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City's \$10.53m sports and community facility turning heads in state and national awards

Main points:

- Frankland Park Sports and Community Facility recognised in state and national awards
- Nominated by the West Australian Football Commission as the WA entrant in the Australian Football League's 2023 Ken Gannon Community Football Facilities Awards
- Finalist in the Community Facility category of the Parks & Leisure Australia (WA) 2023 Awards of Excellence, due to be announced on 8 June.

A year after it opened, the \$10.53m Frankland Park Sports and Community Facility is turning heads in WA and nationally.

The City of Cockburn facility is sought-after by a growing population of young families in Hammond Park with about seven groups and 1,500+ regular weekly users enjoying a range of opportunities for sporting and community activities.

Home to Hammond Park Junior Football Club, the facility was nominated by the West Australian Football Commission as the WA entrant in the Australian Football League's recently announced 2023 Ken Gannon Community Football Facilities Awards.

It is also a finalist in the Community Facility category of the Parks & Leisure Australia (WA) 2023 Awards of Excellence, due to be announced on 8 June. If the facility wins its WA category, it will qualify for the national awards, due to be announced in October.

The facility is also home to the Braves Baseball Club and Hammond Park Community Association and is large enough to accommodate regional events and tournaments.

Apart from two AFL-size ovals with 100 lux LED floodlighting and a club room and equipment storage space, it has a commercial kitchen and kiosk, four players' changerooms, two umpires' changerooms, a first aid room, external public toilets, a 200sqm function room, 100sqm community activity room, a baseball batting cage,



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playground and spectator viewing area.

A highlight of the Frankland Reserve facility is public art inspired by flora and fauna endemic to the Cockburn area. It appears in the outdoor playground, and is incorporated in its interior and exterior design, with the familiar shape of banksia leaves featuring in the building's brickwork, roofing profile and an interior glass balustrade.

Hamilton Hill artist Melanie Maclou's innovative artwork was incorporated into Banksia Woodland climbing poles, a Baudin's Cockatoo xylophone, and a Red-tailed Black Cockatoo slide at the playground.

The facility expands the number of sporting reserves in Hammond Park where the population is expected to double over the next 20 years.

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