



# Media Release

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## **Get Planting Cockburn to add \$100k of trees to local green canopy**

Community members will have the chance to get their hands dirty planting \$100,000 worth of native trees in the City of Cockburn over the next three years.

The Get Planting Cockburn project will activate people of all ages to add up to 4,000 extra trees and shrubs to the local landscape, over and above the 10ha already earmarked for planting by the City until 2020.

Environment Manager Chris Beaton said the project was made possible with a \$100,000 grant from the Local Projects Local Jobs fund administered by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions via Kwinana MLA and Deputy Premier Roger Cook.

Parks and Environment Manager Anton Lees said the substantial plantings by local residents would help them improve the health and wellbeing of their own community with the first of six projects set down for June along the Coogee coast.

This large project will be held across five days with community volunteers greening along coastal walking and cycle paths between North Coogee and Woodman Point, providing shade to trail users and fauna alike.

In July, plants favoured by endangered cockatoos and other native birdlife will be planted on the eastern side of Bibra Lake and at a cocky garden in Goodwill Park, Atwell.

In 2019-2020 three projects will further increase our green canopy at Macfaull Park in Spearwood, sections of the Tramway Trail between Cockburn and Kwinana, and at Visko Park in Yangebup.

Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett said the initiative would provide a great opportunity, for families in particular, to enjoy the great outdoors to plant trees that would advance into the future as their planters – many of them children – would also grow.



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“There is nothing better than seeing little hands at work, the chitter chatter, and the bright, bubbly smiles as busy children stand back to admire their handy work, along with the obligatory photograph,” Mayor Howlett said.

Mr Cook said he was happy to contribute to Get Planting Cockburn through the Local Projects, Local Jobs election commitment fund.

“The Get Planting Cockburn project will ensure that thousands of trees are planted throughout the area and will inevitably make it an even nicer, greener and more inviting place to live and work,” he said.

Stay tuned for more details about how to be a part of Get Planting Cockburn.

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