lives – where we live, work and socialise.

The City continues to work towards reconciliation and we remain connected to our community's heritage by celebrating our First Nations culture and creating opportunities and events that highlight the long and rich history on Beeliar Boodja.

### Breakfast and Flag Raising Thursday 25 May

City of Cockburn Function Room

7.30am Free breakfast begins

8-10am Virtual event with Reconciliation WA including guest speakers

10.15-11am Flag Raising

RSVP to [customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

### Performance of Koort (Heart) by Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse

Tuesday 30 May, 6-7.30pm

Success Library, Cost \$5

Tickets website: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/koort-heart-an-evening-with-gina-and-guy-for-reconciliation-week-tickets-575354690367>

Gina Williams and  
Guy Ghouse

## Quintessentially Cockburn

### Belinda Cipriano

Telling stories has been a lifelong compulsion for Port Coogee author and journalist Belinda Cipriano.



The daughter of Portuguese immigrants Francisco and Pureza (nee Rebelo-Correia) from the village of Madalena do Mar on the island of Madeira – made famous by footballer Cristiano Ronaldo – Belinda has roots that go back decades.

She spent years at Phoenix Primary School, where her mentor was its longest-standing teacher, the late Sir Ronald Addison. These years were inevitably followed by high school at the former Hamilton Senior campus.

If you weren't served by Belinda during her 10-year high school job at Big W Phoenix Park, you've no doubt read her articles in newspapers Perth-wide, seen her on Nine Perth's The Pulse, with Fred Mafrika on Foxtel's The Couch, or heard her chatting on 6PR for What's On In Perth.

She published her first children's picture book Constance and Madeleine's Seaside Adventure in June 2020, followed by her second, The Adventures of Frankie and his Fantabulous Football, in 2022.

The first is inspired by her maternal grandmother, Constantina, whom she met in Madeira in 1995, deepening her ties with Portugal ever since, and the second was motivated by her footballer father, Francisco.

In 2022 she was invited to be one of two Australian councillors for the Madeiran Diaspora.

We asked Belinda her favourite place to visit in Cockburn and why: "The beach! Coogee and Woodies are great. We are so lucky to have the best beaches in our backyard in Cockburn."

To read the full story - website: <https://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/City-and-Council/Events-and-News/News-From-The-City/Belinda-Cipriano-even-the-name-is-Quintessential>



# SPEND TIME NOT MONEY IN COCKBURN!

## Spend time, not money in Cockburn

You're invited to discover just some of the many free activities, natural attractions and events that make the City of Cockburn the best place to be.

Read on to find out what you can experience and enjoy across our 24 suburbs – there's guaranteed to be something for all ages and interests. Spend time, not money, and create amazing memories in Cockburn.

### Spend time, not money

#### AT A LOCAL PARK OR PLAYGROUND

There are more than 220+ playgrounds within the City of Cockburn. Some of the most popular playgrounds include Bibra Lake Regional Park, Manning Park, Botany Park, Davilak Reserve, and Macfaull Park. You can visit our interactive map online to find the parks and playgrounds closest to you.

You can also let your four-legged friends play at our dog exercise parks or C.Y. O'Connor Beach. There are plenty of dog-friendly areas to be found throughout the City of Cockburn, which you can also find on the interactive map. Interactive map website: <https://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/City-and-Council/About-Cockburn/Cockburn-Maps/Explore-Cockburn>



Bibra Lake Regional Playground

### Spend time, not money

#### ON OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Hop on your bike and go for a ride along one of Cockburn's bike trails. These include coastal paths, parkside rides, and trails that wind around the murals, sculptures, statues, and public artworks that are dotted throughout the suburbs. You can use the interactive map (QR code on the left) to plan your ride.

Or switch the wheels for some trainers and take on the Manning Stairs and Lookout, located within the picturesque Manning Park Reserve. The stairs consist of 192 steps and are Cockburn's version of Perth's famous Jacob's Ladder.



Manning Stairs





Omeo wreck, Coogee Maritime Trail



Ammunition Jetty

## Spend time, not money ON LOCAL ACTIVITIES

The Cockburn Youth Centre (CYC) is a safe and welcoming environment for young people aged 10-24 years. The drop-in space has a pool table, ping-pong, foosball, gaming consoles, indoor and outdoor basketball, computers, free wi-fi and more. CYC also offers social, recreational and educational programs as well as free and low cost school holiday programs for young people aged 10-17. Join up for free and access the huge variety of programs on offer: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/YouthMembership](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/YouthMembership)

Discover the many free activities on offer at Cockburn Libraries, which include Success Public Library, Spearwood Public Library, and Coolbellup Public Library. Activities for kids include Toddler Tales, Pram Jam, Multi-Sensory Storytime, STEAM Club, and LEGO Club, while adults can enjoy connecting with like-minded people by joining social Mahjong, the Knitting Circle, or Poetry Lovers Club. You can view everything on offer at our Libraries here: [www.cockburnlibraries.com.au/whats-on](http://www.cockburnlibraries.com.au/whats-on)



## Spend time, not money ON RELAXING WEEKENDS

Throw in a line at one of our popular fishing spots. These include Port Coogee Accessible Fishing Jetty, Ammunition Jetty in Coogee, Catherine Point Groyne at C.Y. O'Connor Beach, and the breakwaters around Woodman Point. You can find more information at [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Fishing](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Fishing)

Enjoy a picnic at one of the many local parks. Coogee Beach Reserve offers a large grassed area, BBQ facilities, shaded picnic areas and much more to create the perfect setting for your next gathering or snorkel the Coogee Maritime Trail and Omeo wreck.



**Feeling inspired?**  
You're invited to find even more reasons the City of Cockburn is the best place to be to spend time, not money.

Visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/spend-time-not-money](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/spend-time-not-money) to start planning what you'll do next!



Events

## Get ready for some fun

17 May

### Step into Volunteering

1-2pm

Spearwood Library



25 May

### Reconciliation Week

City of Cockburn Function Room

7.30-8am Breakfast

8-10am Virtual event and guest speaker

10.15-11am Flag Raising

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30 May

### Performance of Koort (Heart) by Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse

6-7.30pm,

Success Library, \$5

For tickets see details on page 3

\$5

31 May, 28 June & 26 July

### Micro Business Networking Group

9.30-11am

Conference Room, Level 1,

Cockburn Health & Community Facility

7 June

### Volunteer Pop-Up Booth

10am-midday

Coolbellup Public Library

4 July

### Nature Storytime Trek

9.30-11am

Yangebup Lake



14 June

### A Night of Women's Stories

Networking event

6-8pm

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Visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/events](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/events) for more information or to subscribe to the events eNewsletter website: <https://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/City-and-Council/Events-and-News/Newsletters>



## City Growth

## Are you operating or starting a business in Cockburn?

If you are operating or thinking of starting a business out of a building in Cockburn wish you all the best. Please be aware that an occupancy permit may be required from the City before you start.

Buildings requiring occupancy permits can include sheds, apartments, shops, warehouses, and offices, but don't include houses.

### When is an occupancy permit required?

An occupancy permit is required for the following:

New and existing buildings (doesn't include houses)

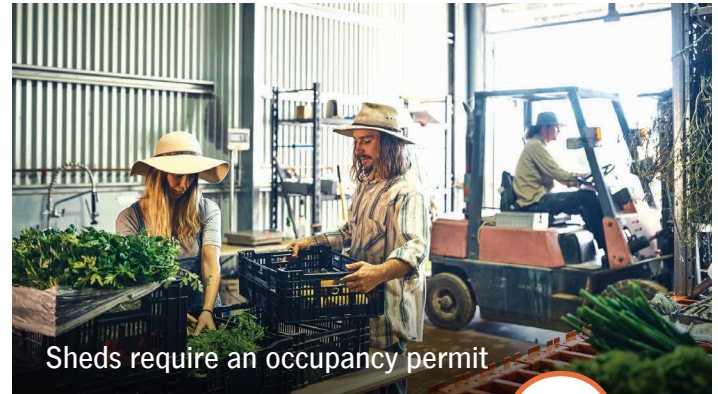
Additions to an existing commercial building

Stages of an incomplete building

Unauthorised building work on a commercial building (if a permit is not received when purchasing the building, works may be unauthorised)

If the classification of the building has changed permanently or temporarily.

Occupancy permits are a legal requirement and help ensure your staff, clients and contractors will be safe on your premises. A permit will also give you legal recourse from insurance companies in the event of an incident or accident within your building.



### Talk to the team at Cockburn before starting your business

Before moving into a building to start a business, talk to the team at the City to identify what approvals you need. Call 08 9411 3444 or email [customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

To find out more, or to apply for an occupancy permit, visit the City's website at [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/OccupancyPermit](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/OccupancyPermit)

Our experienced business development team is here to help you in growing your business. Sign up for our business news updates website <https://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Community-and-Business/Business-Support/Business-eNews> or call 08 9411 3444 to speak to the team.

## Building it better in Cockburn

We are delighted to announce our seven new Design Review Panel (DRP) members for 2023-2025: Dominic Snellgrove (Chair), Geoffrey London (Deputy Chair), Lisa Shine, David Barr, Munira Mackay, Simon Venturi, and Annelise Safstrom.

These talented individuals involved in architecture, landscape architecture and urban design will provide input into the design quality of significant and complex development application proposals in Cockburn. They will help shape and ensure the look, sustainability,

tree coverage, character, safety, and functionality of building infrastructure throughout Cockburn for generations to come.

Between our panel members, we have a past Victorian and WA Government Architect, a State Manager of the Australian Institute of Architects, Development WA DRP member, state and national award winners, and members who have worked on the Perth Arena and the DRP for City-Link.

We take the design of our buildings and our City seriously, living by our brand promise of making **#CockburnTheBestPlaceToBe**.



## Planning for the City's long-term community facility needs

We are planning what community, cultural, and recreation facilities the City needs in the next 10 to 15 years, using input from hundreds of residents and sports, arts, community, and cultural groups in Cockburn.

In March, participants of all ages and backgrounds shared their views on the City's libraries, art and cultural facilities, sporting reserves and clubrooms, skate parks and pump tracks, and community hubs, specialised community facilities like mens sheds and seniors centres.

Key findings will help shape the Community, Sport, and Recreation Facilities Plan. The City will seek further community feedback on the draft when available. To stay updated, register at <https://comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au/csrfp2023>



## Choose the design of your local playground

Approximately 10 playgrounds in Cockburn will receive new equipment next financial year, and residents will have a say on their preferred design.

The City regularly audits its 220+ playgrounds to identify which ones have reached the end of their lives so we can replace the equipment with new, similar versions of what is currently there. For updates register at <https://comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au/register>

## A new playground for Lake Coogee

Kids, parents, and even pets from around Lake Coogee gathered on Saturday 11 February to workshop ideas for a new playground.

The community explored equipment options and the opportunities and challenges of two potential locations: Ingrilli Park and the space opposite the Fawcett Road/Donnelly Street intersection (often referred to as Pamela Herrick Park).

Feedback from the community will guide the draft design process. For more information, visit <https://comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au/lc-playground>



Saturday workshop ideas





## Listening and Leading

## Finalising the City's fourth Reconciliation Action Plan

Work is underway to finalise the City's fourth Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). The two year plan provides a framework of actions and timeframes the City will follow as we continue our reconciliation journey.

The plan reflects insights from the City's Aboriginal Reference Group, First Nations people, Elders, Knowledge Holders, and the broader Cockburn community.

Danny Ford of Kambarang Services led the consultation process. Danny is a Nyungar man and an expert in reconciliation planning who invited participants to consider where the City is at with reconciliation and what actions remain. For updates, visit <https://comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au/rap2023>

## 65% of Cockburn playgrounds have accessible and inclusive equipment

Here in Cockburn, we are all about creating an inclusive community for everyone. Of all playgrounds city-wide, 65 per cent (or 147) have play equipment that children and families of all abilities, including those with disability or learning difficulties, can use to play together.

Some of the playgrounds make it easy for children in wheelchairs or on crutches to access the play equipment, including carousels with rubber floors and ground-level play items. Some also cater for children with learning difficulties and have equipment that allows them to experiment with sound, texture, or movement, like sensory play elements that rock, spin, talk or play music!

The City looks to include play equipment for children and families with disability or learning difficulties wherever possible. Factors influencing this decision include location, size and topography of the playground, developers' willingness to build a playground and have this type of equipment, City budgets, and the availability of external funding.

As outlined in the City's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, we aim to continue developing more accessible and inclusive playgrounds throughout Cockburn.

So where are these playgrounds, and what equipment and play elements do they contain? Find out by visiting our website and new interactive online map at [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/playgrounds](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/playgrounds)



Botany Park Playground,  
Hammond Park





## Bringing a bit of Italy to the Seniors Centre

If you've ever been past the Cockburn Seniors Centre and smelt the aromas of Italy, that'll be Gabriel, their volunteer cook.

Seven years ago, Gabriel saw his calling in a small advert in the local paper, enticing his curiosity about volunteering – and in a field he is truly passionate about, cooking.

His handmade pizzas have been the delight of many a Seniors Centre member, which is his reason for volunteering.

"It's a good way to be around people and make them happy. I love to cook; it's my passion and I like to see people smiling."

National Volunteer Week is 15-21 May. Why not use this time to find out more about volunteering, the opportunities available and where to start?

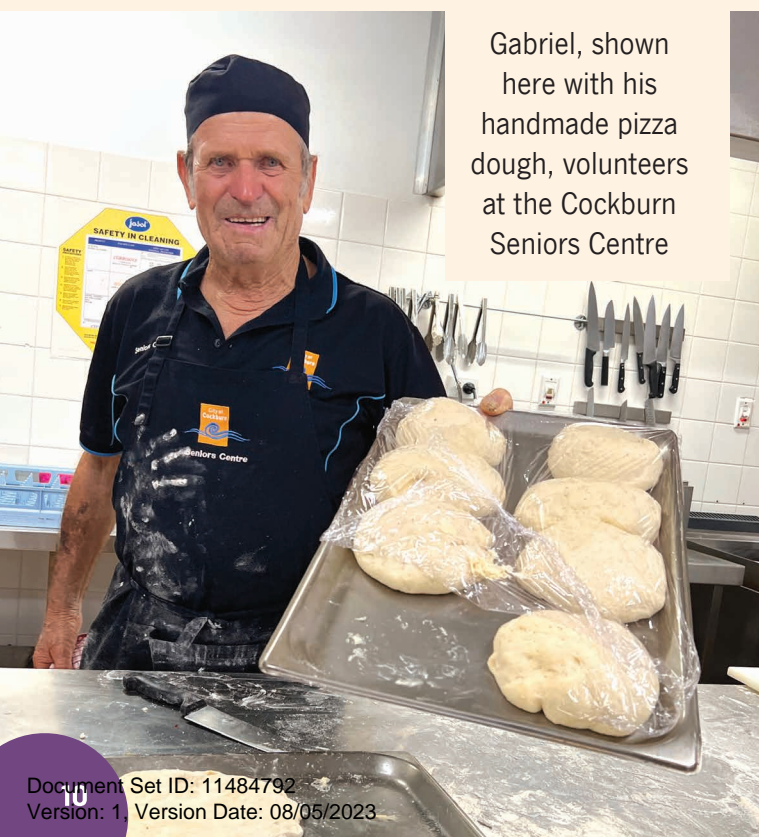
The Cockburn Volunteer Resource Centre (CVRC) is open by appointment Monday to Friday 9am-4pm.

**Contact our CVRC today.**

08 9411 3490

volunteering@cockburn.wa.gov.au

[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/volunteering](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/volunteering)



Gabriel, shown here with his handmade pizza dough, volunteers at the Cockburn Seniors Centre



## Nominate a Pioneer

The Annual Pioneers Luncheon, held in early June, acknowledges and celebrates the contribution made by long-term residents to the growth and development of the City. It is an opportunity to reminisce and celebrate with friends.

To be on the guest list, you must have lived in the City of Cockburn continuously for over 60 years and be a current resident.



### Nominations

To nominate or find out more about the Pioneers Luncheon, visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Pioneer](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Pioneer)

Nominations close at 4pm, 30 May 2023.



## 5mins with..... Cr Tarun Dewan

### Why do you believe Cockburn is the best place to be?

The diverse and friendly community, volunteering culture, the world-class amenities, coastline, wetlands, Cockburn ARC, Coogee Beach, Cockburn Gateway upgrades, playgrounds, first ever Aboriginal Cultural Centre and many other projects make Cockburn the best place to be, for the community and investors alike.

### What are you looking forward to happening in Cockburn this coming year/in the future?

I would like to see more people choosing Cockburn to live and invest. I'd like to see further improvements in safety and security initiatives for the aged and around the schools. Long-term, I would support decisions to create new projects (e.g., Gateways upgrades, childcare centres, aged-care facilities, Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Civic Centre in Cockburn Central). I would like to see the expansion of business in our industrial belt of Australian Marine Complex, Bibra Lake and Jandakot so that the residents, especially the youth, can be gainfully employed.





## Natalia's found a second home at Cockburn ARC

Natalia Skorupska is a devout group fitness-goer at Cockburn ARC. Originally from Poland, the 34-year-old accountant joined our health club back in 2021, six months after giving birth to son, Hugo.

"I decided to join when Hugo was about six months old. I was looking for a place with a crèche, as it was hard for me to find the time to exercise frequently when I had a little child to look after," Natalia said.

"ARC feels like a second home to me. I go there three to four times a week for group fitness."

When she's not doing group fitness, you can find her with Hugo in PlayActive or in our pools for swimming lessons.

Natalia said the support from the crèche has been unlike anything else, helping her take time out of her day to focus on herself.

"After those mornings at the ARC, I feel relaxed and recharged, and I know that at the same time my child was looked after and that he had a lot of fun too," she said.

"All the staff are very friendly and helpful here. As I don't have any family around, I feel like they became part of my village."



[www.cockburnarc.com.au/Memberships](http://www.cockburnarc.com.au/Memberships)

## New School Holiday Program

Parents! We're launching a new kids' program at Cockburn ARC this July break.

Suitable for children aged six to 12 years, each day will include a range of activities across group fitness, sport and swimming.

Keep an eye on Cockburn ARC's socials and website for more information.

[www.cockburnarc.com.au](http://www.cockburnarc.com.au)





# What can I do on my verge?

A verge is an area between the road, your property, and the property next door. While verges are under the control of the City, we encourage residents, property owners and managers to maintain their verges. This improves the look of your suburb, and the biodiversity and habitat for our wildlife.

## What am I responsible for on my verge?

Maintaining a verge includes:

- Mowing
- Mulching
- Pruning
- Weeding.

Trees on your verge are owned by the City. Residents and ratepayers are not permitted to prune or remove verge trees, although we ask you to water the tree, and you can fertilise it if required. If you need your verge tree pruned, email the City at: [customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

## Do you want a tree on your verge?

If you want a tree on your verge to help keep your street shady and cool, you can apply for one via the City's website [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/StreetTreesVerges](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/StreetTreesVerges)

## What CAN I do on my verge?

The following are allowed on your verge, although you must get approval from the City:

- Fruit and vegetable planters
- Hard surface treatments – fake turf and paving is restricted to 25% of the verge and is subject to a street tree being on the verge
- Tree (request from the City – see above).

## Need some ideas for designing your verge?

If you're looking to redesign your verge, we have some suggestions for corner blocks, verges with footpaths and no footpaths, small verges, and those that cannot be accessed directly from the property. For ideas, visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/WhatCanIDoOnMyVerge](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/WhatCanIDoOnMyVerge)

We also encourage improvements to your verge that incorporate waterwise design and plantings, including drought-tolerant lawn species, local waterwise plants, low groundcovers, mid-level shrubs and approved trees, mulched gardens, and vegetable and fruit gardens.

To get started, you can take advantage of the City's various rebates, subsidies, and grants, including:

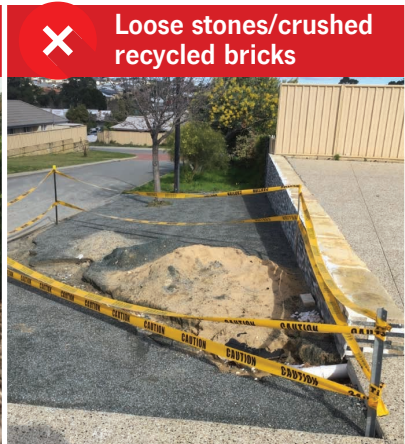
- Waterwise Verge Rebate – up to \$250, native plant tube stock and soil improver
- Native plant subsidy scheme – 50% off the cost of up to 20 local native plants
- Sustainability grants – up to \$4,000 for projects
- Free, bulk, self-load compost is available at the Henderson Waste Recovery Park. Bagged compost (\$4/bag) is available at the Reuse Shop on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

## What is NOT allowed on my verge due to safety issues?

The following are not allowed on your verge as they increase the risk of injury to people and pets and liability against you as the property owner or manager. They may also damage utility infrastructure and may result in repair costs being passed on or fines being issued.

- Removing footpaths and kerbing
- Cubbyhouses
- Placing items on the verge such as skip bins, sea containers, letterboxes, fences, barriers, loose materials like gravel or crushed recycled bricks
- Plants or weeds that restrict the line of sight
- Cacti or spikey plants, as thorns may cause injuries
- Metal stakes or star pickets
- Limestone blocks or bricks along the kerb.

For more information on verges, including subsidies, rebates and grants, visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/StreetTreeVerges](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/StreetTreeVerges) or call 08 9411 3444.





## Environmental Responsibility

## Join our revegetation efforts this planting season

The Nyungar season of Makuru in June and July is when rainfall is most abundant, making it the perfect time to plant new seedlings.

The City aims to plant 40,000 seedlings and 160 mature trees during this period in 2023, but we need your help!

You are all invited to come along to our community planting days. These events are FREE, morning tea and refreshments are provided. They are also a great opportunity for students to get some volunteering hours under their belts.



**Saturday 17 June, 9am-1pm**

**Saturday 1 and 15 July, 9am-1pm**



All events are at Anning Park, South Lake.

Remember to wear long pants and enclosed footwear and bring a water bottle.

Register: [ticketbooth.com.au/CityofCockburn](https://ticketbooth.com.au/CityofCockburn)

## The importance of trees



Serve as habitat, nesting and roosting sites for native birds



## Produce food for animals and insects



Help combat climate change by consuming carbon dioxide and producing oxygen



## Help your mental and physical health



Natural air conditioners. They create shade and release water vapour into the air.



Adam and Lisa, Environmental Officers - City of Cockburn at Community Planting event

# Fish diversity study reveals thriving sea life at Port Coogee Marina

It's a veritable octopus's garden down at Port Coogee Marina where a recent fish diversity study revealed 71 finfish species, including 13 not previously recorded in the inaugural 2019 survey.

The interim results of the March 2022 survey recorded a wide variety of fish and non-fish fauna including a school of juvenile WA salmon, an Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphin, a star octopus, a giant Australian cuttlefish and five species of sea stars.

The observations are further evidence the marina is a haven for sea life of all kinds and follows the sighting of a juvenile loggerhead sea turtle by a marina team member last June.

Mayor Logan Howlett said the results showed the City's internationally accredited marina was providing a healthy environment where sea life was thriving.

“Our marina received an International Clean Marina Accreditation Level 3 through the Marina Industries Association in 2018 and over the years a wide range of ocean species have paid our marina a visit,” Mayor Howlett said.

The first survey completed in 2019 recorded a total of 85 finfish species from 47 families, along with other marine species including dolphins, sea stars, mussels and nudibranchs.



A school of  
West Australian salmon  
(*Arripis truttaceus*)  
Image courtesy of  
Aqua Research and  
Monitoring Services



## Cockburn Central carpark provides wildlife habitat

A new 199-lot carpark in Cockburn Central has incorporated landscaping to create ecological links for local wildlife.

The unique project has replaced degraded weed-filled land beneath Western Power powerlines near the new Bethesda Clinic adjacent to Cockburn ARC.

It features plants endemic to the Swan Coastal Plain to act as a food source and an area of respite for some birds, or homes for small invertebrates, insects and reptiles. The vegetation will also help reduce the heat island affect.

Low growing shrubs and ground covers within powerline height restrictions are interspersed with limestone boulders and hollow logs to act as shelter and habitat. The carpark will be maintained by the City's Bushland Operations team.

Cockburn Central ecological link carpark, March 2023



## Have you heard about the Westport Program?

Update provided by Westport

Westport is the State Government's long-term program to investigate, plan and build a future port in Kwinana with integrated road and rail networks.

We want to design infrastructure that creates positive outcomes for WA into the future. Westport is in the design and planning phase, which involves thinking about what the future of trade could look like. Now is the time for us to ask the big questions about how freight will move through WA over the next 100 years.

For more information visit: <https://westport.wa.gov.au>



## Safety upgrades completed for busy Spearwood roundabout

One of Cockburn's most hazardous roundabouts at the intersection of Spearwood Avenue and Hamilton Road has been made safer thanks to \$507,245 from the Federal Government's Black Spot Program.

### Upgrades include:

- Islands to slow down vehicles entering the roundabout
- Street lighting
- Cyclist and pedestrian path improvements
- Road resurfacing, drainage, kerbing and;
- Crash barrier on Spearwood Avenue northbound approach.

For more on traffic and transport in Cockburn, visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/transport](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/transport)



## Possum Bridge

A second possum bridge is operating in Cockburn to help local brush-tail populations travel between bushland parks in Success.

A motion sensor camera regularly records images of nocturnal brush-tailed possums (*Trichosurus vulpecula*), or Koomal/Koomool in Nyungar, traversing Yangebup's Beeliar Drive possum bridge, erected in mid-2019.

This 34-metre rope bridge helps possums inhabiting Kogolup Lake in Beeliar Regional Park on Beeliar Drive's southern side to access additional habitat around Yangebup Lake on the road's northern side.

A second 35-metre rope bridge has been installed on Hammond Road. It will help possums safely move from bushland around Kogolup Lake (managed by the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions) to and from the City's nearby Jubilee Park which comprises Jubilee Lake, bushland and manicured park areas.

City of Cockburn Head of Sustainability and Environment Chris Beaton said, "The 6.3-metre-tall Beeliar Drive possum bridge was Perth's first and it is helping keep the local possum population as safe as possible from vehicles, and away from potential predators on the ground.

"As tree-dwellers during the day, brush-tails forage on the ground at night where they are vulnerable to cats, dogs and foxes."



## Your Elected Members



**Logan K. Howlett, JP**

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# Disposing of Asbestos Safely

Asbestos was a commonly used building material in WA. Many homes built before 1990 may contain the carcinogen (cancer-causing) material in fencing, roofing, flooring and other areas.

If you need to dispose of any materials containing asbestos in Cockburn, you can drop them off at the Henderson Waste Recovery Park. Residents just need to bring a trailer pass and pay a small fee of \$8 per sheet. Non-residents will need pay the standard entry rate and \$9 per sheet.

It is important to remember to follow the correct safety procedures to ensure no-one is exposed to the fibres which can cause cancer.

## Safety Tips:

- ✓ Firmly wrap and tape the asbestos in heavy-duty builder's plastic.
- ✓ Remember that you will need to lift the wrapped asbestos yourself, so do not bundle more sheets than can be safely lifted without tearing the plastic.
- ✓ Make sure the wrapping covers all of the asbestos and no sharp corners or edges are poking through.
- ✓ Place the wrapped asbestos on top of any other waste you are bringing.
- ✓ Tell the staff member at the weighbridge that you are disposing of asbestos.



For more information about asbestos, removing it from your home and disposing of it safely please visit: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/AsbestosDisposal](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/AsbestosDisposal)

## Council Decision on the Verge Collection Service

The City is exploring ways to improve its verge collection service.

Following a decision of Council in June 2022, the City was preparing to introduce a bookable system in July 2024. This change would allow residents to book a collection, instead of waiting for the scheduled collection dates. The proposed model was still a verge pick-up, not a skip bin service.

In March 2023, the Council voted to pause this change and seek further community feedback.

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