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Popular WiFi service expands in the City of Cockburn

Free WiFi is expanding in the City of Cockburn.

WiFi became available at Bibra Lake Regional Playground today, 1 June 2017, with the popular feature available at Cockburn ARC since it opened to the public 11 days ago, on 22 May.

These two new WiFi access areas complement a growing list of locations in the City, which first offered the service in 2011 at Spearwood Library.

Mayor Logan Howlett said the City's WiFi accessibility made it possible for participants in programs like the iPad user groups and computer courses at Cockburn Seniors Centre to gain skills to help them stay in touch via the world of digital communications.

At the youth centre in Cockburn Central, around 90 per cent of its young visitors use the WiFi, with its use more than doubling in the last financial year from 5,969 users in 2015/16 to 13,252 users in 2016/17.

"WiFi provides the community with free, filtered access to the Internet, and the opportunity to connect, engage and participate in contemporary life in their own familiar surroundings," Mayor Howlett said.

The Mayor said the City planned to extend WiFi to Coogee Beach and the Coogee Marina in 2018.

WiFi has been available at Cockburn's libraries, the Cockburn Seniors Centre and Cockburn Youth Centre for about four years.



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WiFi facts:

Statistics are for FY 2016 – May 2017

Spearwood Library

2016-17 (May)

- 12,548 users in total
- Average connection time per user – 2hrs.40mins
- Average traffic per user – 290MB
- Most popular day – Tuesday

Youth Centre

2016-17 (May)

- 13,252 users in total
- Average connection time per user – 02hrs 41mins
- Average traffic per user – 146MB
- Most popular day – Thursday

Seniors Centre

2016-17 (May)

- 2,744 users in total
- Average connection time per user – 02hrs 56mins
- Average traffic per user – 259MB
- Most popular day – Wednesday

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