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Cockburn BMX Club rider Harrison, who competed at the BMX World Championships in Copenhagen in July.



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Message from the Mayor

In this edition of Soundings, we highlight some of the great projects that Council adopted in its budget for this financial year and outline how the City continues to offer great value for money.

I encourage you to look at the community grants available. There is a wide range, with something for everyone, from grants for your verge and sponsorship for neighbourhood events to financial assistance for children to participate in community sport.

We were very excited to open the Malabar BMX and Community Facility recently. The fabulous facility is home to the Cockburn BMX Club and Friends of the Community Inc., a dedicated not-for-profit that raises funds for the community.

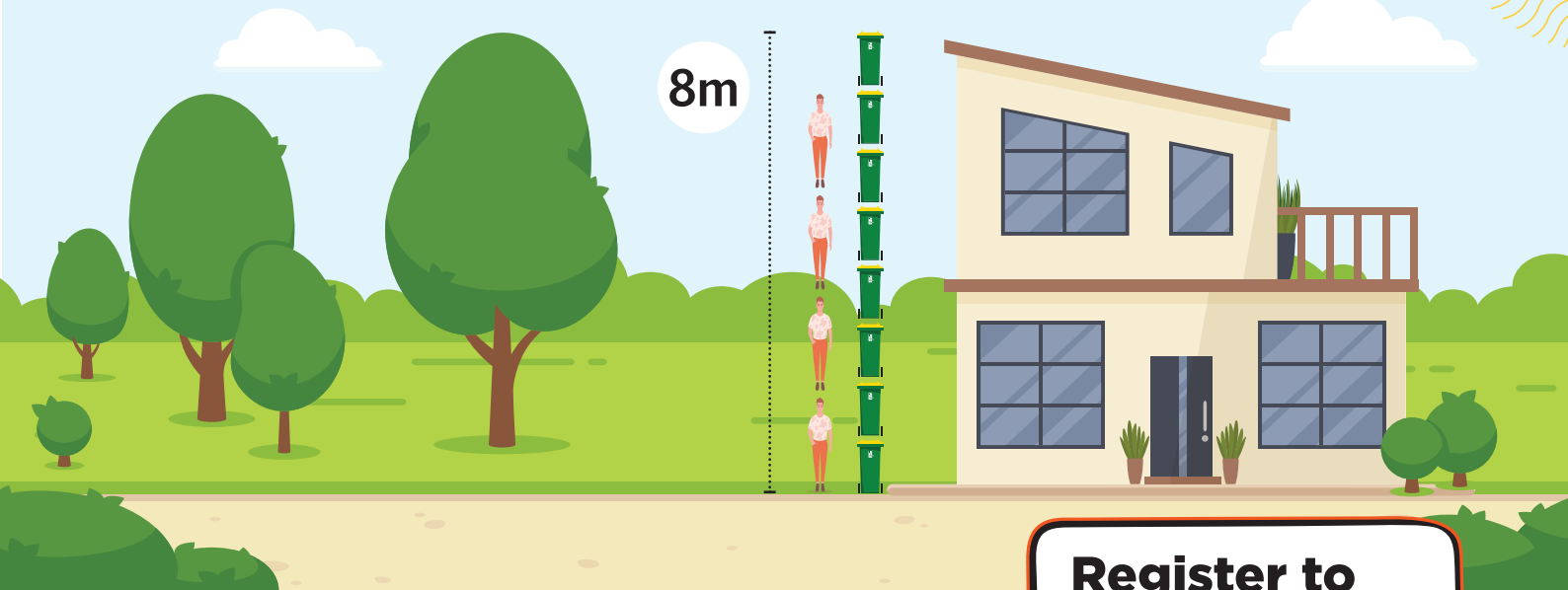
We recently announced our first-ever inductees to the Cockburn Arts Hall of Fame, demonstrating the enormous breadth of talent we have in Cockburn.

For anyone who is a new resident, welcome to the best place to be! Inside this edition you will find a link to a page on the website that has key information that you might need, from bins and libraries to events and all the great things to do in the City.

As spring is around the corner, and the Nyungar season of Djilba is upon us, we thought we would share with you some of the beautiful wildflower spots in Cockburn and stunning images of some of the flowers you can expect to see.

His Worship the Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP

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**Register to
have **your** say**



Have your say on the draft Tree Protection Policy

We're working to find the right balance between keeping our beautiful large trees and making space for new homes and developments on private land.

Community feedback will help inform decision-makers as they consider whether to adopt this local planning policy.

The Tree Protection Policy will outline when a development approval would be needed to remove a large or significant tree (regulated tree) and how those decisions will be made.

The draft policy is open for public feedback until 1 September on the City's community consultation platform, Comment on Cockburn.

Under the draft policy, a regulated tree on private land would be:

- 8 metres or taller (excluding palms and pest species)
- Listed on the City's Significant Tree Register
- Identified for retention or replacement as part of development or subdivision approval.

If adopted, the policy would introduce a formal process for assessing the removal or damage of regulated trees, ensuring any such plans are thoroughly reviewed and alternatives are explored.

To learn more about the draft Tree Protection Policy and provide your feedback, visit comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au



Hammond Road Duplication – Russell Road to Rowley Road

The City of Cockburn is planning upgrades to Hammond Road (Russell Road to Rowley Road) to improve traffic flow, safety and access. We're seeking early community input to help shape the design before construction begins.

Feedback closes at 4pm, Tuesday 26 August.



Fireworks Policy

The City of Cockburn is seeking feedback on its Draft Fireworks Policy, which aims to improve safety, reduce environmental impacts and guide event planning. The Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety remains the decision-maker on fireworks approvals, but this policy will help the City respond to applications and decide whether to include fireworks at its events. Feedback closes at 4pm, Friday 29 August.

Our Economy



Cockburn continues to offer great value for money

We believe Cockburn is the best place to live, work and play.

Satisfaction with the City of Cockburn among residents is high because we keep our rates low and work hard to keep our communities looking great while maintaining a solid financial position and giving back generously to the community.







The City is operating in the same challenging, high-cost environment as its community, paying more to run services and maintain and build infrastructure for a rapidly growing population. Despite this, we are committed to keeping rate rises low, given the financial pressures on our ratepayers.

The average rate increase for the last five years in Cockburn is 3.40 per cent, lower than the Perth CPI of 4.53 per cent and the Local Government Cost Index of 4.22 per cent. The average cost of rates in the City of Cockburn is \$38 per week for the wide range of services we offer.

A snapshot of services we provide:

A sustainable community

By 2030, we aim to achieve:

-  100 per cent renewable energy
-  Net zero corporate emissions
-  Zero non-hazardous waste to landfill
-  Transition to a low emissions fleet
-  Less energy consumption
-  Smart City Innovation.

How we're doing it:

- We produce 1,150 MW of solar PV energy annually across all our facilities, among the largest system for any local government in WA
- Cockburn ARC is powered by a one MW solar PV system, with geothermal technology heating the pools
- Renewable energy is generated from landfill gas at the Henderson Waste Recovery Park, powering thousands of homes
- Solar power and sustainable design are used in new Council facilities
- We monitor and audit City building water and energy efficiency upgrades
- We organise an annual verge tree planting program
- We plant more than 50,000 native seedlings a year
- We support the community in achieving net zero emissions by 2050 by:
 - Providing Sustainability and Environmental Education Grants for residents, schools, businesses and community groups
 - Offering rebates and incentives such as free home eco audits, waterwise verge rebates, birdbath rebates and a native plant subsidy scheme
 - Hosting educational workshops, events and programs
 - Offsetting carbon emissions at all City events.



Botany Park Playground

Coogee Beach Jetty

What projects are lined up in 2025-26?

The City's maintenance and works budget of \$65.37 million for 2025-26 will cover various initiatives, including:

Enhancement of our natural areas, parks and playgrounds

\$7.34m

Upgrade Manning Park playground

\$2.29m

Beale Park redevelopment

\$8.14m

CCTV

\$406,000

Pathway renewals and new installations

\$1.8m

Road safety improvements

\$6.1m

A supported community

We offer the following free or subsidised support services tailored for seniors, families, young people, people with disability and all cultures:



Financial counselling



Health and wellbeing programs



Environmental



Almost \$2 million per year in grants, donations and sponsorships for residents, businesses and community groups.

A safer community



24/7 CoSafe security patrol service



Safety and crime prevention programs and initiatives



CCTV and security rebates.

A great community



Extensive community events program, Cockburn Live



Award-winning recreation and aquatic facility, Cockburn ARC



Three thriving Cockburn Libraries



Cockburn Youth and Seniors centres



Community facilities



More than 600 parks, reserves and playgrounds



Port Coogee Marina.



As a business, what do I receive from the City?

- Educational workshops, training and events
- Grant funding for startups and innovators
- Capacity building and business advisory support
- Support for business-to-business growth
- CoSafe security patrol service.



What's happening in your suburb in 2025-26

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/mySuburb

Our Community

Help shape the future of your community

The 2025 Local Government Elections will take place on Saturday 18 October to fill five Councillor vacancies and the Office of the Mayor, each for a four-year term. Local government elections are a significant event for the community, and it's important to be informed about the process and the importance of participating.

Why vote in local elections?

Your vote can make a difference in shaping the future of your community. The decisions made by your elected Council directly affect your lifestyle and wellbeing. By voting, you help choose who represents your interests and decides the future of local services, parks, infrastructure and community projects.

Council approves budgeting and rates, balancing the provision of services and infrastructure with keeping rates at an appropriate level. See page 4-5 for more information on the services Council offers.

Register to vote

To be eligible to vote in the upcoming local government election, you must be enrolled with the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) by 5pm, Friday 22 August. Visit the WAEC website and select 'enrol online'. Don't wait; register now. Scan the QR code or visit www.elections.wa.gov.au/enrol



Nominate to be an Elected Member

Do you care about the future of your neighbourhood? Want to help shape the services, spaces and decisions that impact daily life in Cockburn?

Now's your chance.

Nominations for Council open on Thursday, 28 August 2025. If you're a passionate, community-minded individual, this is your opportunity to:

- Represent and advocate for the needs of your community.
- Influence decisions on infrastructure, sustainability, community programs and more.
- Help set the strategic direction, budget and priorities of the City.



Whether you're a longtime resident or a fresh voice with new ideas, local government needs people like you – people who care.

Register

We will be holding a candidate information session in mid-August for those who are thinking of nominating for Council.

Register to be notified for when a date is scheduled by completing the registration form under the 'Candidate Information Session' heading.

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/ElectionNominations

Key dates

- Mid August**
Information session on becoming an Elected Member
- 5pm, 22 August**
WAEC enrolment deadline
- 28 August until 4pm, 4 September**
Nominations open
- 6pm, 18 October**
Election Day (votes must be in)

For more information, visit
www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/elections





Cockburn's BMX future races ahead

The City of Cockburn is proud to continue delivering high-quality recreation and leisure spaces for our growing community with the opening of Malabar Park BMX & Community Facility in Bibra Lake.

Home to the Cockburn BMX Club, the \$8.9 million upgrade to the facility features a Union Cycliste Internationale standard BMX racing track, allowing it to host national and international level events. A new five-metre start ramp will also support both training and competition needs, marking an exciting new chapter for the club and BMX enthusiasts across the region.

The facility is now a multipurpose space that not only supports Cockburn BMX operations but also provides space for local not-for-profit group Friends of the Community Inc. and the wider community, with a pump track, playground, public toilet and BBQ area.



Funding for the redevelopment includes a significant contribution of \$8.78 million from the City of Cockburn alongside a \$100,000 grant from the State Government's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund, administered by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. The Cockburn BMX Club also pledged \$20,000 towards the project on completion.

The facility was officially opened by Mayor Howlett on Saturday 28 June at a lively event attended by more than 350 members of the community.

Five minutes with... Councillor Phoebe Corke

There are so many awesome community projects and programs in Cockburn it's difficult to single one out to talk about.

Operated and funded entirely by volunteers, Community Collective Hamilton Hill is a free food service that operates seven days a week (open hours vary). Serena and Owen Gamble, Jean Coles and their dedicated team of volunteers collect donated

food and feed hundreds of hungry families every week.

No questions asked, no judgment, just turn up and take what you want.

If you'd like to know more or contribute to their incredible and selfless cause, you can find them on Facebook or visit the old Southwell Community Centre during opening hours.



Safety, enhancing public spaces and a thriving local economy top priorities

The City of Cockburn has undertaken a comprehensive review of its Strategic Community Plan (SCP), using liveability data collected in 2024. We use the data to ensure the SCP aligns with community values and priorities, to help us achieve our vision of making Cockburn the best place to be. Findings from the Liveability Study reveal the community highly values the natural environment, safety, accessibility and local

businesses. Top community priorities include improving neighbourhood safety, enhancing public spaces and supporting locally owned businesses. The findings are consistent with previous studies.



Strategic Community Plan – five outcome areas

1. Our Economy



Our City attracts investment supporting commercial and business growth. Our distinctive hubs facilitate and attract local business and visitor growth, providing employment and community access to services.

4. Our Places



The City prioritises our resources and is dedicated to enhancing our distinctive and liveable areas to address the needs of our community. Our neighbourhoods and locations are linked through safe transportation choices, including roads, cycleways and pathways.

2. Our Environment



Our natural environment is valued and resilient to a changing climate. Our community enjoys our open spaces, bushland and coast and take pride and ownership in their streetscapes. We use our resources with a focus on conservation and mitigating the impacts of climate change.

5. Our Governance



Our City is governed through transparent and accountable leadership with a focus on open communication, listening and engaging with our community, with an eye on the future.

3. Our Community



Our diverse and valued community is engaged and involved in activities and events, with access to services in local distinctive places. Our community feels safe, secure and connected and is active and healthy.

Key objectives sit under each outcome area in the SCP. These objectives are turned into an operational Corporate Business Plan 2025-29.

You can read the Liveability Study Report 2024, the Strategic Community Plan and the Corporate Business Plan on our website.

If you want to take part in future studies, sign up to Comment on Cockburn: comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au



ARC

EVOLUTION

Cockburn ARC has levelled up

The dust has settled and the fences are down. After months of hard work behind the scenes, the \$16.2 million expansion of Cockburn ARC is complete!

A huge thank you to our members and community for your patience during the build. The upgrade means more space, more equipment and more ways to train, stretch, sweat or simply switch off.

A bigger, better gym

The gym now spans over 1,500 m² and features 60 new pieces of equipment, including 10 squat racks, a multipurpose rig, a large functional training zone and all-abilities equipment. A spacious stretch area supports mobility, recovery and warm-ups. Plus, keep an eye out for new small group training classes held on the gym floor.

Smarter machines

We've introduced smart technology to make training easier, faster and more personalised.

Our new equipment is user-friendly and connects with the Cockburn ARC app to track workouts, sync your smartwatch and even launch your favourite apps all from the machine.

One of the standout additions is the Bio Circuit – an AI-powered strength circuit that remembers your settings and automatically adjusts, guiding you through a full-body workout with minimal set-up.

Personal training coming soon

Train one-on-one or two-on-one with a qualified personal trainer. Each 60-minute session includes a customised program, expert guidance and ongoing support to help you reach your goals.

Reformer Pilates — anytime!

Our brand-new Reformer Pilates Studio is light, modern and equipped with 13 reformer beds. Choose from a wide variety of instructor-led classes on the timetable or take advantage of on-demand sessions — perfect for those who prefer to train at their own pace or outside traditional class hours.

More classes, more ways to move

We have over 120 group fitness classes every week, so there's something for every style, pace and goal. You'll find fan favourites like BodyPump and BodyCombat alongside fresh additions like SHAPES, hosted in the upgraded Main Group Fitness Studio that now features a raised stage, mood lighting and enhanced sound.

Our new dedicated Mind and Body Studio is a calm, purpose-built space designed for all things wellness. Unwind with yoga, meditation and recovery sessions, including Vinyasa Flow, Yin Yoga and Restorative practice.

Ride through another world

Immersive fitness takes centre stage in our revamped Cycle Studio. Classes like The TRIP take you on a cinematic bike ride through volcanoes, ice caves and futuristic skylines!

Dockers get in on the action

The expansion also includes upgrades to Fremantle Football Club facilities, with a 250-seat grandstand terrace, AFLW changing rooms, gender-neutral public amenities and a multipurpose function room for education and community programs.

Get started online: www.cockburnarc.com.au/memberships
Call for a VIP tour: 9411 3344 | Email your questions: info@cockburnarc.com.au










Become a member!

There's never been a better time to join Cockburn ARC. Go all in with a Gym + Aquatic + Group Fitness membership, or keep it chill with an Aquatics-only option. Want to take it up a notch? Add Reformer Pilates or personal training into the mix. Whatever your pace, there's a membership to suit.

GYM + AQUATIC + GROUP FITNESS

From **\$22.25** (minimum 6 months)







\$99 start up

-  24/7 gym access
-  Initial appraisal + quarterly reviews
-  Dry + aquatic group fitness
-  Pools
-  Spa, sauna, steam
-  Warm water pool
-  Suspension rights
-  Lockers
-  Casual court use

AQUATIC ONLY

From **\$16.80** (minimum 6 months)

\$49 start up

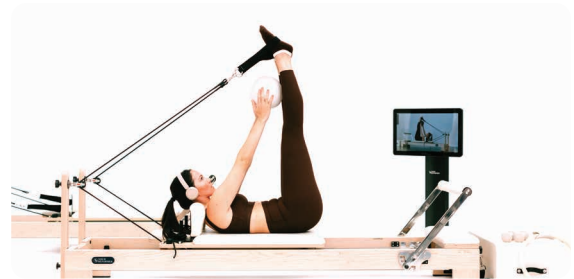
-  Aquatic group fitness
-  Pools
-  Spa, sauna, steam
-  Warm water pool
-  Suspension rights
-  Lockers

Plus ask us about options for youth, concession, FIFO, teen and corporate groups. We've also got flexible month-to-month options.

+ ADD to your gym membership



Reformer Pilates in our new 13-bed studio.



1 class per week - **\$25**

2 classes per week - **\$40**

3 classes per week - **\$55**

Plus unlimited virtual classes

Virtual-only classes - **\$10** per week.
Limited packages available.



Set yourself up for success with a Personal Trainer.



\$85 per session

\$120 for two people

Five and 10-pack plans available.

Our Environment

Cut waste and costs at refill station

Since April, Cockburn ARC has been home to WA's first permanent zero-waste refill station, making it easy for locals to reduce plastic use and cut household costs.

The Skipping Stones Refillery, located in the ARC foyer, lets you top up reusable containers with affordable, eco-friendly products including shampoo, conditioner, body wash, handwash, laundry liquid and dish detergent. All are WA-made and sold by weight, so you only pay for what you need.

By switching from single-use plastics to refills, residents are actively supporting the circular economy and reducing the 2.4 million tonnes of plastic Australians throw out each year.



The refillery is part of the City's commitment to sustainability, and a direct response to what our community has asked for: real options to live more sustainably. Bring your bottles (min 500ml) next time you visit!

Accolades flow for Marina

For the third time, Port Coogee Marina has earned International clean marina accreditations along with a first-time fish-friendly accreditation, cementing its place as one of WA's most environmentally responsible marinas.

The accreditations were awarded by the Marina Industries Association following a detailed audit in March 2025.



Photo: Short-tailed Ceratosoma
Ceratosoma brevicaudatum

Photo: Gem Doris
Dendrodoris krusensternii



The marina achieved an impressive 98.4 per cent clean marina score and 96.15 per cent fish-friendly score.

In 2022, a fish diversity study recorded 71 finfish species, including 13 never seen in the marina before. From sea stars and giant cuttlefish to green turtles and dolphins, the marina is a sanctuary for a remarkable range of sea life.

Initiatives like WA's first seabin (installed in 2019), battery and e-waste recycling, and spill-prevention systems show the City's leadership in marina sustainability.



Inaugural Arts Hall of Fame honours 16 inductees

A thriving artistic community has been quietly shaping Cockburn for decades, and some of its movers and shakers have been recognised for their significant contributions.

The City has honoured 16 people on its inaugural Arts Hall of Fame list, announced at a Memorial Hall ceremony in Hamilton Hill, where plaques commemorating each artist will be installed.

The inaugural inductees are:

1. **Grace Barbé**, Seychellois-born singer/songwriter and musician
2. **Ron Bradfield Jnr**, Bard Jawa saltwater visual artist, facilitator and advocate
3. **Dave Brewer**, multi-instrumentalist and visual artist (painting)
4. **Sharyn Egan**, Nyungar visual artist (mixed media)
5. **Jim Fisher**, multi-instrumentalist
6. **Simone Flavelle**, producer, mentor and advocate for the arts, film and disability arts
7. **George Haynes**, visual artist (painting)
8. **Michelle Hovane**, co-artistic director and performer
9. **Francis Italiano**, co-artistic director and performer
10. **Neta (Juanetia) Knapp**, Nyungar visual artist (painting)
11. **Jane Martin**, visual artist (painting)
12. **Larry Mitchell**, visual artist (painting)

13. **Bill Rogers**, multi-instrumentalist and vocalist

14. **Phil Walleystack**, Nyungar singer/songwriter, performing artist, musician, dancer and author

15. **Ruth Vickers (1943–2019)**, visual artist (textile)

16. **Trevor Vickers**, visual artist (abstraction)

Mayor Logan Howlett said the inductees' strong practices and links with Cockburn had helped inspire the area's unique appeal and personality.

"Cockburn is a community where the arts and artists have long been active, and we cherish and celebrate their contribution," Mayor Howlett said.

"As we announce the inaugural Arts Hall of Fame, we hope it will further encourage fledgling and future artists and supporters of the arts to keep chasing their dreams and aspirations, whether here in Cockburn or further afield.

"The arts play a vital role in all our lives, from creating our personal and community identities to enhancing wellbeing. They contribute to a rich inclusive and diverse culture, generating economic and social benefits for all."

Creative Programs Lead Ella Hetherington said Cockburn should be proud of its artistic diversity and depth of talent.

"Many artists have chosen to call Cockburn home, benefiting from a supportive environment perfect for creativity, with space and freedom to express and evolve art practices," Ms Hetherington said.

Our Community



Cockburn Community Fund brings ideas to life

Did you know the City offers over \$1 million annually in grants, donations and sponsorships through the Cockburn Community Fund?

This funding supports local individuals, groups and organisations to deliver projects that benefit our vibrant community. Whether it's community projects, events, arts, culture, education, environment or sport, there's a grant to help bring your idea to life. The next round opens at 9am, Monday 18 August and closes at 4pm, Tuesday 26 August, with funding available for Community Grants, Cultural Grants, Youth Arts Scholarships, Donations and Group Sponsorships.

Previous recipients have delivered a diverse range of initiatives – from the Brazilian Community Associations, cultural celebrations, Azelia's Dark Corners, and spooky heritage walk theatre show to inclusive initiatives such as a Microenterprise Marketplace for people with disability and DAPAK's music and dance therapy classes. Funding has also supported emergency relief and support services, youth programs, major events such as the Coogee Jetty to Jetty Swim and more.

No idea is too big or small. If your project could make a difference in Cockburn, we encourage you to apply. Visit www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Grants

Avian influenza alert

Australia is currently the only continent free of H5 avian influenza, but the threat of the virus entering with migrating wild birds has increased. For more information on signs and how to report, scan the QR code.

<https://bit.ly/WAAvianFluReport>



bibra lake FUN RUN

Returns in 2025

It's time to lace up those sneakers, because the Bibra Lake Fun Run is back for another year of fitness, fun and community spirit!

Join us on Sunday 14 September at the corner of Gwilliam and Progress Drives for this much-loved local event that brings together seasoned runners, weekend walkers, and families just looking to spend time outdoors.

Whether chasing a personal best, enjoying a relaxed walk, or rolling along with a pram or wheelchair, the 6km and 12km loops around beautiful Bibra Lake offer something for everyone — including dogs on leads!

Serious runners can take advantage of official timing and prize money, while those after a cruiser pace are welcome to stroll the track or simply enjoy a morning of free family entertainment.

Past events have featured everything from reptile encounters and curling games to fire truck tours and DJ sets. Expect a morning packed with activities, music and community connection. There's usually a Zumba warm-up, Creative Kids Play for little ones, and of course, the ever-popular free sausage sizzle.

To register, visit

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/BibraLakeFunRun2025





Winter with Cockburn Libraries

Ancestry Help: Family History One-on-One Sessions

Spearwood Library

6, 13, 20, 27 August, 2pm and 3pm
7, 14, 21, 28, 5.30pm and 6.30pm

Explore your family history with one-on-one assistance from our knowledgeable volunteers.

Booking required.

Book an Adventure!

Coolbellup, Spearwood and Success Libraries
16-23 August | Various days and times

Join us as we celebrate the 80th anniversary of Children's Book Week with festivities for kids of all ages. There are workshops by WA illustrator Leanne White and cartoonist Chanthira Sekar, plus dress-up days, book giveaways, and the chance to win big in our competition!

Some events will require booking.

Social worker support services at Success Library



Success Library | Wednesdays, 12.30-3.30pm
Thursdays, 10am-1pm

In partnership with Curtin University and Communicare, Cockburn Libraries now hosts free social work support services to provide guidance on mental health and financial support or to just lend an ear.

No bookings required.

Dive into the world of anime (13+)

Success Library | 21 August | 4-5.30pm

Chat and share your love of anime, manga, music and culture while enjoying snacks and games at our free Anime Club. Bookings are essential.



Scan the QR code to view full details and make your bookings today or visit:
www.cockburnlibraries.com.au

Five mins with Councillor Tom Widenbar



I love the Cockburn Community Eats events, particularly my local Yangebup Eats at the Yangebup Family Centre. These free community dinners, held once a month of Friday nights, are a fantastic example of what makes Cockburn so special: people coming together to share a meal, a laugh and a sense of belonging.

They're open to everyone and run in partnership between the City and local organisations, with a different volunteer group preparing the meal each month. It's a true community effort. What I love most is how simple and welcoming the concept is - just good food and good company. It's grassroots, it's heartwarming and it's exactly the kind of initiative that makes me proud to serve as a Councillor.

Quintessentially Cockburn



Australian Idol 2025 finalist is Quintessentially Cockburn

Gisella Colletti was up early to prepare for a raft of media interviews, slipping effortlessly between radio station phone calls, television studio sit-downs and video promos in her new role as one of three grand finalists in Australian Idol 2025.

Just days before, she and fellow talented teenagers – eventual-winner Marshall Hamburger and second-place winner Lilysh Retallick – were voted into the reality singing competition's Top 3. There was a lot to chat about and celebrate.

While the talented Banjup local admits her birthday slipped her mind many times on that busy day, she will remember it forever and is thankful to have shared it with her contemporaries in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"It was a dream; I couldn't have been happier," she said.

The Year 12 Corpus Christi College student was away for two months, spending much of her time at a Rooty Hill television studio in Sydney's western suburbs.

Read the full story scan the QR code.



www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/AustralianIdol

New resident checklist

If you have recently moved to one of our 24 suburbs – welcome! You'll soon discover the City of Cockburn is the place where you can have it all. It's either here already, it's right on our doorstep, or we're working hard to make it happen here.

Check more off your list by visiting
www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/New-Residents-and-Migrants

- ☒ Register your pet with the City of Cockburn
- ☒ Sign up to Comment on Cockburn and have your say on a wide range of local policies, projects and initiatives
- ☒ Check the Resource Recovery Calendar for your bin days and other waste services
- ☒ Subscribe to the monthly Cockburn Soundings email newsletter
- ☒ Follow our Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn pages
- ☒ Join any of our three libraries in Coolbellup, Spearwood or Success
- ☒ Join the award-winning Cockburn ARC, in Cockburn Central
- ☒ Search "Search My Suburb on our website"
- ☒ Use our interactive map to find your nearest parks and reserves
- ☒ Discover what events, workshops and activities are on across the City.

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Ranger Services reality check

When you think of a City of Cockburn Ranger, what image springs to mind? Animal whisperer Robert Irwin? Tough-as-nails law enforcers? It might be time for a reality check.

Rangers do deal with animal management, but they're not wrangling wildlife. They're more likely scanning lost pets for microchips and reuniting them with grateful owners and educating the community about responsible pet ownership.

While they enforce local laws, it's not all about fines or tough talk. They're often investigating dumped or illegal rubbish and patrolling our parks, beaches and reserves.

But the most important thing to know? Our Rangers can't do their job without your support. Watch our Rangers in action in our 'Rangers Reality Check' video on our website.



www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Rangers

Home security rebate open



We're committed to enhancing community safety and offer residents the opportunity to apply for our CCTV Home Rebate Program.

The popular initiative allows homeowners to receive a rebate of up to 50 per cent of the total cost of a new or upgraded CCTV system, capped at \$500. We want to support residents in bolstering their home security while contributing to the wider safety of the community.

There are certain eligibility requirements, including registering your system with the WA Police Cam-Map database. The previous round of applications closed early due to high demand. To apply, visit www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/CCTVRebate

Our Environment

Watch for wildlife

As the weather warms and wildflowers bloom, local animals become more active in Cockburn's bushland, wetlands and coastal reserves. Spring is a time of renewal, but wildlife needs space, especially when breeding and nesting.

Swooping birds: Protective parent birds like magpies may swoop to defend their young. Avoid known swooping areas, wear a hat and sunglasses, and walk (don't run) if swooped.

Young birds on the ground: Fledgling birds often leave the nest before they can fly well. Finding one on the ground doesn't always mean it needs help. If unsure, contact WA Wildlife or check our online guide.

Snakes: Increased snake activity occurs in spring. Keep dogs leashed and stick to the path. If you spot a snake, stay calm, retreat slowly and give it space. Never kill a snake – it's illegal and dangerous.



Turtles: Female snake-necked turtles leave the water to nest. If you see a turtle on land, guide it safely in the direction it was heading and discourage predators like ravens.



Let's share our beautiful outdoors respectfully, giving wildlife the room they need while keeping ourselves and our pets safe.

Explore Cockburn's past at the history conference

The City of Cockburn, together with the Historical Society of Cockburn, is proud to host the 2025 State History Conference from 12 to 14 September, celebrating the rich and diverse stories that have shaped our community.

Faces and Spaces of Cockburn: Stories Waiting to be Told brings together historians and local voices to highlight Cockburn's unique place in Western Australia's history.

The program kicks off at cultural icon Memorial Hall in Hamilton Hill with a welcome event and two thought-provoking exhibitions featuring photographic portraits by Nic Duncan and a display of Nyungar artworks from the City's collection.



Photo: Chinese market garden house belonging to Hi Lory at Bibra Lake.

Across the weekend, attendees can enjoy engaging talks and panels on topics such as Midgegooroo's story, the murder of a Hami Hill camel trader in 1896, the layered history of Bibra Lake and Coogee Beach's transformation. Curated exhibitions and guided tours of historic sites like Manning Park, Bibra Lake wetlands and Woodman Point Quarantine Station will offer further insights into the stories embedded in our local landscapes.

To view the full program and register, visit:
www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/facesandspace



2025 Resource Recovery Calendar

Looking to stay on top of your waste and recycling this year? Our 2025-26 Resource Recovery Calendar is now available. Designed to make sustainable living easy, the calendar provides clear, practical information to help you reduce waste and recycle right throughout the year.

What's inside?

Verge Collection Dates

Know exactly when to place bulk waste and green waste out for collection in your suburb.

Bin Sorting Guide

Not sure what goes where? The calendar includes an A-Z guide for your general, recycling and green waste bins.

Hazardous Waste Guide

Learn how to safely dispose of tricky items like batteries, paint, gas bottles and electronics.

Tips for Reducing Waste

Find advice on composting, reuse options and reducing contamination in your bins.

The calendar is available online for easy access anytime, whether you're at home or on the go:

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/waste

Printed copies are also available on request - perfect for pinning on the fridge or sharing with neighbours.

Being informed about what goes where helps reduce landfill, keeps our streets tidy and supports a more sustainable future for Cockburn. By using the calendar, you're doing your part to protect our environment and keep our City clean.



Public Waste Drop-off new location and hours

The City has relocated its Public Waste Drop-off at Henderson Waste Recovery Park. Residents now need to take their trailer passes and waste to 48 Dalison Avenue, roughly 1 km south of the original location.

The Public Waste Drop-off is open 8am-4pm every day except Wednesdays, when it is closed for maintenance. It's also closed on Good Friday, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The Reuse Shop has not moved and can still be accessed at 920 Rockingham Road.



Our Environment

Wildflower season blooms in Cockburn

Spring is almost here, and with the Nyungar season of Djilba (August–September) comes one of Cockburn’s most stunning natural displays – wildflowers in full bloom.

Cockburn is part of the Southwest Botanical Province, one of just 36 internationally recognised biodiversity hotspots on the planet. This means we’re lucky to have some of the world’s most unique and diverse plant life right on our doorstep.

Take the opportunity to explore local nature reserves, where a dazzling array of colours and species await. Some of the best spots to see wildflowers this season include:

- Frankland Reserve, Hammond Park
- Denis De Young Reserve, Banjup
- Roper Reserve, Hammond Park
- Banksia Eucalypt Woodland, Aubin Grove.

You might encounter a variety of delicate blooms such as the Donkey Orchid, Silky Blue Orchid, Milkmaids, Mangles Kangaroo Paw, Running Postman, Firewood Banksia, and Pixie Mops, to name just a few.

To help you identify the flowers you see, the City has created a free Wildflower Guide, available online here: <https://bit.ly/WFGuide>

While you’re out enjoying nature, please remember:

- Stick to marked paths to protect fragile plants
- It’s illegal to pick wildflowers – leave them for others to enjoy and for native species to thrive.

The City will be hosting a guided wildflower walk on Saturday 6 September. To register, visit www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/events



Cockburn, the best place to be

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Telephone: 08 9411 3444 (8.30am–5pm) | Email: customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au

Administration Building, 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood 8.30am–4.30pm Monday to Friday

Postal Address: PO Box 1215, Bibra Lake DC, WA 6965

Website: www.cockburn.wa.gov.au

Cockburn Seniors Centre: 08 9411 3877 | CoSafe: 1300 267 233



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