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Whadjuk Nyungar Boodjar

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We invite you to be part of the best place to be

The City of Cockburn acknowledges we are on the Beeliar 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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Coogee Live's magic lantern parade. See page 7 for how to join in.



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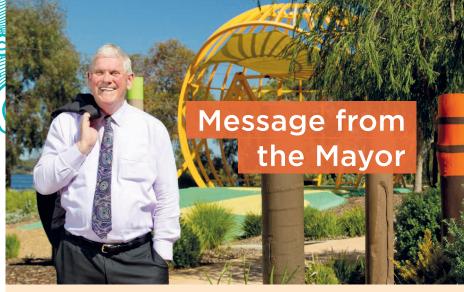








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The new year is well and truly under way, with children returning to school and the holidays coming to an end. Please keep an eye out for children returning to school and remember the 40km/h speed zone.

2023 will see the continued rollout of new community facilities and upgrades to others: sporting ovals, improvements to roadworks and cycle paths across the district, the planting of more verge trees and revegetation projects to increase our tree canopy, and of course the City's well-respected and valued grants and donations program that benefits so many individuals, organisations and the small-business sector.

The ever-present COVID variants continue to occupy our thoughts and activities and it is important to take steps from an individual perspective to protect your own personal health, that of your family and the wider community. Your health and that of others is dependent on us all working together.

Our frontline workers and volunteers are to be commended for their resilience and contribution to our health and wellbeing, as are those workers in the transport and other industries that provide the goods and services we need to continue our daily lives. Our health and wellbeing are an important part of everyday life, as is good nutrition and exercise. The seniors centres in Cockburn provide opportunities for people to enhance their lifestyle, to make new friends and to experience the variety of activities available. The City's Youth Centre also provides opportunities for those aged from 10-24, including the outreach programs they provide.

On behalf of the Elected Members and staff, I trust that 2023 brings to everyone the opportunity to enhance their personal and family wellbeing. I look forward to the input of our valued volunteers and the community as we continue to showcase Cockburn as the place to be.

His Worship the Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP

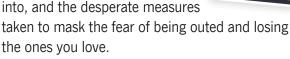
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## Don't Look Away -Danielle Laidley's story

Danielle Laidley, a Premiershipwinning AFL player with North Melbourne Kangaroos and a 151-game veteran with the West Coast Eagles, will be heading to Success Library to talk about her new book - Don't Look Away.

This is an unflinching account of what it's like to know you don't fit in the body you were born into, and the desperate measures

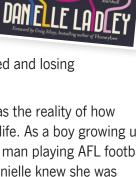


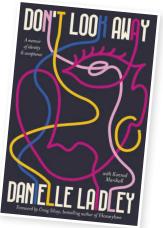
Fearful, vulnerable and uncertain was the reality of how Danielle Laidley felt for most of her life. As a boy growing up in Perth, as a teenager and a young man playing AFL football, and as a married father of three, Danielle knew she was female, regardless of the gender assigned to her at birth.

For years Danielle managed her secret, first with a relentless quest for sporting success and workaholism, and eventually

with substances that dulled the pain.

Don't miss your chance to hear her story and learn about her latest book at Success Library Thursday 16 February 2023 from 6pm. Tickets are \$5 and you can get them here: www.eventbrite.com. au/e/488340468487/preview/







Scan her

#### **Environmental Responsibility**

## **Protecting our natural** wonders from the impacts of climate change

We are lucky to enjoy beautiful beaches and thriving wetlands here in Cockburn. However, these natural wonders are extremely vulnerable and must be protected from the ongoing impacts of climate change.

Cockburn is already experiencing increased coastal erosion, higher summer temperatures, more severe heatwaves, and a longer bushfire season. It is expected that by the end of this century, Cockburn will experience:

- Double the number of hot days per annum
- Dryer conditions for an additional two to three months each year
- A sea level rise of 0.9m
- Increases in the number of high fire weather danger days and high-intensity storms.

These changes are likely to pose significant risks to the safety and wellbeing of the community and the natural and built environment, and will impact the liveability of our City.



# Spend time, not money, in Cockburn

The City of Cockburn is a place made up of vibrant, sustainable, and inclusive communities. We're a place of diverse people, lifestyles, and experiences — with everything from pristine beaches and wetlands to theme parks and world-class recreation facilities.

We offer something for everyone, whether you're looking to entertain the kids for an afternoon or acquire skills and meet new people in your retirement. And many of these activities are free or very low cost, so you don't have the added worry of blowing the budget to have a good time.

It's part of what makes Cockburn the best place to be -a place where you spend time, not money.

#### You're invited to...

... see nature combined with fun for the whole family at Bibra Lake Regional Playground

Bibra Lake Regional Playground has something for everyone, from a double flying fox and tree-top aerial rope walk to in-ground trampolines and giant talking rocks telling local Nyungar stories.

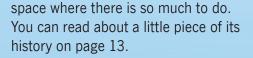
The playground is designed to introduce children of all ages and abilities to the natural environment through play.



The playground's features and designs draw on local wildlife and fauna, and aboriginal heritage, resulting in a unique and local way of learning, exploring and playing.

With BBQs, picnic areas, toilets and change rooms for those with disability, you can spend the entire day at the playground with your family and friends.

Manning Park is another outstanding public







#### ... dive into new adventures Coogee Beach + Maritime Trail

Cockburn's coastline is a pristine wonderland of safe beaches that house a range of activities and experiences that don't cost the earth.

Coogee Beach is one of our most popular coastal spots due to the eco shark barrier, iconic jetty, award-winning Coogee Maritime Trail, and pontoons that appear in summer. Coogee Beach is a great beach for swimmers and if you're lucky, you might see a dolphin or the occasional sea lion.

There are great facilities including playgrounds, BBQs, toilets and showers, and walking and cycling trails. You could easily spend an entire day here without even opening your wallet!

#### ... immerse yourself in our Cockburn Libraries

The City of Cockburn is home to three welcoming libraries in Coolbellup, Spearwood and Success. Our libraries have evolved beyond simply being book repositories, they're vital community hubs and omnichannel content sources.



They're not just places to consume content – they're places to create, connect, and be inspired.

Cockburn Libraries offer events, activities and programs for all ages and interests. Have a budding LEGO master in the family? Get them into LEGO Club at your local Cockburn library. Are you struggling to use FaceTime or social media on your mobile device? Our one-on-one Tech Help sessions will get you online in no time. And the best part of these workshops is that they don't cost anything. Time at the Cockburn Libraries is certainly not time wasted — visit the website to see what's on:

www.cockburnlibraries.com.au

#### ... be entertained by cultural and arts events

Each year the City runs a unique event season that celebrates the diversity and talents of our people and businesses. The events program ranges from large-scale outdoor festivals (see page 6) featuring award-winning artists to intimate art gallery exhibitions showcasing the best of our local talent.

Most of these events are free for Cockburn residents but attract people from all over WA.

Discover what makes Cockburn the best place to be: **cockburn.youtour.com.au** 



And we're set to celebrate with our most exciting festival program yet. Deeply rooted in our connection and commitment to our local community, Coogee Live (officially the Best Community Event in Australia at the 2021 Australian Event Awards) is pulling out all the stops for an exhilarating and inclusive festival experience that we all need and very much deserve!

BACK!

The iconic community festival is a true celebration of beachside family fun, arts, music, food, wellness and discovery, and best of all, it's FREE.

With RADIATE as this year's festival theme, the program is exploding with experiences that shine a light on our incredible local arts and cultural communities, programming that we can all connect with, revel in and thoroughly enjoy. We couldn't be more excited to be back this year and can't wait for you to experience Coogee Live 2023 - we just know you'll be beaming too.

Special thanks to presenting partner, the City Of Cockburn, and our event sponsors Lotterywest, Healthway promoting the LiveLighter message, Alcoa, Fraser's Property Group/Port Coogee, 96FM and PerthNow.

For more information about what's on, booking free workshops and how to get there, simply head to **coogeelive.com** 

#### **Livelighter Community Hub**

The creative communities hub! This world is all about community, connection and creativity. From our free DIY workshops and markets, to the cultural showcases and performances on the community stage - there is plenty to enjoy here across the weekend.

#### **Beach Zone**

Celebrating our iconic beach lifestyle. From mermaid migrations and pirates at the all new Adventure Cove, sandcastle comps, live music on the beach, pop-up bar, flamenco, yoga - it's all going down at Coogee Beach. Oh, and don't forget to pack your bathers.

#### **LiveLighter Omeo Hub**

The interact and chill hub, engage with robots, trivia, crazy crab races and more, or relax and enjoy the music and performances on the stage, all overlooking the ocean.

#### Ocean Garden Kitchen

The food, sustainability and wellness paradise! Local produce and producers will star alongside artisan fare, pop-up restaurants, workshops and hands-on cooking classes.

#### The Marina Hub

An all new addition in 2022 and celebrating our marina and marine life, take in an art exhibition, enjoy fresh crays off the back of the boat, learn to fish and tour the marina and learn about the local marine creatures that call it home.

# FEATURE EVENTS



# **Grand Delusions With Perth Symphony Orchestra** (Ensemble)

This is a night for musical inspiration like no other! Headlining the LiveLighter Community Stage on Saturday 11 March is Grand Delusions, a band of musicians from VisAbility with vision impairment and acquired brain injury, who will perform all your Aussie faves in collaboration with an ensemble from Perth Symphony Orchestra.



#### **City of Cockburn Community Lantern Parade**

Revel in the wonder and magic of the lantern parade! Led by the fire provocateurs Dangerous Delights with the enchanting sounds of the Taiko drums, Japanese flute and didgeridoo thanks to Taiko On. The parade is made up of students from our local schools, community members. If you want to get involved, make sure you complete your free registration and join in our Make Believe Lantern Art workshop on Saturday 11 March (more information at **coogeelive.com**).

# FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS



The Great Mermaid Migration



Merv's Crazy Crab Races



Learn To Fish With The Fishing School



Pirate Adventures With The Wind Wanderer



**Colours of Coogee** 



**Makers Market** 



**Pinot & Picasso** 



Plant Parenting With Anna Macoboy



**Sandy McKendrick** 









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**Events** 

#### Get ready for some fun!

Visit www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/events for more information or scan the QR code to subscribe to the events eNewsletter.



#### 4 February

**Cockburn Seniors Centre Open Day** 

9am-2pm

Cockburn Seniors Centre, Spearwood



#### 18-26 March

**Show Off 18 Art Exhibition** 

10am-3pm daily

Memorial Hall, Hamilton Hill



#### 20 March

**Harmony Day** 

10am-2pm

Cockburn Seniors Centre, Spearwood



#### 22 March

Ageing Well, Explore, Create and Learn Seniors Expo

10am-2pm

Cockburn Seniors Centre, Spearwood



#### 30 March

**Easter Market** 

9am-2pm

Cockburn Seniors Centre, Spearwood





8 April

**Cultural Fair** 

3-7pm

Cockburn ARC Harmony Oval, Atwell

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

**Environmental Responsibility** 

What is the City doing to address climate change?

Our Climate Change Strategy 2020-2030 lays out a range of targets that we are currently working towards.

These include net zero corporate emissions, a transition to 100 per cent renewable energy and 100 per cent of non-hazardous waste to be diverted from landfill by 2030.

To advance these goals, the City has invested in a suite of renewable energy technologies including electric vehicles, geothermal energy, solar energy and recycled products.

The City is also working to adapt our communities to the expected impacts of climate change. This includes adapting our coastline to address erosion and inundation and preparing bushland for potential fires.

#### What can you do to tackle climate change?

There are a number of ways residents can reduce their own carbon footprint and adapt their homes and habits to the impacts of climate change.







#### Free home eco audits

Want to reduce your energy and water bills while reducing your carbon footprint? The City offers free home check-ups in Cockburn each year. Successful applicants receive tailored advice on energy, water and waste.

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/EcoAudit



#### Sustainability Grants

Collective households, small-business and local community groups can apply for a sustainability grant of up to \$4,000 towards a sustainability related project.

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/ EnvironmentGrants



#### **Climate Clever**

This is a simple program that can be run from a mobile phone or tablet that allows you to track your power, gas and water consumption and calculate your carbon footprint. The app then provides recommendations for ways you can improve.

www.climateclever.org/homes

To find out other ways the City can support you to live more sustainability, visit our website:

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/SustainableLiving

#### **Quintessentially Cockburn**

#### Soa's strong mindset is a winner

When you think of retired Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) Heavyweight Soa 'The Hulk' Palelei, it's natural to think of a strong body.

But the longtime Cockburn local knows physical strength means nothing if you don't have the tools to maintain a strong mind.

The three-time Mixed Martial Arts World Champion, Hollywood movie star, Penguin Books author and Brazilian jujitsu black belt has many strings to his bow.

His real passion is helping ordinary people build and maintain a strong foundation for good mental health.

As the ambassador of Strong Minds, Strong Mines, the International Mixed Martial Arts Federation legend is humbled by empowering ordinary people.

"I am motivated by seeing everyday people gain the confidence to reject a fear of stigma and ask for help to make their mental health their number one priority," Palelei said.

"I came from humble beginnings. I use my own mental health experiences as a result of an abusive upbringing followed by failures, homelessness and the resultant mental health struggles as I learned what worked to make my own health my priority, how to take responsibility for facing my own fears."

Since 2018, the Strong Minds, Strong Mines program has delivered talks and workshops demonstrating the relationship between physical and mental health at hundreds of mine sites, corporate offices and schools.

We asked 'The Hulk' what is his favourite place to visit in Cockburn and why?

"South Lake 6164 is where I grew up and I will always be a 6164-er, IoI," he said.

"Regardless of travelling all around the world seeing all these beautiful places, I still come back to 6164."

Back to school

# Get back TOTHE ARC!

Enjoy our pools, group fitness studios and 24/7 gym for just \$20.50 a week.

Join now on a **Lifestyle Active Membership**to get five passes to
Carnaby's Club Crèche.



# After school junior coaching clinics

Netball: Tuesdays

**Ages 4-7:** 4pm to 5pm

Basketball: Wednesdays

**Ages 8-12:** 5pm to 6pm

**\$10.50** per week

All skills levels welcome. Trials available. cockburnarc.com.au/juniorsports



For parents and kids aged six months to four years.

**\$10.50** per week

Trial sessions available.

cockburnarc.com.au/playactive





#### **Making Cockburn safer**

The City is preparing a new Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan to support our vision for a vibrant, healthy, safe, inclusive and connected community.

Analysis of the City's existing operations, independent research by leading academia in criminology and findings from an annual community survey all helped shape the plan.

The City sought community feedback on the plan in late 2022, following initial consultation in 2021. This feedback is now being considered before the plan is presented to Council for final review in early 2023.

#### Planning the best city

Cockburn's strategy for planning the best City is one step closer following the completion of community consultation on a draft strategy in November 2022.

Consultation on the City's draft Local Planning Strategy saw planning officers liaise with over 100 residents, ratepayers and business owners. They participated in 10 one-on-one meetings, seven resident group briefings, three public drop-in sessions, and three reference group briefings.

The project website received more than 2,000 visitors and over 100 people provided feedback via the website.

Planning officers are considering feedback as they make final revisions to the strategy. The strategy will be presented to Council, before progressing to the Western Australian Government for approval.

# Cockburn's community, sport and recreation facilities

Cockburn's community, sport and recreation facilities will soon be the focus of a major review as the City embarks on a significant consultation process to inform a 10-year plan.

Cockburnians will be invited to share their top priorities and vision for facilities at workshops and drop-in sessions, and via feedback forms.

Feedback will inform the latest plan, which identifies how the City will meet the community's facility needs over the next 10 years. To keep up to date on this upcoming consultation, register at

comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au/register

#### 5mins with...

#### Deputy Mayor Tom Widenbar

What's the best way to start the day?

Exercise – starting the day with a run or workout sets me up for success!



#### What's your favourite book or film?

I don't think I have one single favourite; however, Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby is definitely in the top 5.

#### What skill do you want to master?

Public speaking – Like most people I have a healthy fear of public speaking, and would love to master the skill!

**Community, Lifestyle and Security** 

# Using technology to improve community safety

The City of Cockburn is increasingly using advanced forms of technology to improve safety and the sense of security in the community.

#### **Drones**

The City will deploy several drones in early 2023 to assist with activities like patrolling beaches, the illegal use of trails, inspecting firebreaks, monitoring hazard reduction burning and policing illegal off-road vehicles. Drones will alert our team to any illegal activity, and to immediately deploy officers to the location.

#### Parking sensors

Parking sensors will be in various locations throughout Port Coogee in early 2023. Sensors are effective in encouraging people to park for the allowed time frame, freeing up the space for others. Sensors will enable us to monitor occupancy rates and busy periods, which gives us valuable data to plan for future infrastructure and parking in the area.

The City will also install wayfinding signs that let drivers know, in real time, when the car bay is available.

#### WA Police access to City CCTV

The City has recently entered into an agreement with WA Police to provide real-time access to the City's License

# Please help keep our kids safe

Please help us keep school drop-off and pick-up times safe. Parking in permitted areas will reduce hazards and keep footpaths clear and safe for our kids, parents, cyclists or those with prams and wheelchairs.

With so much activity around our schools at particular times of the day, we need your help to keep our community safe.



Plate Number Recognition cameras. The collaboration has already improved community safety by increasing response speeds and offender detection through sharing information.

#### **CCTV** live monitoring

The City manages over 500 fixed CCTV cameras and 30 mobile cameras, and uses artificial intelligence monitoring and alert software, all based in the CoSafe control room. The control room is now monitored during peak periods and at night by staff who, via our cameras, watch hundreds of buildings and public open spaces from one location and can deploy officers immediately when a situation arises.

For more on security and crime prevention in Cockburn, visit www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/SafetyCrimePrevention



**Community, Lifestyle and Security** 

# Manning Park idyllic home for Leslie family in the 1960s

Imagine growing up in a homestead surrounded by large open spaces and your own lake at Manning Park.

The land belonged to the Manning family for decades, but after Azelia Ley (nee Manning) died in 1954, the house was rented for more than 20 years, until the City established the museum and surrounding park.

Keith Leslie spent his childhood living at the property in the 1960s with taxi driver dad, Clifton; mum, Jessie; three brothers; and a sister. He recorded an oral history for the City about some of his adventures. Read a portion of the transcript below.

"Dad got a 99-year lease for a dollar, with one proviso: he had to improve every year, some part of the house. Whether it be painting, fixing a window, just improvements. One day Dad said the wood panelling in the well wasn't safe anymore and he got concrete sleeves to put down there. And we all go, 'Der, those liners are far too big'. He said, 'They won't be', and he placed the first one and he said, 'Dig'. I think we did it in two weeks.

"We used to catch wild donkeys in Southern Cross. We would bring back seven at a time in a trailer



Norm, Ken, Keith and Wayne Leslie on donkeys at what is now Azelia Ley Homestead Museum, 1960s ALP.158

Dad made. Jacky was one of the first and he was our favourite. He would stick his head in my bedroom window religiously every morning until he started braying and then the window was down. Pet Day, I took Jacky up to school at Hamilton Primary. He would spend half the day with the whole school climbing on and off him. And lunchtime I let him off and he walked around, and he must've stole about 10 kids' sandwiches."

The City has a growing collection of oral histories on its Cockburn History website. Check them out here. website: https://history.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Archive/Audio

#### 5mins with...

#### **Cr Carol Reeve-Fowkes**

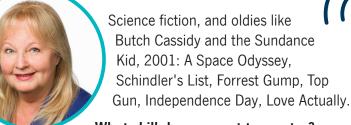
What is the best way to start the day?

Mushroom, feta and spinach omelette, with freshly squeezed orange juice, from a local beach cafe, then an energising stroll along Coogee Beach.

#### What's your favourite book or film?

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen, anything by Charles Dickens.

Books on history, archaeology, geology and astronomy are more appealing to me than novels. I'm happiest reading geographical maps of countries of the world.



What skill do you want to master?

Analysis skills. I'm looking for new ways to streamline financial costs, to ensure our ratepayers get value for their rates.

My sewing machine skills need improving and growing my own vegetables, so that my own lifestyle becomes more sustainable.



#### **Environmental Responsibility**

#### What goes in what bin?

Since the City introduced the green-top bin, over 20,000t of garden waste has been diverted from landfill. This is an awesome achievement and a credit to our residents. We can improve even further by reducing contamination in our recycling and green waste bins.

Need a reminder of how to sort your waste correctly?

Check out the guide below, or visit the City's website: www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/HowToUseYourBins

#### Red lid bin

The following items can be placed in the red-lidded bin:

- ✓ Non-recyclable general waste
- Food scraps
- Items contaminated with food, such as paper towels, serviettes, tissues, paper plates, pizza boxes and fish and chip paper
- ✓ Pet excrement
- ✓ Pet hair and fur
- Nappies
- Bandaids
- ✓ Soiled items
- Shredded paper
- Sanitary items
- Cotton wool and cotton wool buds
- Clothing that cannot be sent to charity
- ✓ Soft plastics.

The contents of this bin are sent to landfill at Henderson Waste Recovery Park.

#### No bin

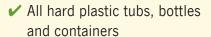
There are some items that should not be placed into your bins. Batteries, mobile phones, printer cartridges and light bulbs can be dropped off at recycling hubs at any of the City's libraries. Spray paint, chemicals, gas bottles, aerosol cans and other hazardous household waste can be taken to Henderson Waste Recovery Park.

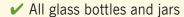


#### Yellow lid bin

waste

You can dispose of the following items in your yellow-lidded recycling bin:





✓ Steel and aluminium cans and lids

Cardboard, paper, newspapers, magazines (not shredded)

✓ Foil (scrunched into golf ball size).

The contents of this bin are sent to the Suez Materials Recovery Facility in Bibra Lake, where they are separated and baled for recycling.

Please rinse and empty containers. Remove lids. Do not bag items; place them directly in the bin.

#### Green lid bin

All organic waste grown in your garden can be placed in this bin, including:

- Grass clippings
- Weeds (including noxious)
- Twigs and sticks
- Prunings, cuttings and trimmings
- ✓ Palm fronds
- ✓ Tree nuts.

The contents of this bin are sent to Henderson Waste Recovery Park to be mulched.





**City Growth** 



## Connection for Cockburn Micro Business Owners

Running a small business can be lonely. In Cockburn we have over 8,500 businesses and many are micro, with under four employees, or sole traders who work alone.

Running a microbusiness is very different to running a bigger organisation.
Microbusiness owners are often juggling all the roles, from bookkeeper and marketer to maker and service provider, not

to mention parenting, caring or working part-time.

Business success is built on support, word-of-mouth referrals and a nurturing business community. The Cockburn Micro Business Networking Group was established in late 2022 to provide a safe space to network, build connections and learn new skills.

The group enjoys relaxed networking, an expert presentation on a business topic and morning tea. Free to attend, the group is hosted at the Melville Cockburn Chamber of Commerce facility in Success.

If you are a budding business owner, or know someone who is, invite them along to our meet-ups on the last Wednesday of the month from 9.30-11am:

- Wednesday 22 February
- Wednesday 29 March
- Wednesday 26 April
- Wednesday 31 May
- Wednesday 28 June.

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Events



#### **Your Elected Members**



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#### **Environmental Responsibility**

#### Bookable verge collections on the way

In June, Council approved revamping the verge collection service offered to Cockburn residents.

Under the new model, residents will be able to book a collection, instead of waiting for the City's scheduled collection dates.

Two collections – one green waste and one bulk verge collection – will be available for each household to book per year. The new system start in July 2024.

Until then, collections will continue as usual, which you can view online:

#### www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Verge-Collections

The refreshed model was designed following community consultation mid-last year in which over a thousand residents provided input, outlining what they would like to see in a verge collection system.

This decision will have a range of long-term benefits for the City and its residents.

As our population has increased, the current scheduled

system is stretched to its limit – resulting in increased wait times and collection delays. The bookable system will reduce the amount of time that waste is out on the verge in our neighbourhoods.

Other councils to implement pre-booked collections have seen their waste recovery rate rise. This means more waste is reused or recycled, instead of going to landfill. This is better for the environment and will also save the City and its ratepayers money in the long term.

While the cost of setting up this new service model is slightly more expensive in the short term, the ongoing costs in the long run will be much cheaper. Particularly as the levy that the State Government charges for landfill levy rises. The new model's more efficient waste recovery rate will reduce these costs.

Pre-booked services also offer greater flexibility for residents, as they can arrange a collection when it is convenient for them, rather than being tied to a fixed schedule.



## Cockburn, the best place to be

City of Cockburn

Telephone: 08 9411 3444 (8.30am–5pm) | Email: customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au Administration Building, 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood 8.30am–4.30pm Monday to Friday

Postal Address: PO Box 1215, Bibra Lake DC, WA 6965

Website: www.cockburn.wa.gov.au

Cockburn Seniors Centre: 08 9411 3877 | CoSafe: 1300 267 233

Information correct at time of print. Information available in alternative formats on request.



