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Whadjuk Nyungar Boodjar

Summer at Coogee Live

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Check out the Cockburn Live 2024 events

website: www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/CockburnLive

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

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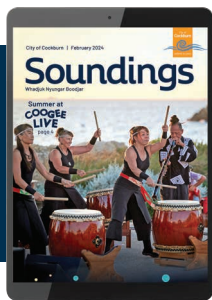
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Message from the Mayor



The new year is well and truly under way, with children returning to school and the holidays coming to an end, but the City still has an exciting range of fun, free family events to come, including part two of the Beeliear Sunsets concert series this month and our iconic two-day festival, Coogee Live, in March.

As we continue to live in a challenging economic climate, I urge you to make use of the many free or low-cost services the City provides.

Whether it is our vibrant Seniors Centre, our outdoor playgroup Froggy's on the Green, or our lively Youth Centre, there really is something for everyone. At Cockburn Libraries you can log on to free wi-fi, use a computer, read a book or attend one of the many entertaining events or clubs.

One of the many benefits of our great range of services is that they also provide opportunities to connect with other people in our community.

We also offer free support services such as our confidential Financial Counselling Service which is available for residents and businesses and our parenting services which provide support and information on a whole range of matters to assist those in a parenting role.

The City also gives more than \$1 million back to the community in the form of subsidies and grants each year. These range from funding to hold events with your neighbours, to birdbath and compost subsidies, and cloth nappy and sanitary product rebates.

These are just some of the reasons why the City of Cockburn offers such great value for money and why it is also the best place to be.

On behalf of the Elected Members and staff, I wish you a happy and healthy 2024.

His Worship the Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP
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From Cockburn to Canada, our volunteers go global

In a remote corner of Northern Alberta, Canada, three dedicated volunteers from the City of Cockburn Bushfire Brigade went beyond their local duties to help battle wildfires last year. Will Fogarty from the South Coogee Bush Fire Brigade and David Patterson and Jeremy Hale from the Jandakot Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade spent five intense weeks as wildland firefighters in an unfamiliar terrain.

Facing ever-changing fire conditions, they lived in tents, flew in helicopters, and trekked through untouched forests alongside Canadian, South African, American, and Uruguayan crews. They burned over 5,000 calories a day while cutting paths and securing control lines amidst swarms of bugs.

Their overseas journey expanded their firefighting expertise and exposed them to diverse firefighting practices, equipment, and landscapes. Will Fogarty expressed his



Photo: David Patterson, Wil Fogarty and Jeremy Hale

hope to take more volunteers abroad in the future, highlighting the camaraderie and lessons learnt during their unforgettable time in Canada.

David Patterson shared his gratitude for the opportunity to learn from and assist Canadian firefighters. "This exchange of knowledge and support reflects the international cooperation within the firefighting community."

These local heroes, part of a team of over 550 personnel from Australian and New Zealand emergency management agencies, made a significant impact in Canada, and we, the City of Cockburn, applaud their efforts.

What you can do to be prepared

Stay up to date with alerts and warning

If you see a fire close by, check the EmergencyWA website at www.emergency.wa.gov.au

Other ways you can stay up to date include:

- Listen to your local ABC radio or 6PR
- Follow the Department of Fire and Emergency Services WA on Facebook and Twitter
- Stay in touch with friends and neighbours
- Call DFES on 13 33 37 for recorded emergency information.

What to put in your emergency grab bag

All households should prepare an emergency grab bag in case you are required to evacuate in an emergency.

Essential items to pack include:

- Passport or birth certificate
- Water
- Phone chargers
- Food and clothing
- Special medications and medical supplies
- Pet food, pet carriers or leads



Always plan to leave as early as possible. For more information, visit <http://mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au>

FEATURE EVENTS



Faces of Coogee with author and illustrator Kelly Canby

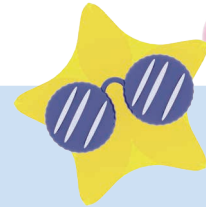
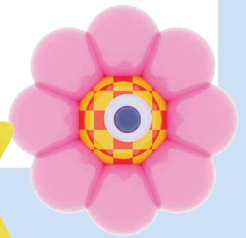
Presented by Fraser Property Group.

Collaborative community murals have the power to transform neighbourhoods, create a sense of belonging, and inspire positive change. Join in the fun with award-winning, internationally published illustrator and author Kelly Canby, and draw your own face onto the giant 20m canvas that will live within the City of Cockburn after the festival.



Today's Tomorrow

This year's music program highlights new acts and emerging talent shining oh so brightly and making big waves here in WA and around the country. Some are award winners, and some are set to be. The Today's Tomorrow line-up features James Abberley, Tom Fisher & the Layabouts, Ari Davis, OCDC, Terminal 3 and Twelve Parsecs.



FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS



Critters Up Close



Pretty Peacock (workshops)



Wasamba



The Butterfly Catchers



Sculpture Culture



Mermaid Tales & Pirate Sails



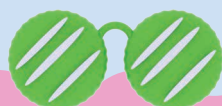
Perth Free Dive & Snorkel Sessions



Beach Cricket



Cockburn Makers Market





What's happening at Cockburn Libraries?

Why not join one of our book clubs or knitting clubs?

If you enjoy meeting up with other knitters and crocheters to stitch and chat, or want to learn how to knit or crochet, then come along to one of our weekly knitting circles.

Learn new techniques, exchange ideas or find inspiration for your next project. Many of the knitting circle regulars knit for charities.

Coolbellup Library

Wednesdays, 9.30am-midday

Spearwood Library

Wednesdays, 9.30am-midday

Success Library

Thursdays, 9.30am-midday.



Join a book club

Book clubs are a great opportunity to meet people, discover new authors, expand your reading, and engage in lively discussions and debates. Membership is free and book sets are available to borrow for an extended period.



Coolbellup Library

Last Friday of the month, 10.30am-midday

Second Tuesday of the month, 1.30-3pm

Spearwood Library

Third Monday of the month, 10.30am-midday

Third Thursday of the month, 6.30-8pm

Success Library

Third Thursday of the month, 5.30-7pm.

Youth Centre's "Hells Bells" shine at Fringe

Participants in the Cockburn Youth Centre's Advanced Drama Academy took centrestage at the 2024 Fringe Festival with their original production "Hells Bells."

Over three unforgettable performances on 19, 20 and 21 January, our talented young performers wowed audiences and left an indelible mark on the festival.

The Advanced Drama Academy, which meets every Friday, plays a crucial role in nurturing the drama skills in young people and empowers them to take creative control over their performances.

But it's not just about the performances. The real heart and soul of the program lies in the bonds that these young people develop. Beyond the applause and accolades, the academy fosters lasting friendships and a sense of community among participants.

To be a part of this incredible journey and discover more about the academy, visit our website:

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/TermProgram

Comment on Cockburn

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Rethinking how we seek your input

The City is updating its community engagement policy to better serve our community.

We teamed up with professionals from the International Association for Public Participation, the peak body for engagement in Australasia, to consult with over 100 residents, ratepayers, and stakeholders in 2022 and used this input to create a draft policy.

Now, after a second round of community input in 2023, we're putting the finishing touches on the policy. Check it out on the City's community consultation website: comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au



Register to have **your** say

comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au



Shape Cockburn's creative future

The City is crafting plans to shape Cockburn's creative future with help from our community. A drawing competition for children, shopping centre pop-ups and community workshops are some ways Cockburnians are invited to share their vision for public art in Cockburn.



Community feedback will guide the City's inaugural strategy and master plan for public art City-wide. Stay in the loop and register at comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au to participate.



Residents explore Macfaull Park options

The City recently encouraged residents to join a discussion on Spearwood's Macfaull Park, with over 170 people sharing thoughts on the ideas, including adding public toilets and a dog park.

Macfaull Park, equivalent in size to nine soccer fields, is currently an off-leash dog exercise area. Introducing a dog park – a fenced space with agility equipment and water stations, would offer park users the flexibility to exercise their dogs either off-leash in the open park or within the controlled environment of a fenced area.

While opinions on the dog park vary, with many users content with the park as it is, there is strong support for public toilets to enhance accessibility. Stay informed at comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Macfaull



Heritage and ecological study progress at Manning Park

After Council's decision in October 2022, the City is advancing ecological and cultural heritage studies at Manning Park, covering 117 hectares.

This cultural heritage study will include Aboriginal and early European research and input from key stakeholders like the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council and Whadjuk Aboriginal Corporation.

Detailed surveys of flora and fauna are also being undertaken to identify the key environmental values of the reserve.

The goal is to define and map the historical and environmental significance of the area, providing crucial insights for future park planning and management. For more information, visit www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/ManningTrails

Events

Get ready for some fun!

Keep up to date by subscribing to our newsletter. Just scan the QR code or visit www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/events for a full list of all City events.

Cockburn Volunteer Awards

1-29 February

Nominations Open

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/CVA



Coolbellup Library

7 February

Pop-up Volunteer Info Hub

10am-midday - FREE



Free

Kicking Goals for Life

6 February – 7 May

Recreational Men's Soccer Program

Cockburn Bowling and Recreation Facility

6pm (Every Tuesday for 14 weeks)

Circle of Security

8 February – 28 March

Coolbellup Hub, 10am-midday (Every Thursday for 8 weeks). Free workshop about the emotional needs of children - FREE

Free

Yoga Tuesdays

6 February – 26 March

Cockburn Health and Community facility

5.30-6.30pm - FREE

Free



Advocare Supporting Your Rights as an Older Person

8 February, Cockburn Seniors Centre, 9.30am-10.30am - FREE

Free



My Time (Aboriginal Support Group)

6 February

Coolbellup Community Hub

Midday-2pm (Tuesdays during school term)



HEAL (Health Eating and Lifestyle)

10 February – 23 March

Cockburn Health and Community Facility

9-11am | Cost \$30, \$10 for Healthcare cardholders

Beeliam Hub

7 February

Beeliam Community Centre

9.30-11.30am (Wednesdays during school term)

Friendly meeting group for parents with young children - FREE

Free

Meditation Mondays

12 February – 25 March

Coogee Beach Reserve

6.15-7am - FREE

Free

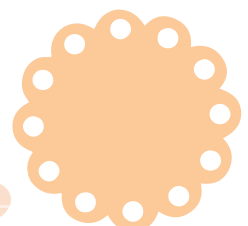
Weaving Mats with Old Textiles Destined for Landfill

19 February

Cockburn Seniors Centre

1-4pm - FREE

Free



Scan here



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

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Beelias Sun Sets

Free

17 February

Success Regional Sporting Facility, Success
5-10pm

Free event. Don't miss the second installation of our concert series. See below for details.

We are excited to present multiple ARIA awards winner Ian Moss and his band to our Beelias Sun Sets concert series. Join us for an epic Aussie line-up of entertainment at our second concert, Saturday 17 February from 5pm in Success. Supporting Ian is Australia's foremost bluesman Ash Grunwald. Also taking to the stage is Katie Steele and Fremantle singer-songwriter and producer Boxx Kid. Don't miss it!

Workout Wednesdays

Free

21 February – 27 March

Anning Park, South Lake
6-6.45pm - FREE



Step into Volunteering Workshop

Free

21 February

Spearwood Library
1-2pm - FREE

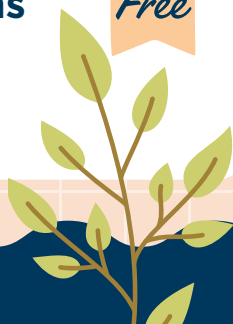


Building Happy Teams

Free

21 February

City of Cockburn Administration
6-8pm - FREE



Building Resilience



26 February

Online workshop. Everyone welcome
10-11.30am

Engaging Adolescents

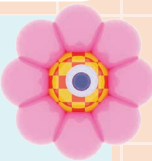


11-25 March

Online workshop
10-11.20am

Coogee Live

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9 and 10 March

Coogee Beach Reserve and Omeo Park, North Coogee

Elder Abuse Information Session

Free

14 March

Cockburn Seniors Centre 9.30-10.30am. Wise up,
Rise up Against Elder Abuse - FREE

Show Off Exhibition

Free

16-24 March

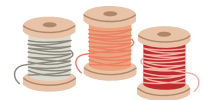
Memorial Hall, Hamilton Hill
10am-3pm daily - FREE

Sewing for Sustainability

Free

25 March

Cockburn Seniors Centre
1-4pm - FREE



Seniors Centre Easter Market

Free

28 March

Cockburn Seniors Centre
8.30am-1pm - FREE



Easter Fair

Free

30 March

Aubin Grove Reserve, Aubin Grove
3-8pm - FREE



Boost your skills and small business in 2024!

Unlock the potential of your small business with our annual series of free training workshops designed for small to medium-sized businesses. We cover many topics, with some of our past workshops including content creation using ChatGPT, creating graphics with Canva and cybersecurity for small business, to name a few.

Kicking off the 2024 series is 'Thriving as an Entrepreneur', a workshop on how to find a harmonious work-life balance: Tuesday 27 February, 10am-12.30pm.

To register and find out what other workshops are scheduled for 2024, visit www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/BusinessEvents and let the journey to small-business success begin!



5mins with Cr Carol Zhang - East Ward

Libraries are the gateways to knowledge and culture and play a fundamental role in our society.

Over the years our three well-loved libraries, Success Library, Coolbellup Library and Spearwood Library, have been putting on lots of activities to celebrate various cultures. From mid-January if you walked into our local libraries, you would have been amazed by the beautiful decorations that staff put up for the coming lunar new year.

New compliance laws for food businesses

The new National Food Safety Standard, 3.2.2A - Food Safety Management Tools, came into being on 8 December 2023, affecting many food businesses in and around Cockburn.

The standard introduced three food safety management tools for businesses that handle unpackaged, potentially hazardous, ready-to-eat foods. The three tools include:

1. Requirement to complete food handler training or demonstrate skills and knowledge in safe food handling practices
2. Requirement to appoint a qualified food safety supervisor
3. Requirement to show that your food is safe.

Please contact our Environmental Health Officers on 08 9411 3444 if you require more information or visit www.health.wa.gov.au/FSMT for further food safety management tools.



10 February 2024 is the Lunar New Year. 2024 is a year of the Wood Dragon. The Chinese zodiac sign of the Dragon represents power, courage, success, honour and luck. Reading a book under the dragon signs in our libraries is a cool thing in this hot summer. May the Year of the Dragon bestow you with strength, keep you safe, and bring lots of joy and luck.





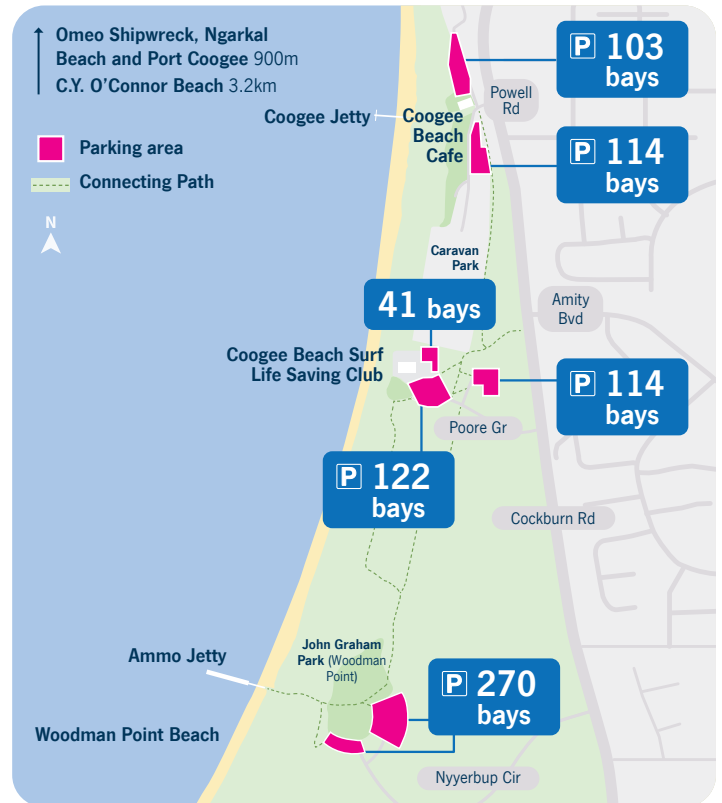
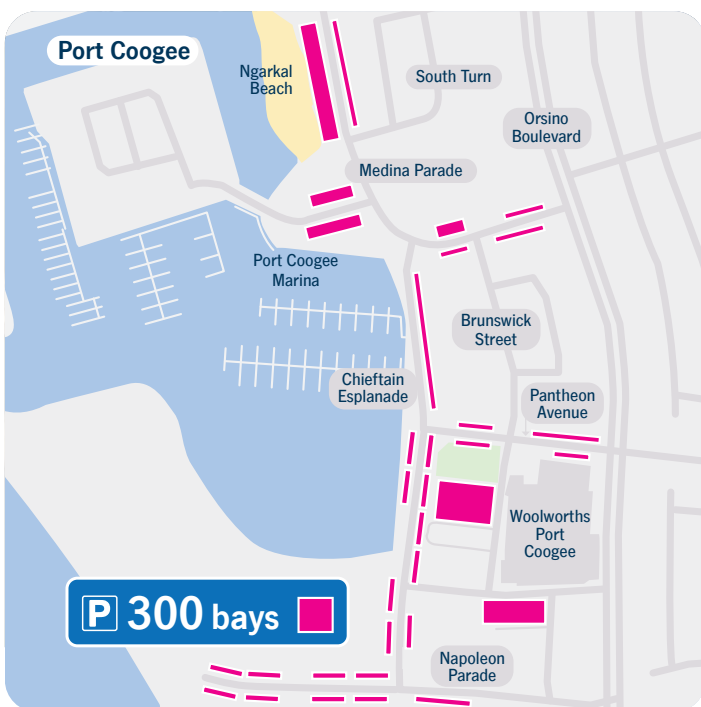
Navigating parking realities along our coastline

Cockburn's coastline, a growing attraction for Perth residents, boasts the unique Omeo shipwreck among its treasures. However, like many global tourist spots, limited parking is a reality.

Illegally parked cars not only obstruct views but also pose risks to safety, potentially leading to serious accidents. To ensure everyone's safety and avoid fines, it's essential to make yourself aware of and adhere to parking signs. The City is actively addressing these safety concerns with coast patrols, drones, parking sensors and licence plate recognition, especially during the busy summer months.

Why is there not more parking?

Parking limitations along our coast are due to several factors, including limited land in Port Coogee, state legislation protecting Coogee Beach and restrictions on clearing native vegetation along the coastline. Limited parking at popular tourist spots is a worldwide problem.



How far is it to walk along the coast?

Parking close by and walking to your desired location is another option, with distances as follows:

- Woodman Point to Coogee Beach: 0.14km
- Coogee Beach to the Omeo shipwreck: 0.9km
- Coogee Beach to Ngarkal Beach: 1.6km
- C.Y. O'Connor Beach to Ngarkal Beach: 1.8km.

So how many car bays are there along the coast? Woodman Point has 270, Coogee Beach approximately 500, North Coogee 300, and C.Y. O'Connor Beach has 56 car bays. There are also a number of Transperth buses that service our coastline, including the 532 and 533 to Coogee Beach, and the 530, 531, 540, 542, and 915 to North Coogee.

For more on parking along our coast, visit www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/ParkingBeach

Cockburn Creatives gather

The creative juices went into overtime in November when around 60 members of Cockburn's arts community met at Memorial Hall in Hamilton Hill to talk about everything arts.

This inaugural gathering of Cockburn Creatives aims to provide a platform for collaboration, learning and networking among artists of all disciplines and genres. The City is keen to hear from local creatives and asked some key questions that will guide the Events and Culture team as they continue to build on what the City offers in the arts and culture space.

It turns out when you ask a bunch of creative people to share thoughts on some big questions, you get some big responses.

If you would like to be included in future gatherings, please sign up to the Cockburn Artist Database using the QR code below.



Photo: Bridget Reeve and Cassandra Cooper

Scan here



5mins with Deputy Mayor Chontelle Stone

Why is Cockburn the best place to be?

Like so many others, I chose to raise my family in Cockburn to be close to the wonderful beaches, beautiful natural bushland and supportive community that makes this place home.



What am I looking forward to happening in Cockburn in future?

I'm looking forward to prioritising the projects that our community wants, and delivering the services that residents need, under a financially responsible and balanced budget that keeps rates low.

New Diverse Women's Friendship Group

Leeming resident Sew Choo says the hardest part of getting involved with the Diverse Women's Friendship Group is finding out about it, and then driving to the venue for your first session.

"Then the magic happens," she said.

"We learn from each other, share ideas and that's really empowering. We welcome newcomers like sisters!"

The group meets at the Coolbellup Hub every Wednesday 9.30-11.30am during school term and is open to women of all cultural backgrounds, ages and abilities.

Sew (51) was born in Malaysia with Chinese heritage and grew up from infancy on Christmas Island, before her family migrated to Perth when she was 15.

"As a stay-at-home mum, I'd experienced social isolation for many years until I joined," Sew said.

"It's a supportive and safe space to connect and share. We may be at different ages and stages, with varying backgrounds, but we are on similar journeys."

Find out more about the group on the City's website: www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/DiverseWomen



Photo: Sew Choo



Join our new social sports phenomenon - pickleball!

Pickleball's popularity is surging around the world, and it's now coming to the ARC! Combining features from badminton, tennis and ping-pong, pickleball involves using a plastic ball and paddles on a small court with a lowered net. It's designed for two or four players in singles or doubles. The ball is served underarm, and the aim is to score points by landing the ball in the opponent's court.

The focus is on fun and fitness, minus the physical demands of high amounts of running or changing directions quickly. Ideal for adults and open to players of all skill levels, pickleball is easy to learn yet still requires strategy and skill. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned player, it's a fun and engaging sport that is bound to get your muscles moving with a bit of friendly social competition!

We will be offering Friday morning competitions for adults (50 years +) starting this February.

To learn more, visit our website:

www.cockburnarc.com.au/Sport



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A Changing Climate

The science is clear – WA’s climate has changed and further change is inevitable. We are already experiencing the effects of climate change including more frequent and severe droughts, heatwaves, high-risk bushfire weather, extreme rainfall events and rising sea levels.

These changes are negatively impacting our community’s wellbeing, our parks and reserves, buildings and infrastructure. There are also economic impacts for our community with increasing energy and insurance costs.



The City’s Climate Change Strategy 2020-2030

The City’s Climate Change Strategy 2020-2030 establishes a vision for the City.

At the core of the Strategy is the Climate Resilience Roadmap which has 14 targets supported by a detailed action plan.



Photo: Environmentally Sustainable Design, Success Library



What has the City done to address Climate Change in 2022-23?

Leadership, Education and Collaboration

- 14 Sustainability Grants awarded to residents for environmental projects
- 42 free Home Eco Audits provided to residents
- A stronger Waste Wise Events Policy
- Ongoing investment in the Greenhouse Action Fund.



Photo: Solar photovoltaic system (1MW) on the Cockburn ARC



Photo: C.Y. O'Connor



Reducing carbon emissions

- The City's carbon emissions from petrol consumption reduced by 40%
- The City's carbon emissions from electricity consumption reduced by 4%
- 14% of the City's electricity generated by solar panels across 26 buildings
- Zero emissions fleet – through a combination of electric vehicles, hybrid vehicles and biodiversity offsets
- Two carbon-neutral events – Coogee Live and Christmas on the Green
- 64% increase in recovered waste materials.



Adaptation

- Gold Waterwise Council and Gold Waterwise Aquatic Centre status
- 41 Waterwise Verge Rebates awarded to residents
- 9 Landowner Biodiversity Grants awarded to residents
- Conservation reserves increased by 1.9 hectares
- 1,250 trees and 65,000 seedlings planted, increasing City-wide canopy cover to 18%
- Public Health Plan and Bushfire Risk Management Plan updated to consider climate change risks.



Climate Resilient Communities

The City has a range of resources to support our residents, small businesses and schools to be more sustainable and climate resilient.

- Free Home Eco Audits
- DIY Home Energy Assessment Kit
- Sustainable Home Design Checklist
- Bird Bath Rebate
- Waste Reduction Rebates
- Sustainable Travel options.

We also offer programs to help households increase habitat for local biodiversity and to cool our suburbs.

- Waterwise Verge Rebate Program
- Landowner Biodiversity Grants
- Native Plant Subsidy Scheme
- Request a free street tree.

Have a bigger idea? Apply for a Sustainability Grant to kickstart your eco project.

More information:

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/SustainableLiving



Meet new mates at local dads' group

Cockburn dads are welcome to join a group for dads that meets at a local park every second Sunday 9-11am. Greg Chapman founded Hami Hill Dads, including a private Facebook group under the same name, and began hosting meet-ups in March.

The informal group encourages dads to bring their children along, with a casual cook-up or morning tea provided at times.

The group provides a space where dads can get to know each other, with between 10 and 20 attendees.

"I started it in 2017 when my baby daughter was due.

There wasn't anything around like it, and I personally needed some support," Greg said.

"It's not really a support group, more about mateship, but it's a safe space where all sorts of conversations can happen.

We have dads from Success, Spearwood, Hami Hill, Aubin Grove, Beeliar, even Willagee. Dads of all ages are encouraged. We have a grandfather who comes along and he's a great role model!"

Search for the Hami Hill Dads private group on Facebook to apply to join and stay informed of regular meet-ups.



Cockburn, the best place to be

City of Cockburn, Whadjuk Boodjar

Telephone: 08 9411 3444 (8.30am–5pm) | Email: customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au

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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



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