



# Media Release

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## **Cockburn beach carpark closures for Easter in bid to prevent COVID-19 spread**

In line with State Government messaging for West Australians to stay safely at home this Easter long weekend, the City of Cockburn has moved to discourage gatherings by closing some of the carparks at its beaches as the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

While the beaches remain open, the City of Cockburn is reminding people that they should avoid going out, and if exercise is needed, to do that within their own neighbourhood.

“For a short bout of daily exercise, we recommend people do not drive to the beaches or parks, but walk there instead. If it is too far to walk, then please don’t go,” said City of Cockburn Planning and Development Services Director Daniel Arndt.

The northern carpark at Coogee Beach between Powell Road and Perlinte View, and the overflow carpark at Poore Grove near Coogee Beach WA Surf Life Saving Club will be closed from today, Thursday 9 April, until Tuesday 14 April.

The carpark south of Ngarkal Beach at Port Coogee, adjacent to Dome Café, will be closed from Friday, 10 April and reopen Tuesday 14 April.

The public toilets at C. Y. O’Connor Beach, Coogee Beach and the Surf Lifesaving Club remain open, while those at Port Coogee (Ngarkal Beach) are closed until further notice.

The Coogee Beach swimming pontoons have been removed.

All City parks remain open, although our tennis courts at Coogee Beach, Len Packham, Anning Park and Davilak Park are closed.

“The Commissioner of Police has advised that WA Police will closely monitor Perth beaches over the weekend and if they feel the situation is no longer manageable, they will formally notify councils to close their respective beaches,” Mr Arndt said.



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“In order to mitigate the potential for this occurring, the City has decided to physically close access to a number of the public car parks.

“Our Rangers are undertaking regular beach patrols and will report any incidents of non-compliance to WA Police for their enforcement.

“These measures are designed to keep our community safe in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic.”

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