



Expression of Interest

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The City of Cockburn invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from sporting clubs, community organisations and program providers seeking to become regular or casual summer season users of the new Beale Park Sport and Community Centre, located within Beale Park, Spearwood, WA.

The facility is positioned within one of the City's largest sporting reserves, incorporating multiple sports fields and open space areas. It has been designed as a shared, multi-use community asset to support inclusive participation, diverse programming, and positive experiences for people of all ages and abilities.

The City encourages expressions of interest that demonstrate a strong commitment to:

- Growing community participation
- Advancing equity and inclusion
- Delivering collaborative and multi-use programming
- Creating safe, welcoming and positive environments
- Offering diverse activities across age groups and skill levels
- Sharing access to the facility with other user groups.

The City of Cockburn Strategic Community Plan 2025-2035 describes a diverse, active and connected community that feels safe and has access to local services as a desired outcome. Seeking Expressions of Interest for sporting and community groups to use the Beale Park Sport and Community Centre aligns with the objective to promote and support active, healthy lifestyles through recreation and wellness.

Through the provision of quality facilities and sports fields, the City aims to keep people active and connected and to support participation in regular physical activity.

This EOI encourages providers to deliver a diverse range of programs and activities, offering different ways for people to participate in the municipality. Proposals that complement existing opportunities and help broaden participation will be viewed favourably.

Who should submit an Expression of Interest?

The City welcomes proposals of varying scale and format, including from smaller organisations or emerging groups. It is intended that more than one applicant maybe successful, where this supports strong community outcomes and effective use of the facility.



About the Beale Park Sport and Community Centre

The Beale Park Sport and Community Centre includes:

- Multi-purpose indoor spaces (one large room or two smaller rooms)
- Main kitchen and smaller kitchen (ensuring kitchen access regardless of room configuration)
- Gender-neutral change facilities (six)
- Storage areas
- Shared amenities
- Office space
- Access to adjacent sports fields and parkland.

Application requirements for facility and sports field use:

- Applications for use of the building do not need to be sport-related
- Applications that include use of sports fields must identify the proposed areas and times of use
- It is anticipated that sports fields will be available to different user groups, subject to capacity and turf management considerations
- Where sports fields are proposed to be used, activities must have a lesser impact on turf than the existing winter schedule (soccer) to support long-term sustainability of the reserve.

The facility operates under a shared-use model. No organisation will be granted exclusive use. All users will be expected to demonstrate a willingness to collaborate and coordinate scheduling with other approved groups.

This EOI process seeks to:

- Activate the facility with a diverse range of programs and activities
- Maximise community participation and benefit
- Support equitable, inclusive and welcoming access
- Encourage shared use and collaboration between groups
- Work with organisations that demonstrate appropriate governance and sustainability, proportionate to the scale of their use.

This approach is consistent with contemporary guidance from the Australian Sports Commission and the City's broader direction to optimise the use of publicly owned facilities to support changing participation patterns and year-round community wellbeing.



Types of Use

The Beale Park Sport and Community Centre is designed as a flexible, multipurpose facility capable of transitioning between sport, community and social uses across the day, week and season.

The building is intended to remain active across different time periods, rather than serving a single fixed function. For example, early morning fitness or running groups may use the sports fields before work, weekday daytime community activities may occur in the multipurpose room, and evening or weekend programs may be scheduled around other users.

This approach supports efficient use of the facility, maximises community benefit and enables a broad range of people to access the space.

Applicants may apply for

- **Regular use** – summer season or ongoing programmed use
- **Casual use** – short-term, event-based or intermittent use over the summer season

Seasonal definitions

- Summer season: **1 October–31 March**
- Winter season: **1 April–30 September**

Weekday sports field use (Monday to Friday before 3.00pm) may be possible, subject to the suitability of the activity and turf capacity.

Current winter season use

The current winter season tenant is the Cockburn City Soccer Club, which uses the building on weekends and Tuesday to Friday evenings. The multipurpose room will continue to be available for bookings by other groups Monday to Friday between 7am and 2pm during the winter season.

Casual use

Short-term, intermittent or event-based use over the summer period, including pilots, pop-up activities, competitions or community programs.

The City may approve multiple user groups across different use types to support a balanced mix of programs, ensure broad access and maximise utilisation of the facility.

Application Requirements

Applicants for regular use are requested to complete all sections below.

Applicants for casual use are requested to complete Sections A, B and C.

Following the EOI process, additional bookings for remaining available times may be possible through the SpacetoCo booking system, which will not require the same level of detail.

Section A – Organisation details

- Organisation name
 - ABN/Incorporation number (if applicable)
 - Contact person
 - Position
 - Address
 - Phone
 - Email
 - Website/social media
 - Governance structure (e.g. committee, board, informal group).
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Section B – Organisation overview

Please provide a brief overview of your organisation, including:

- Purpose and background
 - Current membership or participant base (numbers and demographics, where known)
 - Experience delivering programs or activities similar to those proposed.
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Section C – Proposed use of the facility

Please outline your proposed use, including:

- Type of use (regular, casual or both)
 - Proposed days and times
 - Spaces required
 - Programs and activities to be delivered
 - Anticipated start date
 - Equipment and/or storage requirements.
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Section D – Community outcomes

Applicants are requested to describe how their proposed use will support the following outcomes:

1. Participation

- Current participation levels (if applicable)
- Opportunities to increase or broaden participation.

2. Equity and inclusion

- How programs support inclusive participation, including for women and girls and under-represented groups.

3. Multi-use and collaboration

- Willingness to share space
- Experience (or intention) to work alongside other user groups
- Potential partnerships.

4. Positive experiences

- Child safety practices
- Codes of conduct
- Complaint handling approach
- Volunteer and coach capability
- Actions to create safe, welcoming and positive environments.

5. Diversity of programs

- Age groups served
 - Skill levels (e.g. beginner to experienced)
 - Social, recreational and/or competitive pathways
 - Non-sport community programs (if applicable).
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Section E – Organisational capacity and sustainability

Applicants are requested to provide information relevant to the scale of their proposal, which may include:

- Governance and decision-making arrangements
 - Strategic or business plans (if available)
 - Financial information (if available)
 - Risk management approach
 - Insurance details (e.g. public liability).
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Section F – Financial contribution

Applicants are requested to indicate:

- Ability to meet applicable hire or licence fees
 - Funding sources (e.g. memberships, grants, sponsorship)
 - Approach to financial sustainability.
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Reporting Requirements

To support learning and future seasonal planning, approved user groups may be requested to provide a brief end-of-season summary outlining participation, programs delivered and overall community impact, proportionate to the scale of their use.

User groups may also be asked to provide annual financial statements where appropriate.

Assessment Criteria

EOI submissions will be assessed against the following weighted criteria

1. Community benefit and participation (25%)
 - Demonstrated or potential participation growth
 - Reach across diverse age groups.
2. Equity and inclusion (20%)
 - Commitment to inclusive access and welcoming environments.
3. Program diversity and quality (15%)
 - Variety and quality of activities
 - Clear participant pathways.
4. Organisational capacity and governance (15%)
 - Capability appropriate to the proposed use
 - Governance and risk awareness.
5. Financial sustainability (10%)
 - Ability to meet financial obligations
 - Evidence of stable operations.
6. Collaboration and shared – use commitment (15%)
 - Willingness to share
 - Flexible scheduling approach
 - Experience or intent to collaborate.

In assessing applications, the City will seek to achieve a balanced mix of users and programs that collectively deliver strong community benefit.

Conditions of Use

Successful applicants must

- Enter into a User Agreement or Casual Hire Agreement
- Comply with all facility policies and procedures
- Maintain required insurances
- Participate in scheduling coordination as required
- Share spaces in good faith with other approved users
- Leave shared spaces clean and ready for use.

Exclusive use will not be granted.

Submission Details

EOIs must include:

- Completed online application form
- Supporting documentation (where applicable)
- Evidence of insurance (if available).

Submissions close: 9am, Monday 10 August 2026
Submit to: www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/BealeParkEOI

For any enquiries, please contact Nathan Johnston, City of Cockburn – Lead Community Venues on 08 9411 3654.

