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**Cockburn**, the best place to be

The City of Cockburn acknowledges we are on the Boodjar (country) of the Whadjuk Nyungar people.

We have included Nyungar language on the cover to identify the First Nations peoples of this area and show our respect for the beauty and resilience of the language.

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## Message from the Mayor

The Nyungar season of Kambarang (October to November) is upon us, providing great opportunities to explore our banksia woodlands, wetlands and coastal features. Walks in any of these locations bring us closer to nature, with spectacular displays of balgas, acacias, wildflowers and fungi, birds singing in the trees and many of our reptiles coming out of hibernation.

I often say that to fully appreciate the wonders around us when out walking you need to stop, close your eyes and absorb the atmosphere – it can be quite surreal at times. The many lakes that showcase the abundance of nature can be observed for hours, as can the wildflowers coming into flower in our banksia woodlands. Spider orchids provide spectacular displays if you find them. For those who look more carefully at the areas shaded from the sun, you'll find some amazing specimens of fungi. All colours, shapes and sizes provide an interesting and important element to our natural environment.

Our coastal features continue to be a source of continuous change, being shaped by the wind, rain, waves and humans. I encourage everyone to observe any signage and, in particular, stick to allocated pathways through the dunes.

Of course, with spring comes the birth of young birds (or chicks) who emerge from their nests ready to eventually take flight. Most of us will be aware of the swooping magpies protecting their nests and young in our local parks, banksia woodlands and even in our own properties where they take up residence. Please spread the message to make everyone aware of the dangers of being out and about during this time.

On behalf of Elected Members, I thank our staff and volunteers for their passion and commitment to the many challenges that present themselves on a daily basis in terms of our environment.

**His Worship the Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP**

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Cockburn, the best place to be

## Environmental Responsibility

# Who makes a difference in your community?

## Nominate someone who makes a difference

Every year on Australia Day we celebrate those who tirelessly give back to our community.

Every community has local heroes who make a difference, no matter what industry they are from. If you know anyone who fits the bill, nominate them for Citizen of the Year.

Nominations are open until Monday 31 October 2022 by visiting [www.citizenshipawards.com.au](http://www.citizenshipawards.com.au)



# What's happening at Cockburn Libraries

Our three libraries offer a range of clubs and groups for our community members of all ages.



## Mahjong Club

The mahjong social club meets weekly and caters to knowledgeable players as well as absolute beginners.

[www.cockburnlibraries.com.au/programs/social-mahjong](http://www.cockburnlibraries.com.au/programs/social-mahjong)



## Poetry Lovers Club

Once a month, the poetry lovers come together at Coolbellup Library. Enjoy a cuppa and chat about old and new favourites.

[www.cockburnlibraries.com.au/programs/poetry-lovers-club](http://www.cockburnlibraries.com.au/programs/poetry-lovers-club)



## Knitting Circle

Our social knitting clubs are excellent for working on projects with a group of like-minded people – all three Cockburn libraries have popular groups.

[www.cockburnlibraries.com.au/programs/knitting-circle](http://www.cockburnlibraries.com.au/programs/knitting-circle)



## Tech Help

Want to set up your email on your phone? Keen to start a Facebook account? Just need help unlocking your iPhone? Book a one-on-one tech session with us.

[www.cockburnlibraries.com.au/programs/tech-help-one-on-one](http://www.cockburnlibraries.com.au/programs/tech-help-one-on-one)

For general Cockburn Libraries enquiries, call 08 9411 3800 or visit [www.cockburnlibraries.com.au](http://www.cockburnlibraries.com.au)

# Illegal dumping and littering cost ratepayers \$1.5m a year

Illegal dumping and littering are an offence that costs ratepayers and the City approximately \$1.5m a year in clean-up costs and resources. Illegal dumping is anything that can fit into the size of a small trailer. Anything less is littering. If you see someone illegally dumping their goods, please call the Pollution Watch Hotline on 1300 784 782 (24 hours).

Illegal dumping is not only an eyesore for residents, it can also attract vermin and other scavenging animals to the area. Over time, this can negatively impact local property prices. Dumping of hazardous waste can also affect the environment if it is not contained correctly and can be dangerous for residents – especially children.

If offenders are caught and prosecuted they face fines, clean-up, and court costs ranging from approximately \$1,000-\$62,500 for individuals and up to \$125,000 for businesses. Offenders' details, including business details, are also made public.

## Where can I dispose of my bulk waste?

All ratepayers in Cockburn receive six trailer passes per year to the Henderson Waste Recovery Centre (HWRC). Renters also have the right to ask their landlord for their trailer passes otherwise it costs \$50 per load per car or \$65 for a utility or trailer not exceeding 1m<sup>3</sup>. \$50 is much less than paying up to \$125,000 in fines and costs! Note that tyres can also be disposed of at the HWRC.

## Report illegal dumping

Let's make Cockburn the best place to be. Report illegal dumping by calling the Pollution Watch Hotline on 1300 784 782 (24 hours) or emailing [pollutionwatch@dwer.wa.gov.au](mailto:pollutionwatch@dwer.wa.gov.au)



# Experienced Leadership Team takes on interim CEO role

The City's robust leadership has continued to evolve in the last quarter of 2022 as an experienced three-member team shares the role of acting Chief Executive Officer until a permanent candidate is appointed which could take up to 12 months.

On Thursday 1 September, Executive Corporate Affairs Victoria Green made City of Cockburn history by becoming the first woman to take on the CEO role.

Ms Green will continue in the role until the end of October when Chief of Operations Anton Lees will step up for two months, followed by Executive Governance and Strategy Emma Milne in January and February.

The two-month rotation is part of the Council endorsed arrangement which will continue until an appointment is made.

(L-R) Mayor Logan K Howlett, Victoria Green, Emma Milne and Anton Lees



## Moort Danjoo Whadjuk Boodja

Coolbellup is sporting a new mural, and it brightens up the whole community.

After years of ongoing graffiti on the Len Packham Clubrooms, the City – with the Coolbellup Resident Association – decided to try a mural approach to reduce graffiti.

Step in, local Noongar artist Amanda Hart. More than 300 community members voted for Amanda to create Coolbellup's newest artwork. Amanda worked with the Coolbellup community to inform the design for the mural.

The final design represents both Coolbellup and Bibra Lake with a Noongar theme featuring the long-neck turtle. The mural also features the words 'Moort Danjoo Whadjuk

Boodja' which means 'Family Together on Noongar Country' – words that remind us that family is important and significant. Len Packham Park often hosts Noongar families that come together to celebrate the lives of their loved ones.

Amanda painted stones and left them by the mural for local children to find and take home as a memory of the mural.

"The mural was inspired by my Aunty Marline, a Cooby Elder, who always tells me yarns about when they used to go to Bibra Lake. [They'd] catch turtles for a good feed – they'd catch them and throw them in the hot coals to cook." Amanda Hart, artist.



## Community, Lifestyle and Security

## Recognising a combined 255 years of service

Cockburn State Emergency Service (SES) stalwarts Beth Drayton and Alan Worrall were recognised for their outstanding service to the community at the 2022 Cockburn Volunteer Emergency Services Dinner.

They were among 26 people to receive service pins recognising a combined 255 years' service to Cockburn volunteer emergency organisations Cockburn SES, South Coogee Bush Fire Brigade, Jandakot Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, and Marine Rescue Cockburn.



**Bethwyn Drayton,**  
Atwell – 30 years,  
Cockburn State Emergency Service

Beth's husband is an SES member, and once their children were late teens, Beth felt it was time to join up too. Volunteering was not new to Beth, and she always found it rewarding and socially stimulating and felt it fulfilled a need in the community.

The husband and wife team undertook very different roles, but it became a way of life as well as enabled them to look beyond themselves. Beth took her career skills to the SES but has also learned so much that has carried into her daily life. Her past roles have been in catering, finances and logistics, and now she's the Unit historian.



**Alan Worrall,**  
Spearwood – 25 Years,  
Cockburn State Emergency Service

Alan joined the Cockburn SES when he was between jobs, to give something back to the community.

He's continued to serve because he feels there is always a need in the community and he's working with like-minded people, which adds value to his life while helping others along the way.

Alan's time with the SES has made him very safety aware and taught him new skills. For example, he's learned about radio communications, navigation, chainsaws, knots and leadership.

His time with Cockburn has led to the development of personal relationships which have enriched his life and led to many treasured friendships and, most significantly, to becoming a dad.

Alan and Beth are highly respected, well-regarded members of Cockburn SES over many decades, and they hold knowledge and skills beyond the norm. They also have the skills to teach others and lead people in their journeys in the Cockburn SES.

## Register your dog or cat before the end of October

All dogs over three-months-old must be registered and microchipped by law. Cats over six-months-old must be registered, microchipped and sterilised. Registration is due by Monday 31 October 2022 and we offer lifetime, three-year, or annual registrations.

Why do I need to register and microchip my pet?

- Our rangers have a better chance of returning your pet safely if they go missing
- We can provide the right type of services and facilities for your pet
- It is the law and fines over \$200 may be issued if your pet is unregistered.

Don't forget that your pet needs to be microchipped by a vet before they can be registered. Your pet's microchip details are stored on a national database, which helps our rangers to return your pet if it's lost. To retrieve the microchip details, please call your vet.

### Already registered your dog or cat?

If you move house or change your contact details, please remember to inform the City by emailing [rangers@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:rangers@cockburn.wa.gov.au).

Register by Monday 31 October 2022 at [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/dogcat](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/dogcat)



## On your bike!

Are you ready to join in the fun? This October take part in Biketober, the national bike challenge! Everyone can take part no matter how often you ride – or don't!

The challenge is open to everyone, including businesses. It's a virtual challenge, so jump online and log in your details whenever you finish a ride. See how you're going against others, set cycling goals, participate in online challenges, receive encouragement and win prizes!

Get as many teams as possible at work to get involved and ride against each other. This may be the catalyst to get you on your bike when making those short trips to the shops or to drop the kids off at school.

To sign up for Biketober, visit [www.lovetoride.net/australia](http://www.lovetoride.net/australia)

**BIKETOBER**  
THE NATIONAL BIKE CHALLENGE



LOVE TO RIDE

### Where can I ride in Cockburn?

With 23 suburbs making up Cockburn, there are so many exciting places to ride and every year we are adding to and upgrading our bike path network to better connect these destinations. Discover our interactive 'Explore Cockburn' map to view locations and the bike paths that will get you there. Visit

[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/explorecockburn](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/explorecockburn)



## Get ready for summer with Swim ARCADEmy

With the weather warming up again, now's the perfect time to learn how to swim. Our customised Swim ARCADEmy program is suitable for all abilities and ages from babies through to adults.

For only \$18 a week, you'll:

Learn vital swimming techniques

Build crucial water safety behaviours

Gain confidence in all types of water

Graduate with the skills you need for water sports and competitive swimming

With the help of our online class matching tool, you can find the perfect class and enrol in just a few clicks. As our lessons don't follow a term-based structure, you can start as early as the next day.

"Our son [has gone] here for his swimming lessons since he was six-months-old. He absolutely loves his instructor and the water." – **Daniel**

"My kids have been doing their lessons here for a few years now. The instructors are always friendly and have encouraging words for the kids. Highly recommend." – **Sumayya**

[www.cockburnarc.com.au/Swim](http://www.cockburnarc.com.au/Swim)

## Environmental Responsibility

## Fight the bite

With the rainfall experienced this winter, we can expect mosquitoes out in force in the warmer weather.

In WA alone we have more than 100 different species of mosquito, some of which will carry disease-causing viruses like Ross River Virus.

The City monitors the mosquito population closely and works with the Department of Health to control outbreaks.



Mosquitoes lay their larvae in still or stagnant water, so they are attracted to lakes and wetlands. While the City treats sumps, soak wells, road drains, and other man-made water bodies to

prevent breeding, there are things you can do to protect yourself and your home:

- Cover up with long, loose-fitting clothing
- Use a repellent containing DEET (diethyltoluamide) or picaridin
- Empty, remove or cover water-holding containers
- Install insect screens on windows and doors
- Use mosquito nets and mosquito-proof tents when camping
- Make sure your pool is chlorinated, and the filtration system is active.

For more information visit

[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/mosquitomanagement](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/mosquitomanagement)

## Revitalising our well-loved playgrounds

**Did you know there are more than 200 playgrounds in Cockburn?**

Every year a number of these playgrounds reach the end of their life and require new equipment to be installed. In this financial year, 14 playgrounds across nine suburbs will receive replacement equipment.

To ensure the playground equipment meets the needs of the local community, the City produces three design options for each playground and asks residents which design they prefer. This annual project replaces end-of-life equipment with new, like-for-like versions – it doesn't include significant changes or additions to the playground.

In June, we went out to residents asking which design they preferred. To find out which designs were chosen for playgrounds in Aubin Grove, Beeliar, Coogee, Hamilton Hill, Lake Coogee, South Lake, Spearwood, Success and Yangebup visit

[comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au/playgrounds2022](http://comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au/playgrounds2022)



## Coogee Beach is now more accessible

The much-loved Coogee Beach jetty reopened in August. The jetty has undergone maintenance and accessibility improvements, including a new beach access ramp so people with mobility issues and those with prams can easily access the beach. The decision to build the ramp was in response to feedback from beach users who had difficulty travelling to and from the water's edge over a large area of sand.



Ramp - Artist impression

Events

# It's event season!

From now until April 2023 we'll be showering you with a massive range of events that are suitable for the whole family.

Hard copies of the latest event guide can be found at any Cockburn Library, Cockburn Seniors Centre, Youth Centre, or Administration building, or see our full range of events at [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/events](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/events) online.



**1 November 2022 –  
31 January 2023**  
Age-Friendly Classes 50s+  
**Guided Meditation - cost \$8**  
Every Tuesday 6-7pm,  
Success Library



**1 November 2022 –  
31 January 2023**  
Age-Friendly Classes 50s+  
**Yoga - cost \$8**  
Every Tuesday 9.15-10.15am,  
Jandakot Hall



**2 November**  
**Volunteer Pop-Up Stall**  
10am-midday, Coolbellup Library



**5 – 13 November**  
**Cockburn Live**  
Cockburn Central

**A FRINGE-LIKE  
FESTIVAL FOR  
ALL AGES**



**5 and 19 November**  
**Disability Sports Days**  
1-3pm, Cockburn ARC

**7 November**  
**BreastScreen WA**  
9.30-10.30am, Cockburn Senior Centre  
Presentation and opportunity  
to book a scan



**COVID-19** These events are subject to change or cancellation. If you feel unwell, please do not attend these events.



## 7 November 2022 – 30 January 2023

Age-Friendly Classes 50+  
**Pilates - cost \$8**  
Every Monday, 9.30-10.30am,  
Jandakot Hall



## 24 November

**Seniors Centre Christmas Market**  
9am-2pm, Cockburn Seniors Centre  
*Everyone welcome!*



## 12 November – 17 December

**Healthy Eating and Lifestyle (HEAL)**  
9-11am, Cockburn Health and  
Community Facility

## 3 December

**Christmas on the Green**  
4.30-8pm, Legacy Park,  
Cockburn Central



## 7 December

**Volunteer Pop-Up Stall**  
10am-midday, Success Library



**16 November**  
**Step into Volunteering Workshop**  
1pm, Spearwood Library

**2023**

## 26 January 2023

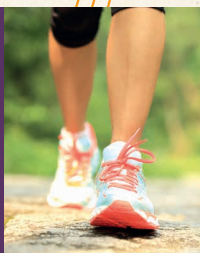
**Australia Day Coogee  
Beach Festival**

8am-midday,  
Coogee Beach Reserve,  
Coogee



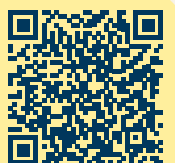
## 18 November

**Cockburn Trek**  
8-11am, Coogee Beach  
Surf Life Saving Club



Visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/events](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/events)  
for more information or scan the  
QR code to subscribe to the  
events eNewsletter.

*Scan here*



# New Fire Danger Rating system

There is a new Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) in place, which is part of a national project to ensure fire danger ratings are communicated in the same way across Australia.

Fire danger ratings tell us how dangerous a bushfire could be, based on factors like the weather and the types of vegetation in the area, and also what to do.

## What's changed?

The new AFDRS is simpler and more action-driven, so you know exactly what you should do to help protect yourself and others from bushfire.

The new AFDRS levels include:

### **MODERATE** – plan and prepare

- Most fires can be controlled
- Check your bushfire plan.

### **HIGH** – be ready to act

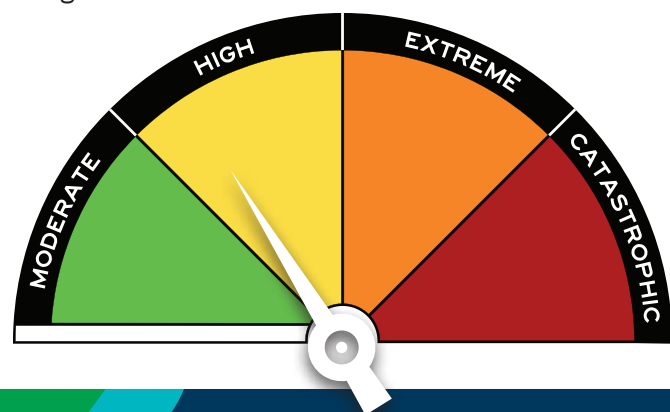
- Fires can be dangerous
- Decide what you will do if a fire starts. Review your bushfire plan.

### **EXTREME** – take action now to protect your life and property

- Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous
- Put your bushfire plan into action. If a fire starts, take immediate action. If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, plan to leave early.

### **CATASTROPHIC** – for your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.

- If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost
- It may be too late to make a bushfire plan. Prepare your emergency kits and choose where you will go and different ways to get there. Stay safe by going to a safer location early in the morning or the night before.



There is also a new 'no rating' for days where no proactive action is required.

For more on the AFDRS visit

[www.afac.com.au/initiative/afdrs](http://www.afac.com.au/initiative/afdrs)

To check the daily Fire Danger Rating or for bushfire warnings visit [www.emergency.wa.gov.au](http://www.emergency.wa.gov.au). For more information on how to prepare for a bushfire visit [www.dfes.wa.gov.au/bushfire](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/bushfire). To create or review your bushfire plan go to [www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au](http://www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au) or download the app.



## *How's your fire prevention preparation going?*

With the hot weather just around the corner, now's the time to start putting measures in place to protect your property and help keep your family safe. Whether your property is in suburbia, near a park or reserve, or in a rural area, everyone needs to prepare for the summer fire season.

### **How can I protect my house and family?**

#### **Properties smaller than 4,047m<sup>2</sup>**

- Cut long grass or weeds to a maximum height of 50mm
- Remove dead vegetation.

#### **Properties larger than 4,047m<sup>2</sup>**

- Firebreaks (3m wide cleared surface inside the external property boundary) should be in place from 1 November to 15 April
- Prune overhanging branches to provide a 4m high vertical clearance above the firebreak
- Remove dead vegetation 3m wide around houses, sheds and other structures.

### **When is burning permitted?**

If you own a rural property, you need a permit to burn on your property in October, November, April, and May. Burning is prohibited from December to March inclusive.

For more information, call 08 9411 3444 or visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/burning](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/burning)

Environmental Responsibility

# Comedy with a sustainable message

You may have seen some quirky characters popping up on the City’s social media feeds in recent weeks. These are the members of Cockburn’s GREAT Gang – the subjects of a new waste education campaign with a twist.

The City hired local comedian Adrian Alaberg to write and star in the campaign, bringing his trademark brand of cheeky humour to the work.

There are six videos in the series, five of these focus on individual characters based on the State Waste Authorities’ **GREAT** acronym for reducing waste – **G**iving, **R**ecycling, **E**arthcycling, **A**voiding, and **T**aking.

Each video provides helpful tips for how to reduce personal waste with some laughs sprinkled in for good measure.

If you would like to check out the comedy yourself, all the videos can be viewed on the City’s website:

[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/GREATGang](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/GREATGang)

Waste reduction is a priority for the City, with finite landfill space declining and levies climbing. Reducing the amount of waste going to landfill saves the City (and our ratepayers) money and it saves the environment from harm.

The campaign has been primarily funded by a grant from the State Waste Authority.



## Top tips for recycling

- Soft plastics cannot go in your recycling bin.
- This includes plastic bags, plastic food wrap, food packaging such as pasta, rice and cereal bags, and bubble wrap – any plastic that is ‘scrunchable’.
- These types of plastics get caught in the recycling conveyer belt, which can cause the entire system to shut down.
- However, soft plastics can be easily recycled at a REDcycle collection bin found at many supermarkets. They are transformed into a unique range of recycled-plastic products including furniture, bollards and signage.

Find your closest drop-off point here:

[www.wastesorted.wa.gov.au/be-a-great-sort/take](http://www.wastesorted.wa.gov.au/be-a-great-sort/take)

# Crushing facility for Bibra Lake not going ahead

The development of a proposed crushing facility for Bibra Lake will not go ahead.

Council voted to refuse the development, citing concerns about the management of asbestos, dust and noise at the facility’s proposed location within 500 metres of residential houses.

The company involved appealed the City’s decision to the State Administrative Tribunal and then

recently withdrew their appeal following acceptance of a third-party offer to purchase the site.

For more on this issue visit

[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/CrushingFacility](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/CrushingFacility)



Environmental Responsibility

# Snorkel responsibly this summer

Remember to explore with your eyes and not your hands when swimming at the Coogee Maritime Trail.

Summer is just around the corner and that means it's nearly time to hit the beach.

The Coogee Maritime Trail at Coogee Beach is an award-winning coastal attraction comprising an underwater dive and snorkel trail and a land-based trail. The trail is perfect for swimmers, snorkelers and lovers of maritime history and underwater life.

The jewel of the trail is the Omeo shipwreck. Resting just 25 meters off shore, the now haunting and coral-encrusted wreck is what remains of a 163-year-old English iron steamship.

However, the wreck is extremely vulnerable to damage and has been degrading in recent years.

A major cause of this is misuse. It's important to remember that the wreck is not a pontoon or diving platform. When swimmers climb on it, the wreck breaks and collapses in parts. The Omeo is federally protected and standing on or taking parts of the wreck without a permit is an offence under the Commonwealth Underwater Cultural Heritage Act 2018.

If you plan to visit the Coogee Maritime trail this summer, please be a responsible snorkeler.

## Do

- ✓ Explore with your eyes
- ✓ Take photos
- ✓ Stay calm and quiet, and move slowly
- ✓ Collect litter.

## Don't

- ✗ Climb, stand or rest on the wreck
- ✗ Remove pieces of the wreck
- ✗ Leave rubbish behind
- ✗ Do not touch the wreck.

# Picturesque attraction grows

Located on a gorgeous strip of coastline, the Port Coogee Marina is one of Cockburn's most prized facilities. The marina's dedication to clean water and healthy sea life has earned the facility international accreditation.

In 2016 the City began expanding the marina through a multistage process, with a vision to create a destination worthy of our beautiful beaches.

The third stage of this expansion was completed in September 2022, with the addition of 69 new boat pens spread across three new concrete floating jetties.

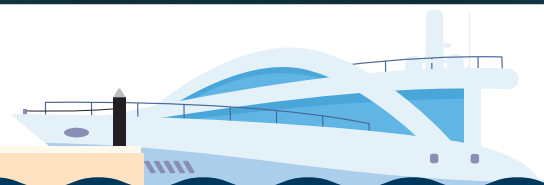
The Bellingham Unifloat jetties are an innovation with a 50+ year design life. Port Coogee is one of the first marinas in Western Australia to install this design.

Other new features include a 90-metre waterfront timber boardwalk, a new loading berth area, two gatehouses serving the new jetties, motion-activated jetty lighting, and boardwalk seating made from jarrah recycled from the Coogee Beach jetty.

Upgrades to the Marina Services Building, including the creation of a downstairs lounge, will be carried out in 2023.

To learn more about the marina expansion, or how to enjoy its facilities visit

[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/portcoogee](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/portcoogee)



Community, Lifestyle and Security

## Speak up for our seniors

Make a difference and join the Age-Friendly Reference Group (AFRG), which represents our Cockburn seniors. The AFRG gives you the chance to voice their collective concerns, provide advice and exchange information with the Council.

Several AFRG achievements include assigning parking spaces for seniors at Cockburn Gateway Shopping City, installing park benches at Woodman Point, and creating marked lanes for seniors in the hydrotherapy pool at Cockburn ARC.

The group is always looking for new members who are residents of Cockburn, seniors, carers or advocates of seniors, or people who work in the seniors' field in a voluntary or paid capacity within Cockburn.

To join or to request more information, contact 08 9411 3870, email [csc@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:csc@cockburn.wa.gov.au) or look at our Age-Friendly Strategy online: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/agefriendlycity](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/agefriendlycity)



## 5mins with..... Cr Philip Eva



One thing I'm excited about in Cockburn is the upgrade to Malabar Park in Bibra Lake.

This will be an international standard facility that all BMX enthusiasts can enjoy.

Add to my list the future upgrades to the ARC, the new Aboriginal Cultural and Visitors Centre, and State projects such as the new Woodman's Point Jetty – and, of course, the new surf park in Jandakot will make Cockburn the 'BEST PLACE TO BE'.



## The more seniors the merrier!

Cockburn is home to nine thriving seniors clubs that are all more than happy to welcome new members. Every club is a little different, but most offer weekly social catch-ups, games, outings, and importantly – social connection. So if you're over 50 and want to be more involved with your community, you may find something below.

**Atwell Over 50s Social Club**

**Aubin Grove Morning Teas & Over 50s**

**Cockburn Chinese Community Association Seniors Club**

**Cockburn Prime Timers**

**Cockburn Senior Citizen's Association**

**Coolbellup Leisure Club**

**Retirees WA**

**St Jerome's Seniors Club**

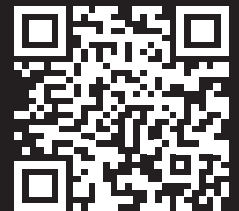
**Yangebup Leisure Club**

To find out more, contact the City's Community Development team on 08 9411 3444 or visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/seniorsclubs](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/seniorsclubs)



## Report a problem

If you are out and about in Cockburn and see something that needs fixing, jump onto our website and let us know. Is there a leaky tap or damaged play equipment at your local park?



Have you noticed a missing street sign or an uneven, dangerous footpath?

Fill in our form, including a picture if you can, at [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/ReportAProblem](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/ReportAProblem) and we will fix the problem as soon as possible.

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## Ninja warrior-style course, pump track, and skate strip for Radiata Park

The exciting upgrades to Radiata Park in Aubin Grove are complete and represent a \$587,000 investment by the City to create an inclusive space for teenagers and young adults.

A big thank you to the Aubin Grove Community Association and more than 100 Aubin Grove students and residents who helped us shape the design of the park's upgrades.

The park features include a ninja warrior-style obstacle course, 3-on-3 basketball court, junior pump track, skate strip, timber benches and a drinking fountain.

The City is always looking for ways to expand and improve our healthy lifestyle infrastructure, which can be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.



## Million-dollar Goodchild Park clubroom upgrades complete

The Phoenix Lacrosse Club and Cockburn Cricket Club are looking forward to using their new facilities at Goodchild Park in Hamilton Hill after its \$1.3m upgrade.

The City continues to invest in new facilities and upgrade older ones, so our recreation facilities remain the envy of those who live elsewhere.

The upgrades and extensions included two new unisex change rooms, an umpire room, a first aid room, improved storage, and upgrades to the existing kitchen and clubroom space. New lighting and CCTV will allow the community to safely use the reserve at night.

The project was funded by the State Government and the City, with \$220,000 coming from the State through a Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI) 'Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund' grant and an additional \$350,000 via an election commitment by Fremantle MLA Simone McGurk. The City funded \$485,516.

The State Government, through the DLGSC, is a major supporter of community sport and recreation facilities in Western Australia. Sport and recreation builds stronger, healthier, happier and safer communities. When we play sport, our whole community wins.

## New nature play area in Atwell

Tapper Park in Atwell now has a new fenced nature play area thanks to State Government funding of \$50,000.

In partnership with the City, Member for Cockburn David Scaife MP engaged with the local community who expressed a need for nature play elements suitable for young children. The Atwell Community Association and residents were actively involved in creating the design of the nature play area which includes a double swing, tightrope, balance log, timber steppers and interactive play panels – perfect for the kids and a great outcome for the local community.



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# Creating a voice for our cultural community

## Multicultural Reference Group

We are seeking people from multicultural backgrounds to join the City's Multicultural Reference Group.

The group's role will be to provide a voice for people of cultural and linguistically diverse backgrounds who live in Cockburn.

They will help promote and celebrate the benefits of cultural diversity, advise on needs and priorities, raise concerns, and exchange information with the City to help make Cockburn the best place to be for all community members.

For more information, contact our Cultural Diversity Officer, Liz Vuchocho, on 08 9411 3444 or visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/multicultural](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/multicultural)



## Where can I take my dog for exercise?

With around 16,000 dogs and more than 120,000 people in Cockburn, it's important that you keep your dog under control at all times, whether they are on-leash or off-leash. Not everyone wants to play or interact with your dog.

There are many areas in Cockburn to take your dog for exercise off-leash. Council has just approved a six-month trial for three additional dog off-leash exercise areas at Enright Reserve in Hamilton Hill, Success Reserve in Success, and Len Packham Reserve in Coolbellup. The trial starts on Saturday 1 October 2022.

For more on where to take your dog for exercise in Cockburn visit

[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/dogexerciseareas](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/dogexerciseareas)

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# Dreaming of a waste-free Christmas?

Most of us love Christmas but hate all the rubbish left afterwards!

There are some simple and easy ways to keep your waste low during the festive season, just follow these handy tips:

1. Get crafty and make your own Christmas decorations – such as a rosemary wreath, golden gum nuts, or even fruit – or look to buy second-hand decorations from an op shop.
2. Buy experiences for your loved ones, rather than stuff, and ask for the same in return.
3. Make homemade gifts for a personal touch (and avoid all that plastic packaging).
4. Avoid wrapping presents in tonnes of paper. If you still want your loved ones to enjoy the thrill of unwrapping a present, consider using reusable fabric wraps or reusable Christmas bags.
5. Make sure you plan your meals and don't over-cater. Christmas leftovers are great, but you don't want so much that you end up throwing them out.



Let's work together to make this Christmas a great one for the planet and for you and your loved ones!

**Reduce your wrapping and give gifts that last**  
[www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/waste](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/waste)

## Cockburn, the best place to be

City of Cockburn

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