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City of Cockburn shines in the shade again

The City of Cockburn excelled at the 2017 Local Government Children's Environment and Health Policy Awards, winning the Shade in Public Places category for the second consecutive year.

The City was also commended in the Nature Play and Smoke-Free Environment categories at this year's event, the seventh of its kind.

The annual awards are presented by the Public Health Advocacy Institute of WA (PHAIWA), showcasing local government progress in creating environments that protect and support the health of children.

The City has a Playground Shade Strategy which prioritises the location and spending program for new shade sails.

New shade sails will be installed at Bloodwood Reserve, Freshwater Reserve, Glen Mia Park, Habitat Park and Banjup Community Centre in the 2017-18 financial year.

In 2016-17 shade sails were installed at C Y O'Connor (North) Park, Evelyn Massey Park, Dubove Reserve, Tempest Park, Peregrine Park, Brandwood Reserve, and Allendale Park, and after community feedback, more shade sails were installed at Bibra Lake Regional Playground.

The 'Dad's n Tots Mud Trek' and the 'Mum's n Bubs Nature Hike' received a commendation in the Nature Play category.

These two popular events encourage parents to discover the secret sites of Cockburn with a guided wetland or bushland adventure, while connecting with their babies and other parents, enjoying the positive benefits of nature.

Many of the City's outdoor environments feature signage or stickers informing visitors of its Smoke-Free Policy which prohibits smoking at all covered bus stops and Council-run or sponsored events, and within 10m of:



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- All children's playground equipment
- Sporting facility building entrances
- People on Council playing fields or sporting grounds
- People on City of Cockburn beaches, dunes or jetties, and
- Entrances to Council-owned or managed buildings including balconies or covered areas of the buildings.

"Local councils are important, as the name suggests – they are local," PHAIWA Director Dr Melissa Stoneham said.

"Councils care about local communities and people. Children are an important part of any community, and they are our future. We are so excited to be acknowledging the Councils in WA who have developed policies and provide programs, services and information that are relevant and valued by children and young people."

The Awards are a PHAIWA initiative supported by Healthway, the WA Local Government Association, the Commissioner for Children and Young People WA and The Cancer Council WA.

At this year's awards, 25 Local Governments showcased innovative projects, programs and policies across 14 categories prioritising the health and wellbeing of children.

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