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You tell us Cockburn is the place to live

The City of Cockburn's 14th annual MARKYT® Community Scorecard results show the City's performance is equal to or above other councils as a place to live and as a governing body.

97 per cent of respondents gave a positive rating for Cockburn as a place to live and 93 per cent rated the City positively as a governing organisation.

The City is setting an industry high with 62 per cent of residents agreeing the City understands community needs, well ahead of the industry average of 36 per cent.

Mayor Logan Howlett said the City continued to be a solid performer, sitting in equal third position among 28 participating West Australian councils, well above the industry standard for our state.

430 randomly selected residents took part in the independent study conducted by CATALYSE® Pty Ltd in March and April.

The survey helps the City hear local residents' perceptions, allowing it to evaluate and adjust its priorities and programs to fulfil community needs.

Areas in which the City is the industry leader or well ahead of other councils include:

- Value for money from Council rates
- Understanding of community needs
- How the community is informed about local issues
- Economic development
- Services and facilities for youth
- Facilities, services and care for seniors
- Cockburn ARC (Aquatic and Recreation Centre)
- Natural disaster education, prevention and relief

Areas you say we do well at include:

- Sport and recreation facilities
- Playgrounds, parks and reserves

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- Festivals, events and cultural activities
- Library and information services
- Waste and recycling
- Customer service

Survey respondents said among the highest priority areas to address were Council's leadership, traffic management, streetscapes, local area development and safety.

Mayor Logan Howlett said the City would continue to advocate to secure State and Federal funds for major projects, such as the successful campaign for funding for the Armadale Road duplication and bridge over Kwinana Freeway, and to ensure government engaged with the local community when it undertook projects in the City.

"The City is working on managing traffic congestion and supporting alternative means of transport, particularly around Cockburn Central and other activity centres," Mayor Howlett said.

"A more robust transport network will include more cycle paths, better promotion of alternative transport paths and lobbying for State and Federal funding for improved transport infrastructure.

"Successful partnerships with State Government services responsible for law and order will continue to provide a safe and secure environment.

"These partnerships involve sharing intelligence and pooling resources. Much of this intelligence comes from the City's security patrol service, CoSafe.

"The City will install new CCTV at the Cockburn Bowling and Recreation Facility at Visko Park, the new skate park at Bibra Lake and at Atwell Community Centre.

"Our community has said it wants more trees planted in the City. There is also a lot of support for preserving our natural environment and carefully managing our natural assets."

Key tree planting projects in 2018-19:

- Spearwood - street tree planting on main thoroughfares - \$0.150m
- City wide - verge tree planting - \$0.3m



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There are many projects due to commence in 2018-19 that will improve your local area. Examples include:

- Aubin Grove – Princeton Park upgrades – \$0.105m
- Bibra Lake – Ramsay Park upgrades – \$0.25m
- Cockburn Central – Lakeridge Park upgrades – \$0.161m
- Coogee – Poole Reserve upgrades – \$0.198m
- Coolbellup – New nature playground, Len Packham Reserve – \$0.5m
- Hamilton Hill – Southwell Park renewal – \$0.25m
- Jandakot – Fairway Park upgrades – \$0.138m
- Munster – Hagan Park upgrades – \$150K
- Princeton Park upgrades, Aubin Grove – \$105K
- Lakeridge Park upgrades, Cockburn Central – \$161K
- Poole Reserve upgrades, Coogee – \$198K
- Southwell Park renewal, Hamilton Hill – \$250K

For more information visit: https://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/getattachment/8e2ac679-7de5-46c8-8911-a05701b647df/ecm_7646766_v5_markyt-community-scorecard-2018-report-pdf.aspx

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