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**National recognition of Cockburn plan for $209m in community, sports & recreation facilities in next 15 years**

The City of Cockburn has received national recognition for its plan to deliver community facilities and reserves valued at $209m to its residents over the next 15 years.

The National Growth Areas Alliance awarded the City its Research and Practice Award on the eve of its 2019 National Congress (10-12 November) being held in Perth’s Swan Valley.

The Community, Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan (2018-2033) includes new community facilities like an Aboriginal Cultural and Visitors Centre, plus sport and recreation facilities like the Cockburn Coast Oval, plus upgrades to existing facilities like libraries, Yangebup Community Centre, and Beeliar Reserve.

The plan includes 11 new sport and recreation facilities and 12 upgraded facilities, plus 12 new community facilities and eight upgraded facilities.

City of Cockburn Manager of Recreation & Community Safety, Travis Moore, said the projects would be funded in a variety of ways, including municipal and developer contributions, and from community organisations and external grants.

“Implementation of the planned community, sport and recreation facilities will also continue to be subject to Council’s annual budget deliberation process and dependent on the City’s ability to leverage Council funding with external funding sources, especially state and federal government funds,” Mr Moore said.

“We are thrilled to be recognised at a national level for this plan, as it is the City’s blueprint for the provision of community, sport and recreation facilities going forward and has been developed on the basis of a significant needs analysis across the community.

The plan’s development began in 2015 and included one of the largest community engagement processes which the City has ever completed.

The engagement program included more than 100 meetings with community and club representatives, 16 stakeholder workshops with 200 people, more than 900 people providing input via online surveys and more than 3,000 individual comments and feedback.

“Cockburn is home to over 115,000 residents and by 2033 that number is expected to grow to over 160,000. Being prepared for the needs of our future residents is vital to a happy, healthy community,” Mr Moore said.

Read more about the community, sport and recreation facilities planned over the next 15 years here: <https://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/getattachment/b184a575-a79f-44af-8ba3-c2f6cd4008e2/ECM_8257553_v2_Community,-Sport-and-Recreation-Facilities-Plan-(2018-2033)-Summary-Brochure-pdf.aspx>

**Sport & Recreation facilities:**

Over the next 15 years the City will be building 11 new sport and recreation facilities and upgrading 12 existing facilities.

**New Facilities -**

* Lakelands Reserve Hockey Development
* Cockburn Bowling and Recreational Facility
* Frankland Reserve
* Treeby Public Open Space
* Treeby East Public Open Space
* Legacy Park
* Munster Sports and Recreation Facility
* Dixon Park and Wally Hagan Development
* Cockburn Coast Oval
* Golf Course

**Sport & Recreation facilities (Cont.):**

**Upgraded Facilities -**

* Beale Park
* Success Reserve and Netball Facilities
* Anning Park and Tennis Facilities
* Meller Park
* Tempest Park
* Goodchild Park
* Davilak Park
* Watsons Oval / Edwardes Park
* Beeliar Reserve
* Nicholson Reserve
* Santich Park
* Lucius Park / Dalmatinac Club
* Mater Christi Public Open Space

**Community Facilities and Libraries:**

Over the next 15 years the City will be building 12 new community facilities and upgrading 8 existing facilities.

**New Facilities -**

* Aboriginal Cultural and Visitors Centre
* Lifelong Learning Centre Development
* Port Coogee Community Space
* Hamilton Hill Community Centre (location TBC)
* Cockburn Coast Community Facility
* Treeby Community and Sports Centre
* Frankland Park Sports and Community Centre
* Cockburn Central West Community Facility
* Wetlands Education Centre and Native ARC
* Performing Arts Centre
* Munster Sports and Recreation Facility

**Upgraded Facilities -**

* Yangebup Community Centre
* Coogee Community Hall
* Coolbellup Community Hub and Library
* Len Packham Reserve Clubrooms
* Southwell Sports and Community Centre
* Harvest Lakes Community Centre
* Cockburn Central Youth Centre
* Spearwood Library

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