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Cockburn's Sustainability and Environment Reference Group hold inaugural meeting

The City of Cockburn has hosted the first meeting of its new Sustainability and Environment Reference Group (SERG).

The SERG will provide strategic input and advice to the City and Council as it develops and reviews strategies, strategic policies, programs, plans and reports relating to sustainability and the environment in Cockburn.

The meeting enabled the election of the first chairperson and deputy chairperson, with Cockburn councillor Phoebe Corke and community member Emma-Leigh Synnott taking on those roles, respectively.

City of Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett said the SERG was another way the City was meeting the Environmental Responsibility outcome in its Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030.

"The City strives to be a leader in environmental management that enhances and sustainably manages our local natural areas and resources," Mayor Howlett said.

"The City is pleased the SERG will help it continue to meet this important strategic community outcome relating to sustainability, the environment and climate change."

Comprising six community members, including four with demonstrated qualifications or experience in sustainability and/or environmental management, a representative each from the Perth South West Metropolitan Alliance and the Melville Cockburn Chamber of Commerce, and three City of Cockburn elected members, the group will meet quarterly.

Establishment of the SERG was endorsed by Cockburn Council in November 2023 and was followed by a call for registrations of interest from the community, which attracted 45 nominations.



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SERG membership: Community –

- Erin Carder
- Dean Huxley
- Leah Knapp
- Manuela Lenehan
- Georgia Lilley
- Emma-Leigh Synnott

Melville Cockburn Chamber of Commerce –

- Craig Peterson

Perth South West Metropolitan Alliance –

- Kathleen Broderick

City of Cockburn Elected Members –

- Cr Phoebe Corke
- Cr Philip Eva
- Cr Tom Widenbar

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