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We invite you to be part of the best place to be



The City of Cockburn acknowledges we are on the Boodjar (country) of the Whadjuk Nyungar people.

We have included Nyungar language on the cover to identify the First Nations peoples of this area and show our respect for the beauty and resilience of the language.

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Dave Thornton,  
comedian and  
media personality



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## Message from the Mayor

I am delighted to see the City of Cockburn's inaugural Multicultural Reference Group (MRG) established with a diverse representation of members from across our community, indeed the most multicultural community south of Perth.

The MRG will act in a guiding role and provide a voice for people of cultural and linguistically diverse backgrounds living in our City. It will provide the City with specialist knowledge on the needs and priorities of local multicultural communities, to ensure residents' wellbeing and access to services.

The MRG will also assist the City with communication and consultation with its multicultural communities, assist in identifying ways to celebrate the benefits of cultural diversity and advise on important dates and celebrations. The MRG has 15 members from diverse backgrounds who are residents of the City.

I am pleased to have Councillor Phoebe Corke and Councillor Tarun Dewan join me as members of the MRG, together with Liz Vuchocho, the City's Cultural Diversity Officer, and other members of staff.

With an established 'Terms of Reference', the MRG is set to enhance the music, song, dance and cultural significance of their respective communities and add to the vibrancy to make Cockburn the best place to be.

Western Australia hosted the National Road Safety Week Launch this year with a message that we all had to do better in terms of lives being lost on our roads and the trauma of resulting injuries. I urge everyone to be mindful of other road users and to be alert to driving while tired, consuming alcohol and/or drugs, and driving within the speed limit or to the prevailing weather conditions.

On behalf of the elected members and staff I trust that you seek to promote family values and the wellbeing of all in our growing community.

**His Worship the Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP**

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# Looking for something to do during the school holidays?

Cockburn ARC has an epic new school holidays program hitting the centre. Introducing Kids Get Active!

The program is for kids aged 6 to 12 and will be held during the school break from 8.30am to 3.30pm throughout the week.

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: ages 6 to 7, ages 8 to 9 and ages 10 to 12. Activities will be tailored to each group and will include wheelchair basketball, badminton, football fun with the Dockers and a bunch of boredom-busting activities to keep the kids busy throughout the session.

This is an inclusive and affordable program held in our state-of-the-art facility. The program has specialised coaching sessions, which are run by some state sports clubs and organisations.

Parents 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 littles burn off some energy.

For further details, please visit  
[www.cockburnarc.com.au](http://www.cockburnarc.com.au)



Cockburn, the best place to be



## Biodiversity Month

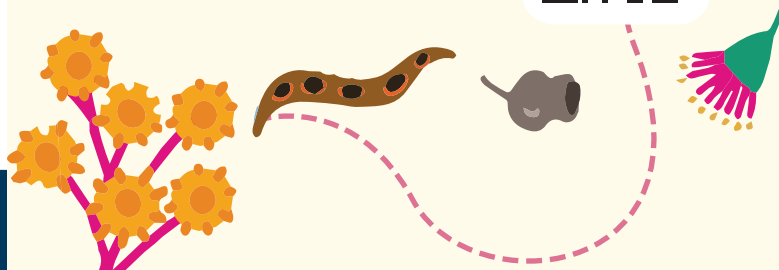
September is Biodiversity Month, a celebration of Cockburn's remarkable ecosystems and the abundant life that is all around us.

Throughout this month-long celebration, we invite both adults and children to immerse themselves in the wonders of biodiversity through a variety of engaging events.

For adults, we have workshops where you can create artworks at a baby bird painting workshop or a local flora watercolours workshop.

For children, we offer exciting educational programs where they can discover fascinating creatures through hands-on experiences. Interactive storytelling sessions will transport them to magical ecosystems, fostering their love for nature. Workshops with live animals will encourage young minds to become aware of our backyard environments and the need to protect and conserve biodiversity for future generations.

To find out more, visit  
[www.cockburnlibraries.com.au](http://www.cockburnlibraries.com.au)





# Making Cockburn the best place to be

The annual community scorecard survey, conducted by an independent research company, is one of the methods we use to evaluate and adjust our priorities and programs.

The results from our latest survey indicated satisfaction with the City of Cockburn among residents is high. This is because we keep our rates as low as possible, provide outstanding community services, and are compassionate, community-focused, accountable and progressive.

## Importantly, the survey indicated your top three priorities are:



Safety and security



Streetscapes, trees and verges



Playgrounds, parks and reserves

## Compared to other Councils who undertake this survey, the City is leading the way in:



Economic development and job creation



Local roads



Marine facilities



Youth services and facilities

## The services you rate particularly highly are:



Cockburn ARC



Library services



Bin collections



# How are we addressing your priorities?



## Building a safe and secure future

### Cutting-edge technology

One of the components of our safety strategy is our state-of-the-art CCTV network comprising more than 700 cameras strategically placed in high-risk areas. This advanced network is continuously monitored from multiple platforms, including the CoSafe operations room. We aim to establish one of the most significant systems in Perth, with plans to expand the CCTV network over the next five years.

We also employ innovative technologies like licence plate recognition cameras to bolster security measures.

### Free 24/7 mobile safety patrol service

We offer the CoSafe service to further ensure the safety of our community. CoSafe has an impressive average response time of under 10 minutes, and we encourage residents to report any matters or concerns to the team unless it involves an offence or urgent situation that should be reported to the appropriate emergency service.

### WA Police and Neighbourhood Watch collaborations

Through these partnerships, we advocate for a stronger presence of law enforcement in our community. Additionally, we offer initiatives like the CCTV home rebate (see page 11) and Seniors Security Subsidy Scheme to further enhance safety measures.

### Increasing education and awareness

Throughout the year, we run various programs aimed at raising awareness about safety and preventing crime. These initiatives educate our community and empower residents to play an active role in maintaining a secure environment.

For more on safety and security in the City, visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/SafetyCrimePrevention](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/SafetyCrimePrevention)



## Improving the look of our streets

The City is committed to preserving and enhancing its natural and urban spaces for the enjoyment of residents and future generations. Since 2018, the number of street trees on City land has increased by 67 per cent, totalling 63,500 trees maintained by the City. We also annually plant trees and shrubs in our parks and bushland, with plans to add over 40,000 natural area plants and 1,200 street trees in 2023-24.

### Working together

Both residents and the City share the responsibility of increasing the number of trees, shrubs and vegetation throughout our suburbs. Through a joint approach, we can improve the look of our suburbs, expand wildlife habitat, reap a multitude of environmental benefits and cultivate a cool and comfortable environment.

### Incentives for residents

Residents can take advantage of the many offerings and incentives provided by the City to make Cockburn greener, including:

- Native plant subsidy – discounted native plants for residents each May
- Waterwise verge rebate of up to \$250, plus 25 free native tubestocks, free soil improver and soil wetting granules

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### Incentives for residents continued...

- Native plant subsidy for schools
- Landowner Biodiversity Grants
- Community planting days
- Workshops and other educational forums
- Street trees for resident verges.

### Verge maintenance

We encourage residents to maintain their verges, as regular upkeep enhances the appearance of properties, streets and neighbourhoods. In 2023-24, the City will increase mowing frequency for residential verges not adjacent to properties as well as verges in industrial and rural areas.

Additional funding will be allocated for maintaining narrow verges and untidy areas near residential properties. The tree maintenance budget will also increase, and watering schedules for new trees in summer will increase to three times a week.

To find out more, including the many offerings and incentives from the City, visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/StreetTreesVerges](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/StreetTreesVerges)



### Maintaining our places to play

The City maintains 350 parks, 22 sporting reserves and 220 playgrounds (see page 12). That's a lot of places to have fun.

Parks and playgrounds are a priority for our residents, and we are very proud of the fabulous range across Cockburn. One of our favourites is majestic Manning Park in Hamilton Hill/Spearwood which encompasses Manning Lake and the limestone ridge to the west of the wetland.

The park has some magnificent old trees and great facilities to cater for all occasions – it is often booked for weddings and other family celebrations.

There is significant flora and fauna in the lake and surrounding wetland areas – something to look out for as spring is just around the corner.

The Davilak Trail is popular with walking enthusiasts and can take between 30 minutes and two hours to complete. The trail runs from behind the Azelia Ley Homestead Museum (Museum open Sunday afternoons) and across the ridge, with spectacular views of Cockburn Sound and the Perth CBD. The trail takes in the 192 steps known as Manning Stairs, Cockburn's version of Perth's famous Jacob's Ladder.

To find out more, visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/ManningPark](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/ManningPark)





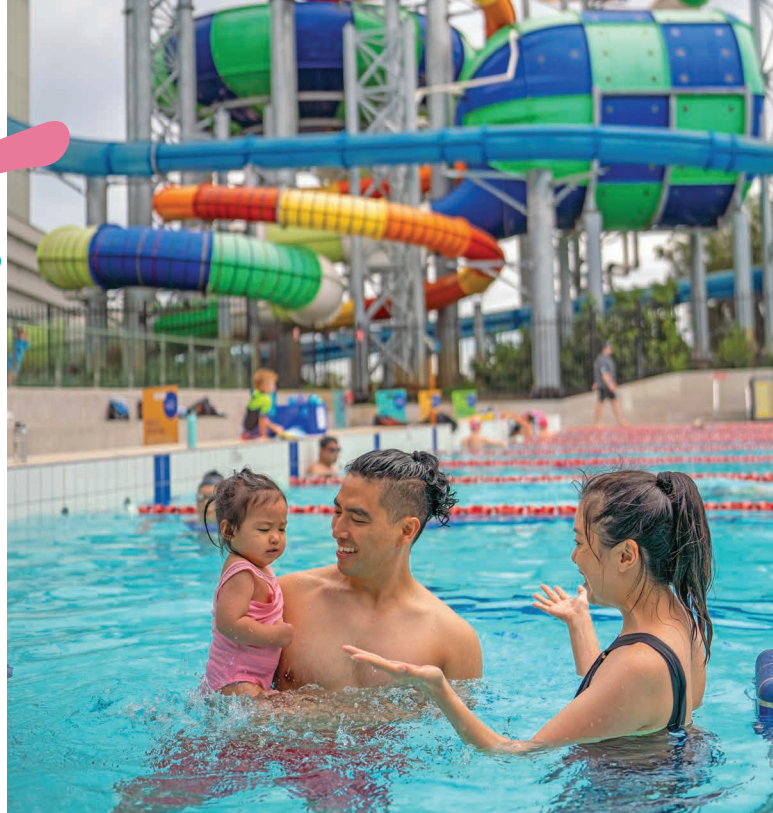
# A spotlight on your favourites

## Cockburn ARC (Aquatic and Recreation Centre)

We're as proud as you are of our award-winning Cockburn ARC, which is one of Australia's best recreation centres. We welcome around 1.4 million visitors a year and are home of the Dockers.

## Cockburn Libraries

Our vibrant libraries enable lifelong learning and encourage creativity. Our libraries are places where young and old are invited to connect and grow. Each library has free wi-fi, free access to computers, a broad range of programs and workshops for the whole community to enjoy, and of course books – in a variety of formats! Cockburn Libraries also maintain the Cockburn history website and the popular Facebook page Cockburn Reflects.



## Cockburn Youth Services

Our buzzing youth centre offers a range of great programs as well as a pool table, ping-pong, foosball, gaming consoles, basketball and access to computers and free wi-fi. We have a talented youth outreach team and support workers, offer youth employment support and advice, and run youth driving and leadership programs.

## Port Coogee Marina

Port Coogee and its marina offer residents and visitors a great experience on the shores of Cockburn Sound. Wander along the marina boardwalk and spot some marine life in our beautiful waterways. Dolphins make a regular appearance! Enjoy a meal at a local café or restaurant and take in the beautiful views.

## View the full report

View the Community Scorecard results via our website: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/scorecard](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/scorecard)

To view projects that are happening in your suburb by financial year, visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/MySuburb](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/MySuburb)





## Comment on Cockburn

Register to have your say  
[comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au](https://comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au)

### Peace Park revamp in progress

Upgrades at Peace Park in Spearwood are taking shape as contractors repair the footpath and install a new gazebo, picnic setting, signage, and park benches.

The small neighbourhood park serves to commemorate the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and symbolises peace and unity.

In June, workers pruned dead branches and planted four Peppermint Trees and 17 Ginkgo bilobas. Ginkgos hold profound significance in Hiroshima, embodying resilience and hope, while the Peppermints will provide future habitat for black cockatoos.

Perth artist Esti Nagy will add the park's finishing touches with two footpath murals inspired by traditional Japanese art, patterns and symbolism.

The City sought design direction from residents, representatives from the Mayor's for Peace Organisation and representatives from the Consulate-General of Japan in Perth for the \$150,000 project.

For more information, visit

<https://comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au/PeacePark>

### Boats around the Coogee Maritime Trail

The City is preparing a report to Council about boat and mooring areas near the award-winning Coogee Maritime Trail, following consultation with over 250 people.

The City invited the community to share their perspectives on a potential trial of moorings within the 8-knot boating zone near the trail, or the possibility of eliminating the 8-knot boating zone entirely to enhance swimmer safety.

The City will present the report at a Council meeting this quarter. The report will summarise the consultation findings and recommend the next steps, including

possibly advocating for the Department of Transport (DoT) to make the suggested changes. The DoT is responsible for boating regulations, so the City cannot implement the changes without DoT support.

For more information, visit

<https://comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au/MaritimeTrail>

### Our plan for an inclusive Cockburn

The City, with help from its Disability Reference Group, has developed a plan for a more accessible and inclusive community.

The plan contains a range of initiatives, including but not limited to:

- Ensuring that new buildings exceed minimum disability requirements where possible
- Documenting accessible features of Cockburn facilities on the City's website
- Providing disability awareness training to City employees
- Continuing to improve the accessibility of the City's website
- Creating more employment opportunities for people with disability.

The plan follows a robust community consultation process that captured the views of over 280 people of all abilities, and community and volunteer organisations.

To read the new Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP), and to find out more, visit  
[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/DAIP](https://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/DAIP)

To request the DAIP in alternative formats, please contact the City on 08 9411 3444.

## It's a BIG event season; block out your calendars!

Look out for the Cockburn Events Guide coming to your letterbox next month.



**SIDE SPLITTER**  
COMEDY FESTIVAL

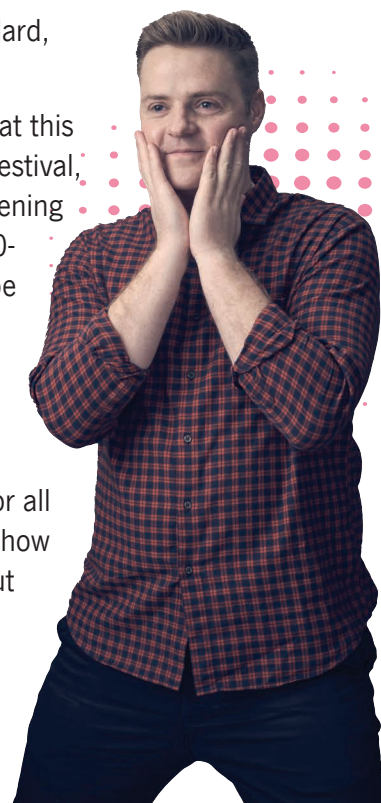
We're bursting at the seams to bring back bouts of laughter to Cockburn! The hugely popular Side Splitter comedy festival returns for its eighth massive year of laughter at the Memorial Hall in Hamilton Hill on 6, 7, 13 and 14 October.

In keeping with tradition, the 2023 program will feature a variety of hilarious comedy galas, showcases and solo shows guaranteed to leave you in stitches.

This year we have locked in some serious star power – with two of the best live stand-up comedians in the country, (our cover star) Dave Thornton and Tom Ballard, coming to Cockburn.

Fresh from a sellout season at this year's Melbourne Comedy Festival, Dave will perform live on opening night, Friday 6 October, 8.30-9.30pm. It's a show not to be missed!

Shows regularly sell out – save the dates in your calendar and visit [www.sidesplitter.com.au](http://www.sidesplitter.com.au) for all the latest announcements, show information and details about when tickets go on sale (all shows are 18+).



Tom Ballard



Visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/events](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/events) for more information or scan the QR code and subscribe to our newsletter.

### Kalyakoorl, ngalak warangka, (Forever, we sing) Friday 25 August

Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse are on tour and coming to Hami Hill!

Over many years, the Nyungar language has been reduced to a whisper, with less than 400 fluent speakers. Kalyakoorl, ngalak warangka is a celebration of this rare language and the things we share as a community. See this live performance at Memorial Hall from 7pm.

<https://bit.ly/GinaAndGuy>

Ticket: \$15 each



### Making Dumplings with Brendan Pang!

Sunday 31 August, 6-7.30pm  
Success Library

Brendan breaks down into simple steps the art of making dumplings, teaching you everything you need to make these delicious morsels from scratch.

For bookings, visit

<https://bit.ly/DumplingsWithBrendan>

Ticket: \$10 each



### Fur Run

Sunday 15 October

10am-1pm | Mcfaull Park, Spearwood

Bring your dog out for a day of fun at the annual Fur Run. Includes stalls and free vet checks and you can renew/register your dog while you're there.





# Cockburn delivers ratepayers value for money

We believe Cockburn is the best place in Australia to live, work and play, so we pay close attention to making sure we live up to that promise for our residents and businesses.

## What’s coming to Cockburn in 2023-24?

Just like our community, the City is operating in a challenging, high-cost environment, paying more just to sustain current service levels.

As a sensible approach to the current economic climate, the City is prioritising the maintenance of existing assets and infrastructure over new projects for 2023-24 but remains focused on delivering high-quality services and facilities for our residents and businesses.

## As a resident, what do I receive from the City of Cockburn?

In a continuing environment of high inflation, rising interest rates, high construction costs and a tight labour market, the City of Cockburn’s 2023-24 rates will continue to be some of the lowest in Perth, and significantly behind Consumer Price Index increases.

The City of Cockburn offers its ratepayers a diverse range of amenities and services. These include the upkeep of parks, playgrounds, trees, roads, footpaths, and community facilities, as well as management of Port Coogee Marina. We place a strong emphasis on sustainability, waste management and coastal protection, demonstrating our commitment to preserving the environment.

We actively support local businesses, organising workshops, training programs and events that foster growth and development, benefiting both the community and the broader region.



For 2023-24 the City’s budget of \$43.82m will cover various initiatives, including:

<div>\$6.3m</div> <div>Renewals and upgrades to City-owned facilities</div> <div></div>	<div>\$1.285m</div> <div>Phoenix and Rockingham Road (Spearwood) intersection</div> <div></div>	<div></div> <div>New CCTV</div> <div>\$0.57m</div>	<div></div> <div>Wally Hagan Recreation Centre redevelopment business case</div> <div>\$0.3m</div>
<div></div> <div>\$1.5m</div> <div>Omeo Park (North Coogee): new toilet and visitor amenities</div>	<div>\$1.07m</div> <div>Hammond Road: Branch to Bartram (Success) duplication</div> <div></div>	<div></div> <div>Tree planting</div> <div>\$0.75m</div>	<div></div> <div>Erosion reduction reef trial (North Coogee): doubling in size</div> <div>\$0.944m</div>





At the heart of our efforts is the wellbeing of our community. We offer subsidised or free access to facilities such as Cockburn ARC, Cockburn Health and Community facility, and libraries and support services tailored to the diverse needs of seniors, youth and families.

The City also recognises the importance of ensuring the safety and security of our residents. CoSafe is our responsive security service, and we run numerous safety and crime prevention programs and initiatives for residents (see page 5). In addition, we organise free community events like the Coogee Live festival and allocate more than \$8.525m to grants and donations that directly benefit the community.

Overall, our commitment lies with our community and addressing their needs through various initiatives, collaborations and services.

For more on what the City offers its residents, visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/BudgetRates23-24](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/BudgetRates23-24)

To find out what's coming to your own suburb in 2023-24, visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/MySuburb](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/MySuburb)



## CCTV home rebate Up to 50% off the cost!

We are excited to announce the launch of the CCTV rebate program, a new initiative aimed at bolstering the security of our community. Under this program, residents can receive a rebate of up to 50 per cent off the total cost of their new or upgraded CCTV system, to a maximum of \$500. By taking advantage of this opportunity, you can enhance your home security while saving money.

### Am I eligible for the rebate?

To be eligible for the subsidy, applicants must be residents of the City of Cockburn and either the property owner, an authorised agent or a tenant with the property owner's consent. Please note that if you are already receiving funding through the Seniors Security Rebate for CCTV, you cannot claim the CCTV rebate.

### What does the rebate cover?

The subsidy covers both newly installed CCTV systems and upgrades to existing ones, as long as they meet the minimum technical requirements specified in the application. Additionally, applicants must register their camera locations on the WA Police Force CAM-MAP, which will assist WA Police to investigate incidents and improve community safety.

### How do I apply for the rebate?

By registering for the CCTV rebate program, you not only protect your home but also contribute to creating a safer community for everyone.

Visit our website for more information, including how to apply, at

[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/CCTVHomeRebate](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/CCTVHomeRebate)



## 5mins with..... Cr Phoebe Corke

### Why do you believe Cockburn is the best place to be?

The best thing about Cockburn (IMO) is the astounding variety everywhere – in nature and in our increasingly multicultural population. We have the best communities, the best volunteers and the best wildlife hospital in the country. You can go snorkelling, walk on the beach or in beautiful bushland, visit a wetland or stroll along the cliffs, all within 10 minutes of home. There are not many places in the world where you can do that.

### What are you looking forward to happening in Cockburn?

Over the next year, we're revamping our events program, keeping everyone's favourite events but bringing in some exciting new ones, so that's a few things to look forward to. Further ahead, I'm looking forward to our community wildlife corridor being extraordinary and world-class; I'm excited about building the Aboriginal Cultural and Visitor's Centre and about the extension of the artificial reef, helping reduce coastal erosion as well as creating habitat and encouraging seagrass growth.



## Revitalising our well-loved playgrounds

Did you know that Cockburn has around 220 playgrounds? Every year some of these reach the end of their useful lives, so we replace them with new, similar equipment to ensure they remain safe and enjoyable for everyone to use.

The playgrounds that are renewed are chosen based on yearly inspections. This financial year, nine playgrounds will reach the end of their useful lives and receive replacement equipment. These include Bibra Lake Reserve\* (Bibra Lake), Matilda Birkett Reserve (Coolbellup), Danjoo and Wheeler Parks (Hamilton Hill), Lucretia Park\* (North Coogee), Edwardes and Market Garden\* Parks (Spearwood), and Perena Rocchi Reserve (Yangebup)\*.

To better meet local community needs, we produce several designs for each playground and ask residents which they prefer. We install the design that receives the most votes. The voting process takes place around the middle of the year, and we renew the playground equipment from October through February.

To find out what else is coming to your suburb in 2023-24, visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/MySuburb](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/MySuburb). For more information on the playgrounds and designs, visit [www.comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Playgrounds2023](http://www.comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Playgrounds2023)

\*Some parks have more than one playground.

## \$250 waterwise verge rebates available now

Did you know that gardens can use up to 40 per cent of a household's water? Using waterwise gardening practices will help save the environment and your wallet by reducing your water bill.

Replacing thirsty lawn with mulch and planting native flora has countless other benefits. Native plants are hardy and require less maintenance, they attract birds and other local fauna, help replenish the natural habitat and are simply beautiful.

But the best news is that the City and Water Corporation will provide a \$250 subsidy along with seedlings and soil improvers to help you make the transition.

The rebate is open to applications until 30 September.

To apply today, visit

[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/WaterwiseVergeRebate](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/WaterwiseVergeRebate)





## Meet your neighbours

With our lakes, bushland reserves and pristine beaches, Cockburn is home to a dazzling array of flora and fauna species. These precious native animals are found across Cockburn.

### Kwenda (bandicoot)

Kwenda are small, brown marsupials. They feed by digging and poking their pointy snouts into the ground. This digging helps aerate soil and promotes ecological health in our natural areas.



Image courtesy of Paul Markendale



### Gnollark (Carnaby's Black-cockatoo)

Carnaby's are large black birds with white tail feathers. They are an endangered species, occurring only in south-western Western Australia.

Image courtesy of Rod Smith BirdLife WA



Image courtesy of Paul Markendale

### Yoorn (Bobtail)

Yoorn form monogamous pairs during breeding season and may re-form over several years. They love to eat insects and snails, so if these are poisoned with pest-control pellets then lizards may become ill. Use environmentally friendly alternatives to control pests.

## Fauna surveys reveal rich biodiversity in Cockburn

Starting in December 2022, the City partnered with FaunaTrack to begin a series of surveys across our reserves to discover what kind of animals live there.

We were thrilled to find Cockburn is a vibrant and thriving ecosystem with some rare and unusual denizens.

Basic surveys covered Success Reserve, Skaife Park, Sherbrooke Park and Roper Reserve, while more detailed surveys were conducted at Bibra Lake and Yaakan Park.

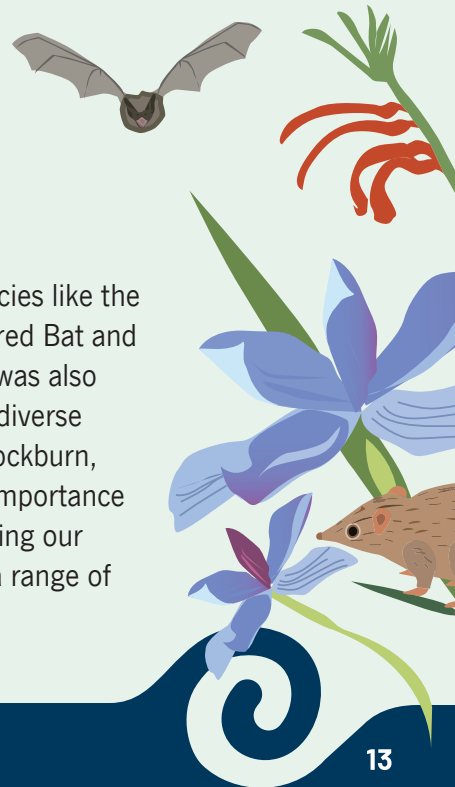
The results showed that many of our reserves are home to native Kwenda and Carnaby's cockatoos along with a range of locally significant birds including Splendid Fairy-wren, Mistletoebird and Rainbow Bee-eaters.

Six different species of microbats were discovered along with high numbers of possums, frogs and reptiles including Western Mourning Skink and Napoleon's Skink.

Notably, Bibra Lake was a haven for wildlife including:

- 6 amphibian species
- 17 reptile species
- 14 mammal species
- 76 bird species.

The detection of rare species like the Western Greater Long-eared Bat and the brush-tailed possum was also noteworthy. With such a diverse range of inhabitants in Cockburn, the surveys showed the importance of protecting and enhancing our reserves and cultivating a range of different habitat types.





## Living together in the same space

We all share the same space here in Cockburn, with around 125,000 humans and over 16,000 dogs. It's crucial that dog owners understand the importance of responsible pet ownership to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our community.

Recent incidents have highlighted the need for increased vigilance and control when it comes to our furry friends. From 1 January to 31 May, our rangers issued 71 fines to dog owners who failed to keep their dogs on a leash or were involved in dog attacks, some resulting in injuries. These statistics serve as a wake-up call for all dog owners to take their responsibilities seriously.

A tragic incident occurred recently that serves as a painful reminder of why it is crucial to control our dogs, both on and off-leash. One resident's dog attacked another dog, leading to a devastating outcome and causing grief not only for the family involved but also for community members who witnessed the incident. Our rangers conducted a thorough investigation, which resulted in the resident receiving a \$3,200 fine along with \$1,667 in additional costs.

To ensure the safety of our pets and demonstrate consideration for others, it is imperative we keep our dogs under control, whether they are on or off a leash in public areas. By doing so, we can create a harmonious environment where everyone can live safely and happily together.



Image courtesy of Claire Greenwell

## Those tree hollows are actually someone's home!

Protecting habitat is one of the most important ways we can ensure our local fauna thrives.

After all, everyone needs a place to live!

One of the more unusual places fauna make their homes in Cockburn is in tree hollows. These cavities form after a tree limb falls and natural processes, like rotting, termites and fungi, break down the heartwood.

Birds, ranging from the tiny Striated Pardalote to parrots, ducks, owls and cockatoos, nest in hollows. Forest Red-tailed Cockatoos have recently nested in both natural and artificial hollows within Cockburn reserves. Other hollow-nesting animals include microbats and possums.

The Rehabilitating Roe 8 project has recently begun a program to monitor tree hollows in the corridor to track how many animals are breeding there. The project has purchased a 'Cocky Cam' (a 12-metre telescopic pole with wireless camera) to carry out these somewhat tricky inspections.

The data gathered will help guide rehabilitation efforts. We hope to share news of successful breeding soon.

To learn more about the project and its efforts to rehabilitate bushland and habitat, visit <https://rehabilitatingroe8.org>

## Landscaping at Matilda Birkett Reserve, Coolbellup

Matilda Birkett Reserve, located at the intersection of Coolbellup Avenue and Forrest Road, has recently undergone some extensive landscaping to improve its function and provide additional facilities for visitors.

With a City budget of \$120,000, the enhancements include new turf and irrigation, kerbed garden beds, a new park sign and bench seat, a relocated swing, consolidated playground space with limestone edging, and connected pathways.

The City will replace the playground equipment during 2023-24 as part of a separate project.

These improvements have enhanced the beauty of Matilda Birkett Reserve for locals and visitors alike.



### 5mins with..... Cr Michael Separovich

#### Why do you believe Cockburn is the best place to be?

There's a little bit of everything for everyone available in Cockburn – either the spread from rural to suburbs, from apartments to Port Coogee mansions, or the variety of industrial and commercial centres – Cockburn is a complete microcosm of everything you would be looking for in a city.

#### What are you looking forward to happening in Cockburn?

I'm looking forward to Daniel Simms starting as our new CEO, but the project I'm most excited about is the proposed Coogee golf course. The location will be spectacular, and as someone who doesn't play golf, I think the clubhouse attached will be critical to its success.



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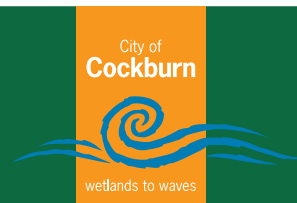
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# Cockburn's 2023-24 Resource Recovery Calendar is online now



## Your complete guide to waste management

The City of Cockburn's 2023-24 Resource Recovery Calendar is available online now. This comprehensive document is designed to provide residents with all the information they need about waste management, in one convenient place.

With the new resource recovery calendar, you'll find:

- **Verge collection dates:** Stay informed about when and where to place your waste for collection, ensuring a hassle-free process

- **Detailed bin guides:** Confused about which items go in which bin? The calendar offers detailed guides on proper waste sorting, making it easier for you to contribute to a cleaner environment
- **Disposal of tricky and hazardous waste:** Discover how to safely dispose of items like batteries and aerosol cans.



Scan the QR code or head to [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/ResourceCalendar](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/ResourceCalendar) to view or download your copy. For those who prefer a printed version, print copies are also available upon request.

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