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Community input needed for C.Y. O'Connor Beach erosion mitigation

The City of Cockburn wants to know how people use C.Y. O'Connor Beach and what they value most about the iconic North Coogee location.

Feedback will guide how the City looks at protecting the beach from future long-term coastal erosion in the area.

Studies indicate that without further action, surrounding infrastructure might be lost and the beach could become narrow, making it difficult to use.

People are invited to attend a community workshop on Saturday, November 9, at the C.Y. O'Connor Beach grassed area (Rollinson Road entry) any time between 10am and 3pm, and complete an online survey at the City's Comment on Cockburn website.

The C.Y. O'Connor Beach Protection Project area falls between Mewstone Crescent in the north, and McTaggart Cove in the south.

Sections of the dual use path along the beach were relocated in 2009 and 2013 and about \$300,000 has been invested in sand replenishment works in the past four years.

"The current and future environmental, social and economic values of the land and assets in this area are significant, such that retreat and abandonment is not considered a practicable option," City of Cockburn Engineering and Works Director Charles Sullivan said.

"To improve protection, the City is investigating long-term engineering designs to mitigate erosion.

"To do this, we need to understand the community's use and values of the beach, so we can devise potential options that retain amenity as far as possible."



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Complete the survey at <https://comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au/CYOConnorBeach> and written submissions can be emailed to comment@cockburn.wa.gov.au.

The comment period closes 4pm on Tuesday, November 19.

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