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Message from the Mayor

I am delighted to welcome Daniel Simms, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the City who commenced on 2 October. Daniel brings with him an extensive background in local government in both the country and metropolitan areas, with his last role being CEO of the City of Wanneroo.

The Elected Members extend their thanks to Victoria Green, Emma Milne, Anton Lees and Daniel Arndt, who have each acted in the CEO role since 1 September 2022.

The year to date has been busy, in fact, it's the busiest I can recall since being elected in March 2009. While Covid has impacted our lives – and in some cases still impacts them – the return to relative normality is what we are all seeking.

On another note, as the bushfire season is upon us and the effects of climate change become more evident, we must prepare ourselves, our households and businesses in order to minimise any adverse outcomes in our community.

Our career and volunteer emergency services personnel are well-trained and ready to go no matter what the circumstances. Our contribution to ease the burden on them, whether the burden is from bushfires, events at sea, storms or missing persons, is to be prepared in advance. It is too late and potentially dangerous to attempt to do otherwise.

In closing, as we approach Remembrance Day, take the opportunity to thank our veterans, young and old, for their service to our nation. In the words of one of Australia's most renowned war correspondents and historian Charles Bean:

“Their story will stand... it rises, as it will always rise, above the mist of ages, a monument to great hearted men, and, for their nation, a possession forever.”

His Worship the Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP

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SPEND TIME NOT MONEY

Spend time not money

Coogee Beach

School holiday fun

The school holidays are almost here and where better to enjoy them than close to home, right here in Cockburn where it's easy to spend time, not money?

We're all feeling the pinch due to cost-of-living increases, but there are lots of options to explore in Cockburn that won't blow the budget, including many that are completely free!

Here are a few to choose from...

...combine nature with play at Bibra Lake Regional Playground

There's something for everyone, from a double flying fox and tree-top aerial rope walk to in-ground trampolines and giant talking rocks telling local Nyungar stories.

With BBQs, picnic areas, toilets and a Changing Place for people with disability, you can spend the entire day at the playground.

...lose yourself in history at Azelia Ley Homestead Museum

See page 5 for details.

...discover our coastline's ancient Nyungar history

The Cockburn coast is an important traditional gathering place for the Nyungar people. Explore the Nyungar Tourist Trail at Port Coogee to find out more.

The trail features calm Ngarkal (seagull) Beach and The Lookout, plus Kidogo glass artworks.

...dive into new adventures at Coogee Beach

Coogee Beach is one of our most popular coastal spots. It offers the thrilling Coogee Maritime Trail and Omeo wreck, an iconic jetty and the Eco Shark Barrier with pontoon.

What's happening in Cockburn libraries

Garage Sale Trail

Come to Coolbellup Library to score a bargain! Pre-loved, ex-library stock including CDs, books and magazines will be for sale from 9am, 11 November.

Planning your Edible Garden Workshop

This workshop shows you how to turn your edible garden ideas into a practical food system just outside your door. Using a 'first steps' approach, it covers setting up an efficient, low-energy system and planting tips.

Saturday 25 November, 10-11am

Success Library

Register: <https://bit.ly/EatYourGarden>



The Backlot Trio – Celtic folk music

Join us for an evening of musical fun with a variety of lively Celtic tunes from the Backlot Trio! Refreshments will be served.

Thursday 30 November,

6-7.30pm

Spearwood Library

Register: <https://bit.ly/3sRSj68>



Comment on Cockburn

Register to
have your say

<http://comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au>



Refresh for local playgrounds

Over 200 residents recently helped choose playground designs for 10 local parks as part of the City's annual renewal project. The decision around what is replaced each year is based on playground audits.

Residents picked their favourite design from four options for each playground. The options offer updated but similar equipment to the existing playgrounds.

We are currently reviewing the community's feedback and will install the preferred options over the coming months. To see which playgrounds will be renewed, visit <http://comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au/playgrounds2023>



Outcome on Maritime Trail Moorings

The City will push for an expansion of the non-motorised boating area around the Omeo shipwreck, following a recent Council decision.

Almost 250 people had their say in a recent consultation project, which found beachgoers concerned about boats and jetskis near the shipwreck.

Over 70 per cent of respondents opposed trialling moorings in the 8-knot boating zone, due to concerns about swimmer safety. Participants recommended relocating the boating zone further away. Council will advocate for this change to the Department of Transport, which manages boating areas.



Community facilities needs analysis under way

The City has engaged experts in leisure planning to analyse the needs and evaluate the feasibility of enhancing several community facilities.

In early 2023, the spotlight was on Beiliar Reserve and Community Centre, and Tempest Park in Coolbellup, when the City engaged key user groups and nearby residents in discussions regarding their future.

Participants shared their insights on current usage, identified challenges, and highlighted potential opportunities. This feedback, combined with research, is now being used to shape proposals for future upgrades for each location. Further input will be sought from the community.



Shape the beachfront blueprint for Coogee

The City is preparing a master plan (a long-term planning document) for the Coogee Beach foreshore area and wants your input. The master plan will take into account changes to the coastline and help determine where we should invest in the future.

To receive updates on how to participate and have your say, register at <http://comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au>



Get Kids Active this school holidays

Looking for something active to do this school holiday?

Kids Get Active is back at Cockburn ARC for the school break from 8.30am to 3.30pm throughout the week, excluding public holidays.

Each day will include a structured mix of sporting activities focused on improving your child's fitness and skills in sport, while having fun and making new friends.

The program will be split into three age groups: 6 to 7, 8 to 9, and 10 to 12. Activities will be tailored to each group and include wheelchair basketball with inclusion provider Rebound WA, archery, football fun with Dockers football club, and a bunch of boredom-busting activities to keep the kids busy throughout the session!

This is an inclusive program for all kids of all abilities. Held in our state-of-the-art facilities, the program has specialised coaching sessions, which are run by some state sports clubs and organisations. Parents and guardians also don't need to be in the facility while the program is running, so you can catch up with some friends or pop to the shops while your rug rats run amok!

For further details, please visit
www.cockburnarc.com.au



**KIDS
GET
ACTIVE**



Family memories waiting to be unlocked at Azelia Ley Homestead Museum

The museum is located beside Manning Lake in Hamilton Hill within a 10-room heritage-listed residence built between 1920 and 1923. It was built for Azelia Ley (nee Manning), a member of a wealthy merchant family who developed the park into a farm, orchard and vineyard in the 1860s. But the Mannings are only one small part of our Cockburn story.

You can visit the museum on any Sunday, but join us on Sunday 12 November, 12.30-4pm as we celebrate the Museum's 40th Anniversary. Bring along your precious keepsakes and have them valued. View classic cars, join our Nyungar Yarning Circle, try your hand at solving a History Mystery and listen to Local Legends telling stories of what the Homestead and Museum have meant to them over time.

For a gold coin donation, let furniture, clothing, photographs, art, toys, memorabilia, historical artefacts and farm machinery teach you about the many families, migrants, businesses and community groups that helped establish the Cockburn community.

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/museum



Environmental Responsibility

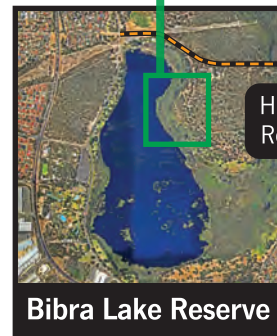
Bird Hides at Bibra Lake: A haven for birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts

Discover the bird hides at Bibra Lake, a serene haven for birds, their watchers and nature enthusiasts. Nestled among Bibra Lake's beauty, the hides invite you to witness the wetland's remarkable bird diversity.


The Old Boardwalk and Bird Hide and the Narma Kullarck Boardwalk and Bird Hide, form part of the Woodland to Wetland walk trail that begins at The Wetlands Centre Cockburn, 184 Hope Road. This 2.25km trail winds through captivating wetland forests and native flora, offering stunning panoramic views of Bibra Lake.

The hides provide a perfect vantage point for intimate bird observation, whether you're an experienced birder or seeking a nature escape.

For more on the Woodland to Wetland walk trail, visit <https://bit.ly/WoodlandtoWetland>



Map of Bibra Lake Reserve with:

- 1. The Wetlands Centre
- 2. Jarrah Banksia Woodland
- 3. Balga Grove
- 4. Moodjar Corner
- 5. Kondel Place
- 6. Transition Zone
- 7. Old Boardwalk
- 8. Narma Kullarck Boardwalk
- 9. The Seed Production Area
- Woodland to Wetland Trail
-  Bird Hides



5mins with Cr Phil Eva

Cockburn has a wonderful, rich history from the days of the market gardens to the time of the industry that dotted the coast. Who remembers the drying sheds on Cockburn Road, or the interesting smell from Watsonia? And let's not forget the early years of Robb Jetty – one of the key employers in the City.

Cockburn has become home to many nationalities whose first port of call was the Quarantine Station at Woodman Point and who moved here for a better life.

We still have great job opportunities with the Australian Marine Complex on our doorstep and several other industrial areas in the City's boundaries.

It may have changed beyond recognition for the early settlers, but we have become the powerhouse for engineering and shipbuilding in WA.

I'm very excited with the new \$6.88 million BMX facility at Malabar Park being passed by Council and due for completion in December 2024. This project will be great for all of Cockburn, with a pump track, BBQ facilities and a playground.

I'm also looking forward to getting my fitness back and returning to the gym. As Michele will say, "it's about time".



Fostering growth and innovation for local businesses

The City is committed to supporting its thriving community of over 9,000 businesses. Initiatives include:

Digital connectivity boost

Becoming the first local government in Western Australia to co-invest in the establishment of an NBN Co Business Fibre Zone in Cockburn Central.

Adventure and leisure tourism

Establishing the Cockburn Destination Advisory Group in 2023 with members representing operators across our region, with the goal of elevating Cockburn to the premier adventure and leisure destination in metropolitan Perth.

Grants to support small business initiatives

Distributing \$100,000 Economic Development Grants of up to \$5,000 to 27 small and medium sized local businesses. Grant applications approved included for enhancing digital capabilities, implementing marketing strategies and purchasing equipment.

Supporting our micro businesses

Hosting events year-round, aimed at fostering a strong network among our micro-business owners and building knowledge. Topics have included website enhancements, finance and marketing initiatives.

Cockburn's Going Global

Running the annual Cockburn Global conference in October in Henderson which provided an excellent opportunity for those interested in exploring export and investment opportunities in Southeast Asia.

Defence, marine and maritime initiatives

Partnering with various organisations to offer initiatives such as Defence Ready Workshops, designed to help businesses prepare their strategy, workforce, and security to tender for local defence contracts.

The City also co-hosted the Defence Industry Employment Connect Event for veterans actively seeking employment and partnered with several organisations to bring EDGE23 – a unique forum attracting experts and innovators tackling marine and maritime engineering challenges.

The City of Cockburn is definitely 'the best place to do business'.



To find out about initiatives such as these sign up to our business eNews:
<https://bit.ly/3xcDquB>



**Business
in Cockburn**

CONNECT INVEST TRADE

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Business



Photo: Micro Business Network - August 2023



Photo: Defence Industry Employment Connect Event - August 2023

Events

Get ready for some fun!



Improve your health



9 November, 9.30-11am

Free community information session
Cockburn Seniors Centre

This session is open to anyone who would like to find out more on tips and manageable ways to improve your health or the health of those you care about.



Cockburn Trek



10 November, 8am

Coogee Beach Surf Life Saving Club

Put on some comfortable clothes and sneakers for a morning of gentle exercise and walking.

Visit www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/events for more information or scan the QR code to subscribe to the events eNewsletter.



Scan here



Stories of Cockburn history



15 November, 6-8pm

Coolbellup Community Hub, Coolbellup

Learn some of Cockburn's local history in this storytelling workshop that covers present and past tense, storytelling techniques and how to bring stories to life.

Dementia without loneliness



16 November, 10-11.30am

Cockburn Seniors Centre, Spearwood

This is a free presentation open to everyone. If you or someone you care for is living with dementia, this is a must-see presentation with Michael Verde, a globally recognised leader in the dementia field.



Micro Networking Group



29 November, 9.30-11am

Success Library Board Room, Level 1, Cockburn Health and Community Facility

If you're a small business in Cockburn, join us for this free networking event where you can meet other small business owners, share ideas and more.

Volunteer pop-up



6 December, 10am-midday

Coolbellup Library

We're here to answer all your volunteering questions.



COCKBURN LIVE

Cockburn, the best place to be

Cockburn Live, our new and exciting event program, has started!



2024

Mosaic Street Festival



20 January, 5-9pm

Veterans Parade, Cockburn Central

This multicultural street festival features a vibrant showcase of music, dance, food and fashion from all corners of the globe and is sure to ignite your senses and transport you to a world of wonder.



Beeliar Sun Sets



25 November, 5-10pm

Nicholson Reserve, Yangebup

Join us for our first of two amazing concerts. Headlining this event is Kav Temperley (Eskimo Joe), and he is joined by Joan and the Giants and Riley Pearce, Noah Dillon and Siobhan Cotchin. Enjoy a night of great tunes under the stars.

Christmas on the Coast



17 December, 5-9pm

Coogee Beach Reserve, Coogee

Experience our annual Christmas event like never before. Our idyllic Coogee coast will transform into a Christmas extravaganza with an interactive Christmas trail featuring dazzling lights, roving characters and a performance by popular Perth musicians, the Murphy Brothers Band.

Australia Day Coogee Beach Festival



26 January, 8am-midday

Coogee Beach Reserve, Coogee

Celebrate the Aussie spirit and head to Coogee Beach for a morning filled with free family fun! Enjoy roving entertainment, live stage performances, a splash zone, craft activities and your favourite Australian animals. Free sausage sizzle while stocks last!



Visit www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/CockburnLive or scan the QR code for 2023-24 event listing.

Event

Celebrating Pride at Cockburn Youth Centre

The annual Pride and Progress Ball is back for its sixth year at Cockburn Youth Centre.

Hosted by Youth Diversity Inc at Cockburn Youth Centre, the event aims to not only provide a safe space for young LGBTQIA+ people in Cockburn, but to give them an opportunity to take centre stage and celebrate.

The event is the only one of its kind for young gender and sexuality diverse people in Perth.

This year's ball will be held from 6pm to 9pm on Friday 17 November at Cockburn Youth Centre.

All LGBTQIA+ individuals aged 14-24 are welcome and although tickets are essential, they are FREE.

This year, our theme is BRAVE: Thriving in a Post-Apocalyptic Wasteland.

The night promises an array of exciting activities, including a live DJ and dance floor, Sparkle Technicians, a photobooth, fun games and more.

A range of stalls will also feature LGBTQIA+ artists, makers, and support services.

Registration is required by visiting <http://bit.ly/prideball23>



Maureen is Cockburn Seniors Centre Volunteer of the Year for 2023



An important part of the welcoming culture at the City's popular Seniors Centre is its volunteers.

Maureen Stevenson is an integral part of the centre's team of volunteers and was voted unanimously by staff as Volunteer of the Year for 2023.

The former aged care worker and catering specialist has been using her unique skill set, gained over a 40-year career, at the centre since 2017.

You can find Maureen working at reception, in the cafe, on the City's Age-Friendly Reference Group and completing fortnightly safety inspections at the centre.

Arriving in Cockburn in 1973, Maureen said volunteering helped her stay connected, stimulated and purposeful – all vital in helping people as they transition to retirement.

"I always wanted to volunteer. I love helping people because it makes me feel useful," Maureen said.

"I volunteer at the centre four days a week from about 8am until after lunch. We all have busy lives so there is lots of flexibility around how often you can volunteer. We always need more vollies."

"I've made so many new friends and I also get to reconnect with people I haven't seen in years."

Find out more about the Cockburn Seniors Centre, and what they offer, at www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/SeniorsCentre



Interested in becoming a volunteer?

Connect with the Cockburn Volunteer Resource Centre at www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/VRC



Cockburn Support Service: Nurturing Community for 30 Remarkable Years!

Thousands of people, including more than 7,000 in the past decade, have received expert help and guidance from Cockburn Support Service, which celebrates its 30th birthday in 2023.

The free service enables clients to access short-term counselling, advocacy, referrals and information.

Established at Coolbellup Hub in 1993, it expanded to Cockburn Health and Community facility in Success, where clients are able to access other essential health services including Medicare, GPs and Centrelink.

The service also offers a range of support groups and workshops to promote connection and personal growth.

These include:

Wise Women Workshops: Empowering women aged 45 and above. Sessions delve into various topics, including wellbeing, mindfulness, heart health and assertive communication

My Time (Ngaany Djang): A space for Aboriginal parents and caregivers to share experiences, nurture connections and forge friendships over a friendly yarn

Beeliar Hub Parents Group: An inviting haven for parents and young children, fostering community ties and a vibrant social circle

Baby Makes 3: A nurturing workshop that guides parents through the transformative journey of adapting to life with a new baby

One of the service's early family counsellors, dating back to 1998, was current City of Melville CEO and former City of Cockburn Chief of Community Services Gail Bowman.

"To see an individual in crisis move to a situation where they were in a better place mentally and physically, and then be able to become a volunteer and participate in social groups and then help lead the groups, was amazing and so rewarding," Ms Bowman said.

City of Cockburn Family and Community Services Manager Linda Walker said.

"It's true to say that Cockburn Support Service has been a lifeline for some, but it's also a vital conduit to a broader network of resources and services," Ms Walker said.

"Cockburn Support Service has been a symbol of community strength, resilience and unity. As we celebrate this milestone, we honour the countless lives transformed and the bonds nurtured."

To make an appointment, call 08 9411 3859 or 08 9411 3851, or email supportservice@cockburn.wa.gov.au

Find out more information visit www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/CockburnSupportServices

This service is funded by WA Department of Communities.



Photo: Some of the service's counsellors who have supported the Cockburn community over the past 30 years.

Are you ready for fire season?

As the mercury starts to climb, it's time to think about fire prevention. Protecting your property and your loved ones is a top priority, whether you reside in suburbia, near a park or reserve, or in a rural area. Here's how you can help safeguard your home and family:

All property owners should prepare an emergency plan www.redcross.org.au/prepare

For properties smaller than 4,047m²

- ✓ Cut long grass or weeds to a maximum height of 50mm
- ✓ Remove dead vegetation.

For properties larger than 4,047m²

- ✓ Firebreaks (3m-wide cleared surface inside the external property boundary) should be in place from 1 November to 15 April
- ✓ Prune overhanging branches to provide a 4m-high vertical clearance above the firebreak
- ✓ Remove dead vegetation within a 3m radius around houses, sheds, and other structures.

When can you burn?

If you own a rural property permits are required for burning on your rural property in October, November, April, and May. Burning is NOT allowed from December through to March.

For more information, call 08 9411 3444 or visit www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/burning



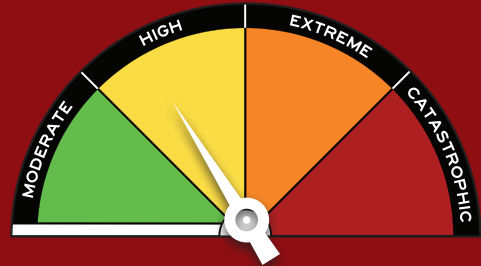
Are your details up to date?

It's important to keep your personal details up to date so the City can provide you with service information. This includes ensuring details such as your name, email address and phone number are correct in our system. You can tell us about any changes by emailing our friendly customer experience team, who will ensure all relevant departments are informed.

Email: customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au | Phone: 08 9411 3444.



The new Fire Danger Rating system



In September 2022, Australia adopted the Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS), bringing uniformity on how ratings are communicated. Fire Danger Ratings tell you how dangerous a fire could be if one started. Remember the higher the rating, the more dangerous the conditions are and you should take the appropriate action.

More information

For more on the AFDRS, visit <https://afdrs.com.au>

To check the daily Fire Danger Rating or for bushfire warnings, visit www.emergency.wa.gov.au

For more information on how to prepare for a bushfire, visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au/bushfire

To create or review your emergency plan go to www.redcross.org.au/prepare

Sign up to our

Fire Safe e-news

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/newsletters



Your role in making Cockburn safe

CoSafe plays a vital role in enhancing community safety in Cockburn. The team patrols 24/7, 365 days a year, but safety is a collaborative approach involving the City, WA Police, residents and businesses.

It is also extremely important to report any incidents you witness, as each piece of information helps create a clearer picture, like the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle.

When reporting incidents, details count:

Describe people from top to bottom, as you will be able to gather information in an order you can remember

Faces reveal the most, as they have more detail

When recalling vehicles, start with the license plate. Note the make, model, colour, and any unique traits or damage to the vehicle.

Although CCTV cameras are prevalent, they may not capture all incidents. In situations where it's safe to do so, individuals are encouraged to take photos or videos of incidents and promptly share this evidence with relevant authorities. This information can be critical for investigations.

When our community works together, we create a safer environment for everyone.

Find out more about when to contact WA Police or CoSafe at www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/CoSafe

Combatting graffiti in our city

Our city is committed to eradicating graffiti's negative impact on our community. Graffiti is a criminal offence and may lead to legal consequences.

Reporting graffiti to the State Graffiti Taskforce helps deter vandals and minimise its occurrence. Report graffiti to the Goodbye Graffiti website and these will be directed to the asset owner for removal.

Visit www.goodbyegrffiti.wa.gov.au to report. Your contribution matters.

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Community Working Together



Sporting Hall of Fame open for nominations

Do you know a local sporting legend who deserves recognition?

Nominations for the City of Cockburn's prestigious Sports Hall of Fame opened on Monday 6 November 2023.

The City's Hall of Fame celebrates outstanding achievements of local Cockburn athletes and sports administrators, past and present, along with the junior clubs that helped develop their talents.

Over 20 athletes have been inducted so far, ranging from AFL legends Glen Jakovich and Peter Sumich, to champion lawn bowler Steve Srhoy and to renowned sports commentator George Grljusich.

Both junior and senior athletes are eligible if they have competed in the open age category of an elite competition.

Sports administrators can be any individual who contributes to sport behind the scenes.

Nominees can be deceased or living and must have been a resident of Cockburn for five years or more.

The Hall features at two locations in the City, one at the City's administration building lining the pillars of the walkway leading to the Council Chambers and one inside the Cockburn ARC.

For more information and to nominate an athlete, please visit www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/HallofFame

Nominations will close Friday 15 December 2023.



Environmental Responsibility

Turtle Tracker Joyce walks the volunteering talk

Joyce Gadalon lives in North Lake and until three years ago, despite many walks around her neighbourhood lake, had never seen a southwestern snake-necked turtle (*Chelodina oblonga*).

That all changed in 2020 when she saw a tiny turtle heading towards a sandy patch and watched it dig a hole and lay her eggs.

It was love at first sight.

“It all made sense to me then. It became really obvious how vulnerable these creatures are, especially during a mass movement event. That can be quite hectic,” Joyce said.

Joyce is now a Turtle Tracker volunteer and can proudly report that, even before the onset of the 2023-24 turtle nesting season, she has seen well over 50 of the creatures the Nyungar community call Yaakan, Booyi or Choonya.

She learned about the citizen science turtle tracking crews through City of Cockburn calls for people to attend information sessions.

“I’d never seen one of these turtles at my lake so I thought I’d go along to an info session to learn more about these elusive creatures, and I ended up doing the Turtle Tracker training,” she said.

“When I first saw one I was just in disbelief, and very excited.

“It’s a real privilege to see them do what they have been doing for centuries, in our own backyard. It’s really special and actually quite addictive to see them dig a nest and bury their eggs.

“Nesting time is when they are so vulnerable, particularly during mass movement events, going across roads and gathering in large numbers. That is when they are unprotected against cars, foxes, ravens, dogs and cats.



Photo:
Volunteer Turtle Tracker
Joyce Gadalon helps move a southwestern snake-necked turtle out of harm’s way at a local lake during nesting season.

“We want them to lay eggs to hopefully create future generations. That’s why it’s important to have trained Turtle Trackers on hand to help protect them as they nest.”

Joyce said she was grateful for the opportunity to “think globally and act locally”, experiencing many benefits that had enriched her life.

Apart from learning about the turtles’ plight and their vulnerability due to urbanisation and predation, she was acutely aware of the value of volunteering and how it could make a real difference.

She had also begun recognising the interconnectedness of our natural environments, discovering Kwenda, tiger snakes and other local native creatures in her own neighbourhood.

Joyce is also doing a lot more walking, enjoying the fresh air of the outdoors, and making new friends with fellow Turtle Trackers who she describes as “beautiful human beings”.

“Becoming a volunteer Turtle Tracker has made me a better person. I’ve also met some of the most empathetic and supportive people who really know how to work together to achieve great things. I highly recommend it.”

Visit www.sosnt.net.au to find out more about Turtle Tracker efforts at the Saving Our Snake-Necked Turtle website.



Enjoy our coastline responsibly this summer

In Cockburn we are lucky to enjoy a gorgeous stretch of coastline including the award-winning Coogee Maritime Trail. Our beaches are home to an entire ecosystem of amazing underwater plants and animals, as well as dive and erosion-reduction reefs, art installations, and the famous Omeo shipwreck.

Snorkelling and diving are fantastic ways to get up close and personal with these wonders.

However, it is important to remember that sea life and underwater structures can be both dangerous and fragile. It is best to snorkel responsibly.

Here are a few handy hints:

Green Tick

- Explore with your eyes and camera
- Climb and rest on buoys and pontoons
- Take your rubbish home or to a bin
- Bring a floating device if you aren't a strong swimmer, so you can rest in the water

Red Cross

- Climb on the 100-year-old shipwreck
- Touch things that are precious and fragile
- Take pieces of living ecosystems or heritage-listed structures

Coogee Maritime Trail volunteers expression of interest

This summer, volunteer champions will be onsite to answer all your trail queries. If you are passionate about the trail and want to get involved, call 08 9411 3444 or email environmentaleducation@cockburn.wa.gov.au



Top tips for recycling

Need a refresher on what can and can't go in the recycling bin? Here are five top tips for local waste warriors.



1. No food

Make sure your containers are free of food or liquid before putting them in the recycling.



2. Tissues

Please put tissues and paper towel in the general waste bin.



3. Scrunch your plastics

Not sure if your plastic waste is a soft or hard plastic? Scrunch it up. If it bounces back, it is safe to recycle. If it stays crumpled, it's a soft plastic and needs to go in general waste.



4. Aerosols and batteries

Aerosols and household batteries don't belong in the bin (either red or yellow). The City has drop off points for these at all City libraries, Cockburn ARC, Cockburn Gateway and The Wetlands Centre Cockburn.



5. What is e-waste?

Anything with an electric cord is considered e-waste and can be disposed of free of charge at Henderson Waste Recovery Park or Bulk Verge Collection (when separated).



New CEO for Cockburn – meet Daniel Simms

I am now in my second month as CEO at the City of Cockburn. It is a great honour to have been entrusted with this role, and I look forward to working in this exciting City.

I am a proud Western Australian born and bred in Perth. As a kid I loved the beach and the bush, spending most of my holidays with my family, fishing and camping.

When I graduated from University, I spent some time working in both rural and regional Western Australia. This provided me with a great understanding of the importance of how local government can support the community and local businesses to create great places to live, work and play. I have spent the last two decades working for the City of Wanneroo, the majority as Chief Executive Officer.

I have strong experience and a keen interest in business investment and the local economy, making this a very exciting time to join Cockburn. Cockburn provides around 30 per cent of the employment for the south-west area of Perth and is poised to become a major national and global centre especially for the shipbuilding and maritime defence industries.

I am passionate about working in local government, the closest level of government to the community. Together, we can make a positive difference in people's lives by providing a great range of services and infrastructure.

I know that Cockburn has a very active community with many engaged resident groups, sporting groups, volunteers and individuals working together to achieve great things.

Cockburn is a place of incredible opportunity, whether people are looking for somewhere to invest, visit or call home. We have everything here on our doorstep. I'm looking forward to leading a progressive, innovative organisation with a strong community focus. It has a long history and an exciting future, and I am ready to play my part.

Daniel Simms, CEO

Photo: (L-R) City of Cockburn CEO, Daniel Simms and His Worship the Mayor Logan K. Howlett, JP



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