



# Media Release

20 March 2020

## **City to close Cockburn ARC and Cockburn Seniors Centre as COVID-19 safety measure**

As COVID-19 continues to rapidly change how we live and work, the City of Cockburn's greatest concern remains the health and safety of our community, especially those most at risk.

With this in mind and as a precautionary measure, the City will close Cockburn ARC and Cockburn Seniors Centre from 5pm today, Friday, 20 March, until further notice.

The City has activated its Business Continuity Plan and will continue to implement this, to ensure that we can continue to provide as many of our services as possible.

Mayor Logan Howlett said while the closures were disappointing, they were unavoidable as community safety was paramount at this unprecedented time.

"The City will continue to reassess all its other services," Mayor Howlett said.

"We are adapting our plans to include a focus around how **best** to look after the vulnerable people in our community.

"These plans are based on our existing Local Emergency Management Arrangements. Before we activate some elements of the plan, we need to assess the risks of any volunteer-based programs that we initiate."

The City will notify members of the ARC, Seniors Centre and the broader community via email, SMS, notices in the *Cockburn Gazette* (out on Thursdays, online and a daily enews email), social media posts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, plus signage and posters at relevant City sites.

The City continues to liaise with the Federal and State Departments of Health.

Any further changes to the operation of City facilities, community services or events will be detailed on the City's website and via the other channels detailed above.



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For further information on what the City is doing, visit the City's dedicated COVID-19 website page at: <https://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/COVID-19>

For health updates on COVID-19, visit the [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), the [WA Department of Health](#) and the [World Health Organisation](#) or call the Coronavirus Health Hotline on 1800 020 080.

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