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## **Share the Space message for cyclists and pedestrians on Cockburnhagen's busy shared path network**

Local coastal and lakeside paths are more popular than ever with cyclists and pedestrians, and the City is encouraging the two user groups to share the space for a safe, positive experience in 'Cockburnhagen'.

'Share the space' signs and stickers have been installed along the City of Cockburn's coastal shared path network in Coogee and if budget allows, could be expanded to other popular sections, including Bibra Lake, in the future.

City of Cockburn TravelSmart Officer Jillian Woolmer said the City was committed to investing in cycling and walking infrastructure by making Cockburn more pedestrian and bike-friendly every year.

"With more people getting fitter and healthier by actively exploring their local area, Cockburn is starting to look more like bike-friendly cities in the Netherlands or the Danish city of Copenhagen, than ever," Ms Woolmer said.

"As a result, local paths are becoming noticeably busier as people venture outdoors for regular exercise, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Bike sales continue to skyrocket due to the pandemic. The number of cyclists especially has increased, with more riders using our shared path network. It's wonderful to see lots of first time riders getting out and about, too.

"But to keep Cockburn's culture of sharing the space alive, it's important that cyclists and pedestrians adopt a few golden rules to ensure a safe and fun experience for everyone."

Key tips to sharing the space whether you are riding a bike or walking on our paths include:

- Ring your bicycle bell when overtaking pedestrians
- Walk and ride on the left hand side of paths



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- Avoid being distracted while walking or riding
- Walk your dog on a short lead and on the left hand side of paths
- Allow plenty of room when overtaking others
- Bike riders slow down on busy shared paths, and
- Bike riders and walkers move to single file to allow others to overtake.

“Please make sure you slow down and take care when you ride in Cockburnhagen, so we can all share the space safely and happily, residents and visitors alike, for many years to come.”

For more information visit the Walking, Cycling & Public Transport page on the City’s website: <https://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Walking,-Cycling-and-Public-Transport>

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