

Media Statement

16 March 2020

High risk events cancelled in the interest of public health

In response to public health concerns about the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the City of Cockburn has made the decision to cancel its upcoming events that present a high risk to the community.

This decision follows instruction from the Federal Health Department to cancel mass public gatherings to mitigate the spread of the virus.

The City's Anzac Day commemorations will also be cancelled, following direction from the RSL WA.

Affected City-run events include:

- Citizenship Ceremonies (Monday, 16 March and Monday, 23 March 2020)
- Youth in Harmony (Friday, 20 March 2020)
- The April Seniors Dance Dinner ticket sale (Thursday, 2 April 2020)
- The 2020 Cockburn Cultural Fair (Saturday, 4 April 2020)
- ANZAC Dawn service and Parade (Saturday, 25 April 2020)
- ANZAC Youth Parade (Wednesday, 29 April 2020)
- The May Seniors Dinner Dance (Saturday, 2 May 2020)

Events deemed low-risk, such as Cockburn's Show Off art exhibition (28 March-5 April, 10am-3pm daily), are planned to go ahead. However, increased hygiene and cleaning measures will be taken.

City of Cockburn Mayor, Logan Howlett, said that the City's top priority was the health of its residents.

"Our first and utmost concern is the health and safety of our community," said Mayor Howlett.

"The events we have decided to cancel all represent a high risk to our community, either because of the number of people or the vulnerability of the people expected to attend.



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“On Anzac Day, I would encourage our residents to continue to commemorate our veterans and service people in your own way.

“We look forward to bringing these events back in 2021.”

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