



# Media Release

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## **City and Southern Cross Care working towards aged care facility in Coolbellup**

The City of Cockburn is negotiating with Southern Cross Care (WA) for the lease of a 2ha land parcel in Coolbellup for the long term development of aged care accommodation.

Priority for Coolbellup and Cockburn residents and 20 per cent of the independent living units to be affordable to low income households, are among stipulations of the proposed lease.

An offer of a 50-year lease plus a 49-year option to renew, and an annual rent of \$11,000 (ex GST, plus CPI) with an annual review are among terms included in the lease offer to the not-for-profit organisation.

The facility would help meet the severe shortage of affordable aged care accommodation in Cockburn's western suburbs, as highlighted in the City's 2009 Aged Friendly Strategic Plan.

Within the next five years, the City has forecast a shortfall of 435 aged care beds due to the ageing population in Coolbellup, Hamilton Hill and Spearwood.

The proposed \$60m 280-maximum residential care place and seniors housing development would occur in three stages on Benedick Road near the corner of Cordelia and Coolbellup avenues.

If the draft proposal is approved, stage one would comprise 12 villas and 34 aged care or seniors apartments; stage two would comprise 18 dementia-specific residential aged care places and 53 aged care or seniors apartments; stage three would comprise 78 aged care or seniors apartments.



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