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

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## Message from the Mayor

I trust that everyone had an enjoyable and safe Easter break.

We have just come to the end of a jam-packed event season that attracted record crowds, with acts ranging from Bluey to Ian Moss of Cold Chisel. Still to come is the ANZAC Youth Parade and Service on 23 April, which involves many schools from across the district and is the largest event of its kind in Australia, followed by the ANZAC Day Dawn Service and the ANZAC Day Parade and Service at the Hamilton Hill Memorial Hall.

It is hard to believe that we have just had the tenth anniversary of the Banjup fire, which we are commemorating inside this edition of *Soundings*. The anniversary was a time to reflect on the lessons we learned from that event and to recognise the great work of City staff and all the volunteers who fought tirelessly to limit the fire damage to far less than it could have been.

Volunteers are the backbone of our community and as we approach National Volunteers Week 20-26 May, I thank each and every one of you who give up so much of your time to help make Cockburn the best place to be. Volunteering provides many opportunities, from that great feeling of giving back, to gaining valuable experience and making new connections. Cockburn offers many opportunities for volunteering. Whether it be education, recreation, environment or community service, there are plenty of volunteer positions. The Cockburn Volunteer Resource Centre can provide you with all the information you need to follow your passion and dreams.

As the weather begins to cool down, I encourage you to get out and enjoy our beautiful parks and trails, many of which showcase our beautiful coastline, banksia woodlands and wetlands.

**His Worship the Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP**  
Tel: 08 9411 3577 E: [EMoffice@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:EMoffice@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

# Comment on Cockburn



## Developing our new Youth Plan

Shaping the future for Cockburn youth

The City is working with the Youth Advisory Council WA (YACWA) to design our next Youth Plan. This important document will shape how we deliver youth services and support over the next five years, focusing on how best to support, empower and engage young people in Cockburn.

YACWA will be hosting a range of interactive activities, including online surveys, workshops and engagement campaigns, to hear from young people, their families and support networks and to ensure the new plan is centred around the voice and vision of young people in the area.

To get involved, visit <https://comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au/youthplan>



## Lighting up the footpaths at Mamillius Park

In response to community requests, the City recently engaged Coolbellup residents to explore footpath lighting options at Mamillius Park. During the feedback period 90 per cent of respondents expressed a desire to improve lighting along the footpath, with the aim of increasing night-time use and improving resident wellbeing.

After listening to our community, in January 2024 we installed the preferred lighting design, featuring solar-powered LED motion-triggered lights. We're proud to see both resident needs and environmental considerations demonstrated in this outcome!

For more information, visit <https://comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au/mamillius>



## Revitalising the Coogee Beach area

The Coogee foreshore is a well-loved and popular spot for recreation, especially in the summertime. We have been consulting with our community to gather input to update the long-term Coogee Beach Landscape Master Plan. Stay informed about the progress and upcoming phases of this project by visiting <https://comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au/cbplanning>



## Port Coogee parking

We know how frustrating parking can be and we know that it's been challenging down at Port Coogee. To help understand the situation better, we're asking the community to share when and where vehicle parking challenges are most significant. As part of our engagement, we'll be talking with residents, businesses and visitors to understand their ideas for managing vehicle parking effectively in the area.

To have your say or receive updates about the project, register at <https://comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au/portcoogeevehicleparking>

Register to have **your say**



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# Banjup bushfire 2014:

## Reflecting on the day and lessons



Most of you will remember the bushfire that swept through Banjup on 3 February 2014. It caused significant damage to several properties and burnt over 500 hectares.

Not only were rural areas affected, embers infiltrated residential properties further away from the bushfire, reaching gutters and air conditioning systems left running. Embers can travel up to 40km, so no matter where you live in Cockburn, bushfires are a reality.

More than 200 response personnel assisted during the bushfire, as well as 18 aircraft that dropped 1.7 million litres of water, finally bringing the fire to a close. The Jandakot Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade continued to patrol the area over the following month and attended to flare-ups, common on acid sulphate soils found in Cockburn.



## Thank you to our volunteers

As we reflect on the Banjup bushfire of 2014, it's essential to acknowledge the significant role played by our volunteer firefighters in responding to the event. With National Volunteers Week in May, it is timely to extend our appreciation to these individuals who volunteered their time and continue to support and protect our community.



The bushfire emphasised the collective responsibility we all have, no matter where we live in Cockburn, in ensuring community safety. By being prepared and informed, we can build a safer community together.

For more on how to prepare a bushfire plan, visit <https://mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au>

To keep up to date with emergency warnings, visit [www.emergency.wa.gov.au](http://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)



## Lessons learned from the bushfire

The Banjup bushfire taught us valuable lessons, emphasising the need for pre-summer preparedness and having a bushfire plan for your family, property, pets, and livestock:



**Create and update your bushfire plan regularly:** Discuss roles and responsibilities with your family, including plans for pets and livestock.



**Ensure firebreaks are maintained:** Prune trees and remove obstacles above firebreaks, allowing a 4-metre vertical clearance for emergency vehicle access.



**Maintain your property:**

- ✓ Keep gutters clear, remove debris, and store flammable materials and items away from buildings.



- ✓ Turn your air conditioner off in the event of a bushfire, as embers can ignite.



- ✓ Installing a mesh guard on your air conditioner also helps to keep embers out.



### Scan the QR code

to hear further insights from residents Glen and Ron as well as Jarrad from the Jandakot Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, Mike from the City of Cockburn, and Andrew from the Banjup Residents Association.

Website: [bit.ly/42PDL40](https://bit.ly/42PDL40)



## A solution for parking challenges on your commercial or strata property

The Private Parking Agreement (PPA) is a new initiative between the City of Cockburn and commercial and strata property owners, aimed at effectively managing parking areas on both private and commercial premises. This approach relieves property owners of the responsibility of managing parking issues themselves.

### Who can participate in a PPA?

Commercial and strata property owners (with authority from the Strata Agent) may be eligible to enter a PPA with the City. Owners can also authorise a managing agent to apply on their behalf.

### What are the requirements?

If you lease the property or are a managing agent, you'll need to include a letter from the owner giving you permission to act on their behalf for the parking facility.

For strata title land, a managing agent can be recognised in these agreements if most of the owners agree and there's written proof of the appointment. As part of this agreement you'll also have to pay for and put up the right signs following the City's guidelines and approval.

### How to apply

For an application form and an initial discussion, please contact our Parking Operations Manager at [communitysafety@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:communitysafety@cockburn.wa.gov.au), or call 08 9411 3444. For more information, visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/PPA](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/PPA)



The new PPA manages parking solutions for business owners.





## A volunteer role to suit you



### Find a volunteer role you'll love.

The Cockburn Volunteer Resource Centre (CVRC) always has local volunteer opportunities available and, better yet, they can find one that suits your skills and availability.

You can also see what opportunities are available by checking out the volunteer job finder at [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/VolunteerSearch](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/VolunteerSearch) or contact the CVRC to have a chat about suitable roles.

Telephone: 08 9411 3490

Email: [volunteer@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:volunteer@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

## 50 per cent discount on native plants



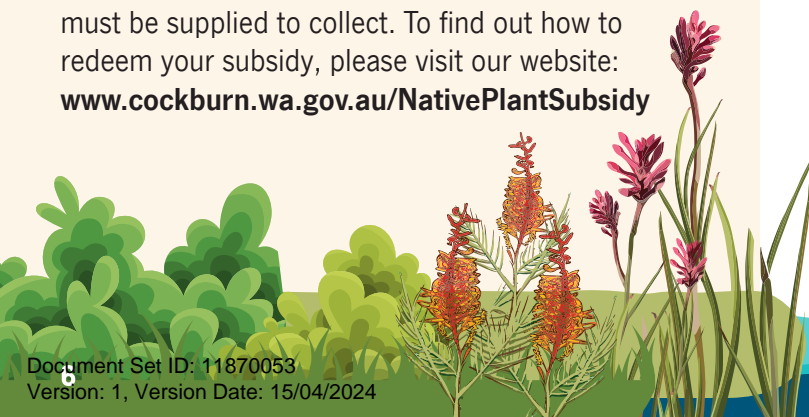
Beautify your garden with a range of native plants available at a discounted rate.

The City's Native Plant Subsidy scheme allows residents to purchase up to 20 native plants from the APACE nursery at 50 per cent of their usual price.

The scheme runs in May and a variety of species will be available, ranging from flowering shrubs to bird-attracting trees.

Aside from their natural beauty, native plants carry all sorts of benefits for your garden. They typically require less water – saving on your reticulation. They also attract local birds and fauna and require less maintenance.

Stocks are limited, so get in quick! Proof of address must be supplied to collect. To find out how to redeem your subsidy, please visit our website: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/NativePlantSubsidy](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/NativePlantSubsidy)



## Local Economy

## Elevate your business in 2024!

Small business owners in Cockburn, are you ready to take your business to the next level?

The City is sponsoring a series of free small business workshops just for you! Our workshops are designed specifically for small business owners. We'll be covering essential topics to help you manage, grow and succeed in your business journey.



### Artificial Intelligence: Harnessing Its Power and Mitigating Risks

Tuesday 23 April,  
10am-12.30pm, Success.

Website: <https://bit.ly/AICockburn>

### Keyword Research for Search Engine Optimisation (SEO)

Tuesday 28 May,  
10am-12.30pm, Success.

Website: <https://bit.ly/SEOCockburn>



### A Practical Introduction to Cybersecurity (online)

Tuesday 11 June,  
10am-midday, Online. Website:

<https://bit.ly/CyberCockburn>

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to gain valuable insights and skills to grow your business. Stay tuned for more workshops coming your way in the second half of 2024!

For more on how the City can help you grow your business, visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/GrowBusiness](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/GrowBusiness)





## CCTV update

### Want up to 50 per cent off the cost of your CCTV?

Due to the high demand for our CCTV Rebate program, we are extending it to more households. So get in quick while the rebates are still available.

The program offers rebates of up to 50 per cent off the total cost, to a maximum of \$500, for new or upgraded CCTV systems that meet the minimum requirements. If you paid \$800 for a CCTV system, you would be eligible for \$400 funding from the City.

To qualify, you must be a resident of the City of Cockburn and either the property owner, authorised agent, or tenant with the owner's consent. The location of your cameras must also be registered on the WA Police Force CAM-MAP database.

Apply for the CCTV Rebate program to protect your home and community and help make Cockburn the best place to be. Please read the Terms and Conditions and fill in the Pre-eligibility Form before installing your new or upgraded CCTV system. Visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/CCTVHomeRebate](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/CCTVHomeRebate)

## Are you a senior or pensioner?

If you have a valid Seniors or Pensioner Concession Card and live in Cockburn, you may be eligible for our Seniors Security Rebate which supports the installation of a number of security measures including CCTV, alarms, security screen doors, and sensor lights to name a few.

The maximum rebate limit per property per financial year is \$200, except for roller shutters, which have a limit of \$300, and for CCTV, which has a limit of \$500.

To apply, please visit:  
<https://bit.ly/CockburnSecurityRebate>



### More CCTV for Cockburn

Ensuring the safety and security of our residents and businesses is a top priority for the City of Cockburn. That's why we're committed to implementing proactive measures to prevent crime and foster a sense of community wellbeing.

We've heard your feedback for more CCTV cameras and are actively installing over 100 additional cameras in key areas across Coolbellup, Yangebup, South Lake, Spearwood, and Manning Park, as well as more cameras in our community centres. This builds on our existing network of over 700 cameras, making Cockburn one of the most well-monitored councils in WA.

We have been working closely with the WA Police, and our CCTV network has been highly effective in maintaining public safety and aiding in criminal investigations.

These new installations are part of a holistic approach to crime prevention, complementing existing initiatives aimed at empowering our community through awareness and education campaigns.

As we continue to expand our CCTV coverage throughout Cockburn, we encourage residents to remain engaged and provide feedback on areas where additional surveillance may be beneficial. Together we can build a stronger, more resilient community here in Cockburn.

For more on safety and security in Cockburn, including our CCTV Home Rebates and Seniors Security Rebate available to residents, visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/crimeprevention](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/crimeprevention)





Events

# Get ready for some fun!



## Micro Business Networking Group

Free

17 April, 9.30-11am - Free Event

Cockburn Health and Community Facility, Success

Connect with other businesses owners in Cockburn.

## Artificial Intelligence: Harnessing its Power and Mitigating Risks

Free

23 April, 10am-midday - Free Event

Cockburn Health and Community Facility, Success

This workshop will provide small business owners with practical insights into leveraging AI's power while mitigating potential risks.

## ANZAC Youth Parade

Free

23 April - Free Event

City Administration car park

9.30am Schools assemble

9.45am Parade commences

10-11am Parade assembles at RSL Memorial Park, Spearwood for service.

Road closures in place, see website for details.

## Worm Farming Workshop

Tickets \$5

30 April, 6-8pm - Tickets \$5

Coolbellup Community Hub

Learn how to reduce food waste and make your own fertiliser.

## Pop-up Volunteer Info Hub

Free

1 May, 10am-midday - Free Event

Coolbellup Library

5 June, 10am-midday - Free Event

Spearwood Library

Come and have a chat with us to ask any volunteer questions you may have!



## Flavours of Cockburn High Tea

Tickets \$15

5 May, 2.30-4.30pm - Tickets \$15

Azelia Ley Museum, Manning Park

Celebrate National Trust Heritage Festival by exploring the Museum, then enjoy multicultural canapes and fine teas on the Homestead Lawn. Guests are encouraged to celebrate their heritage and come wearing their cultural dress or fashions from your favourite decade.

For ticket information call 08 9411 3340 or email [museum@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:museum@cockburn.wa.gov.au)



## ANZAC Day Service and Parade

Free

25 April, Dawn Service from 5.30am

Memorial Hall, Hamilton Hill

Parade from 10am

RSL, Hamilton Hill to Memorial Hall, Hamilton Hill.





## Women's Activity Hub Move Your Body

**8 May, 10am-12.30pm**  
South Lake Ottery Centre

This session also includes Tai Chi and demonstrates how to move your body in an easy way that is suitable for all levels. Open to all women aged 18 years or over.

Contact the Seniors Centre on 08 9411 3877 or email [csc@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:csc@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

**Free**



## Meet local author Rachael Johns

**16 May, 6-7.30pm**  
Success Library Conference Room

See page 14 for details.

**Tickets  
\$5**

## Breast Screen WA

**9 May, 9.30-10.30am**  
Cockburn Seniors Centre

Find out what breast screening is and what it means to be breast aware. All welcome. Book via the Seniors Centre on 08 9411 3877 or email [csc@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:csc@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

**Free**



## Women's Activity Hub Introduction to Sound Healing and Relaxation

**24 May, 2-3.30pm**  
Cockburn Seniors Centre

Learn the art of sound healing in this calm and meditative workshop. All welcome. Book your place, as they fill up fast. Contact the Seniors Centre on 08 9411 3877 or email [csc@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:csc@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

**Free**



## Step into Volunteering Workshop

**15 May, 1-2pm**  
Spearwood Library

Get information on a diverse range of volunteer opportunities, identify the skills you can contribute, and learn your rights and responsibilities as a volunteer.

**Free**

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* →







# There's lots happening at Cockburn ARC

## The ARC is evolving!

In 2024, the Cockburn ARC is undergoing a significant transformation as part of the ARC Evolution in partnership with the Fremantle Football Club. The Cockburn ARC Health Club and Dockers' facilities will see substantial improvements, aimed at enhancing services for both members and the community.

By Summer early 2025, expect a revamped experience with:

### Cockburn ARC Health Club

Increased gym floor space to 1500m<sup>2</sup>

Increased Mind and Body Studio to 250m<sup>2</sup>

Relocated and upgraded Group Fitness and Indoor Cycle Studios

Conversion of administrative spaces to expand the gym.

### Dockers' facilities

Increased spectator seating

New AFLW changerooms

Accessible community amenities.

Stay updated at

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

## Keep the kids busy after school

Looking for a way to keep your kids busy after school? Check out the new multisport Junior Coaching Clinic, designed for kids aged 5-12. This clinic offers basketball, netball, and futsal and accommodates all abilities and experience levels.

Enrol any time throughout Term 2 by visiting [www.cockburnarc.com.au/sport](http://www.cockburnarc.com.au/sport)



## Pickleball! - New sport

Join the latest addition to Cockburn ARC's Sports line-up: pickleball! Perfect for seniors aged 50+, this unique blend of badminton, tennis, and ping-pong offers a fun, low-impact workout. Whether you're a novice or a pro, pickleball gives friendly competition and active enjoyment.

Find out more at [www.cockburnarc.com.au/sport](http://www.cockburnarc.com.au/sport)



## 5mins with... Cr Tarun Dewan

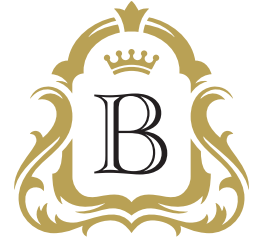


### My vision for Cockburn

1. Gateways Shopping Precinct Development to contribute to economic growth and more job opportunities for Cockburn residents
2. A thriving Cockburn Central with Council Building and a World-Class Convention Centre to generate more employment in Cockburn
3. Improved digital systems for better customer service and to ensure safety for every single resident. Focus on creative solutions for the safety of schoolchildren, people with disability and the aging residents
4. Cockburn ARC expansion to accommodate more residents and provide modern recreation opportunities for all age groups
5. Construct more walkway bridges and cycle paths. Explore smart applications e.g., Red CAT minibuses for Seniors, to connect two train stations, four shopping malls, two beaches and iconic locations in 24 suburbs within Cockburn
6. Continue to support all the resident associations with more funding
7. Identify land parcels and collaborate with private business to create sustainable amenities that would generate revenue and value.

Please note that these are Councillor Dewan's visions for the City, some of which would be subject to community engagement and future decisions of Council.





# A treasure lost: remembering Bob Pallet, champion of Cockburn's history

Bob Pallet was a true icon of local heritage and a passionate storyteller who brought the community's past to life. Born in 1940 on the corner of what would become Hamilton and Winfield roads, Bob witnessed Cockburn's remarkable transformation to the vibrant city it is today.

More than just a witness, Bob became a dedicated chronicler. His enthusiasm for preserving Cockburn's unique history shone brightly, captivating audiences of all ages with his vivid recollections of bygone times. From lively anecdotes about suburban life to insightful observations on the City's growth, Bob painted a captivating picture of a community evolving while cherishing its roots.

His commitment to safeguarding Cockburn's heritage extended beyond mere words. For 17 years, he served as the assistant curator of the Azelia Ley Museum Collections, including a term as museum curator. His tireless volunteer work earned him the well-deserved recognition in 2013 of a Life Membership to the Historical Society of Cockburn.

Bob's legacy lives on not only in the meticulously curated museum exhibits but also in the hearts and minds of those he touched. The City of Cockburn, recognising his invaluable contributions, had the privilege of recording his life story as part of the Cockburn Libraries Oral History Program. This treasure trove of memories ensures that future generations will have the opportunity to learn from and be inspired by Bob's dedication to his community.

Access the Libraries Oral History Program by visiting; <https://history.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Archive/Audio>



Photo right: Bob Pallet at the 40th anniversary of the Museum 2023

Photo above: Bob Pallet with Goggomobile 1957

## Annual Pioneers Celebration

The annual Pioneers Luncheon acknowledges and celebrates the contributions made by long-term residents to the growth and development of the City of Cockburn.

To be on the guest list, you must have lived in Cockburn continuously for 60 years and be a current resident.

If you meet these criteria and would like to celebrate with us, complete the application form found on our website at [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/PioneerLuncheon](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/PioneerLuncheon) or contact the City on 08 9411 3444 for an application form to be mailed to you.

The luncheon will take place in late May or early June 2024.





Quintessentially Cockburn

## Mitchell Garlett Quintessentially Cockburn

In a happy example of history repeating, Mitchell Garlett was appointed Reverend of the Uniting Presbytery of Western Australia's Coolbellup parish – Maaman 'O' Miya – in March 2022.

Ordained in November 2021, Mitchell is following in the respected footsteps of his late father, Rev Sealin Garlett AM, who held the role for more than 20 years until he retired in 2016, passing away in 2019.

Mitchell's familiar soft-spoken influence is enabling the continuation of this successful source of enduring community connection, stamped with his own brand of intuitive leadership that continues his father's legacy of welcoming all people.

A proud Whadjuk Nyungar man, Mitchell arrived in Coolbellup in 1986 with his father and mum, Marilyn (nee Riley), as a three-year-old and has strong country, familial and community connections in the region, making him Quintessentially Cockburn.

He attended the former Koorilla School and graduated Year 12 from the former Hamilton Senior High School, playing hundreds of games of basketball at Wally Hagan stadium and with the Cooby Cats Football Club.



Among Rev Mitchell Garlett's favourite Cockburn places are Coogee Beach, Woodman Point, and the rehabilitated bushland areas in Coolbellup.

Listening and Leading

## Reconciliation Action Plan adopted

Cockburn Council endorsed the City's fourth Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) in December 2023, having adopted its first RAP 12 years ago, becoming the first Perth Local Government to do so.

The Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2023-2025 outlines specific actions to guide the City as it gains a deeper understanding of its influence and establishes the best ways to advance reconciliation.

City of Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett said the Innovate RAP would allow flexibility to consolidate foundation work in the areas of employment, cultural learning, and community engagement while 'stretching' the City's work on anti-discrimination and procurement.

"The City continues to plan the Aboriginal Cultural and Visitors Centre in Bibra Lake, investing in cultural competency training for Elected Members and staff, which is so important to reflect our shared values and increase our knowledge of Nyungar heritage, culture and language," Mayor Howlett said.

Search Reconciliation Action Plan and Initiatives on the City's website for more information.

National Reconciliation Week is 27 May-3 June. Check out the City's website for a range of community activities coming up.



Photo L-R: City of Cockburn CEO Daniel Simms, Beiliar Boodja artist Kathleen Sherie, City of Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett and City of Cockburn Community Development Manager Fiona Gardener at Bibra Lake. They are pictured with Kathleen's original artwork, which appears on the City's Reconciliation Action Plan 2023-2025.

## Environmental Responsibility

## Protecting our endangered Fairy Terns

Did you know a precious species of Fairy Tern makes its home along Cockburn's coastline?

The Australian Fairy Tern is a migratory shorebird that is listed as 'vulnerable' in Western Australia (WA). Estimates say there are fewer than 3,000 breeding pairs in WA and at least one-quarter of those birds breed in the broader Perth metropolitan region.

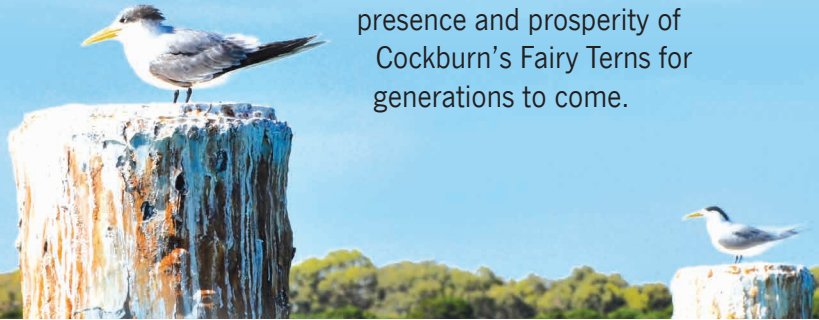
The City is engaged in a number of projects to protect these birds, including the protection of nesting sites at Woodman Point and ongoing initiatives to support Fairy Terns across WA.

Now, you can help too! The City recently developed a Fairy Tern Conservation Guide in collaboration with the

WA Seabird Conservation Network. This guide offers insights into the Fairy Tern's habitat and behaviour, and the crucial steps we can take to protect them.

View the Fairy Tern Conservation Guide at: [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/FairyTernConservation](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/FairyTernConservation)

Together, let's embrace our role as stewards of the environment, ensuring the continued presence and prosperity of Cockburn's Fairy Terns for generations to come.



## Belinda the cow on C.Y. O'Connor Beach

It's not every day you see a cow at C.Y. O'Connor Beach, but it was once a regular occurrence.

Chaperoned by a City of Cockburn ranger, Belinda the Jersey Cow strolled along the popular dog exercise area as part of an awareness campaign mounted by Fremantle Seaweed.

Under a Department of Transport lease, Fremantle Seaweed operates a seaweed farm off the beach, trialling native *Asparagopsis* crops the CSIRO believes reduces livestock methane emissions by more than 90 per cent.

In Australia, methane emissions from livestock are approaching 10 per cent of total greenhouse gas emissions, making burping cows like Belinda a gassy problem in need of a sustainable solution.

As a leader in the blue economy, our City advocates for the sustainable use of ocean resources to create economic growth, improve livelihoods, enhance natural resources and mitigate climate change.

The seaweed farm is a far cry from industrial activities along the Cockburn coast dating back to 1887 when

the first steamships delivered cattle from the Pilbara to Robb's Jetty, the footings of which can still be seen along C.Y. O'Connor Beach.

For a century cattle and sheep were delivered by sea for slaughter at nearby abattoirs. Robb Jetty closed in the early 1990s, paving the way for the redevelopment of North Coogee into a popular residential area and recreation hotspot.



City of Cockburn Environmental Coordinator Rory Garven with Belinda the Jersey Cow at C.Y. O'Connor Beach.

## What's happening in Cockburn?

View latest news, projects, media releases, eNews and more.

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



Find out more >



Events

# What's happening at Cockburn Libraries?

## Meet local author Rachael Johns

Thursday 16 May, 6-7.30pm - Success Library Conference Room - Tickets \$5

Rachael is a local author who will be talking about her new book *The Other Bridget*.



Its fictional character is someone that may seem familiar. Librarian Bridget Jones was raised on a remote cattle station, with only her mother's romance novels for company, but now lives in Fremantle and is a hopeless romantic. Books will be available for purchase. website: <https://events.cockburnlibraries.com.au/event?id=58062>

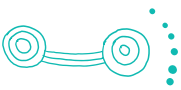
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- Better Reading



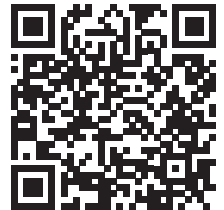
## FREE Nyungar Language Classes

What an incredible opportunity!

We will be running a free, five-week series of Nyungar language classes starting Saturdays from 15 June to 20 July, 1-2pm at the Spearwood Library. These classes will be taught by Nyungar man Dylan Collard from Kalyakoorl. Join us on this important endeavour as we strive to contribute to the flourishing of Nyungar language. Website: <https://events.cockburnlibraries.com.au/event?id=58111>



*Scan the QR code to register.*



## Cockburn Libraries

### Coolbellup Library

90 Cordelia Avenue, Coolbellup  
08 9411 3830

### Spearwood Library

9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood  
08 9411 3800

### Success Library

11 Wentworth Parade, Success  
08 9411 3840

[www.cockburnlibraries.com.au](http://www.cockburnlibraries.com.au)



## 5 minutes with Cr Widenbar



### What unique skills do you bring to your role on Council?

I bring a unique skill set and perspective from my professional career as an Environmental Scientist. I have developed a deep understanding of environmental regulations, sustainability principles and ecosystem dynamics, which enables me to provide valuable insights into policy development and decision-making processes.

My experience in conducting comprehensive environmental impact assessments, and navigating complex regulatory frameworks, allows me to advocate

for environmentally responsible development and initiatives on Council. I have also been fortunate to serve as a Non-Executive Director and Deputy Chair at Perth NRM, a not-for-profit environmental group. I leverage my boardroom experience and knowledge of natural resource management to ensure we see nature-positive outcomes across Cockburn and we continue to invest in and maintain our natural environment.

# New fit-out for Cockburn Toy Library in Coolbellup

The Cockburn Toy Library (CTL) in Coolbellup recently had a fabulous new fit-out thanks to the Properties Services and Facilities Management teams at the City of Cockburn.

The new space has better air conditioning and flooring, a new paint job, and a spacious shed for the ever-expanding collection of toys. It also has a great new parents' room, providing a comfortable space for feeding, bottle warming and nappy changes.

The CTL, which has branches in both Coolbellup and Atwell, is the largest volunteer-run toy library in WA. With over 2,200 toys to choose from and a community of 215 member families, the CTL has something for every family with children aged 0-7.

Beyond the obvious benefits of cost-saving and access to a wide range of toys, the CTL actively contributes to reducing waste and minimising the City's environmental footprint. This aligns perfectly with the City's broader efforts to foster a greener, more sustainable community.

The CTL in Coolbellup is open on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9.30-11.30am and Saturdays from 11.30am-1.30pm. The Atwell branch is open on Saturday mornings from 9.30-11.30am. For more information, visit [www.cockburntoylibrary.com](http://www.cockburntoylibrary.com)



Toy Libraries are a popular and sustainable option to keep kids entertained.

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## Construction underway at Malabar Park BMX Facility!

Big changes are underway at the Malabar Park BMX Facility in Bibra Lake, the home of the Cockburn BMX Club. Currently closed for construction, the facility is undergoing a \$6.88 million redevelopment, which should be completed in late 2024.

### So what can our BMX enthusiasts and community expect from the revamped BMX facility?

- ✔ A Union Cyclist Internationale BMX racing track. This type of track allows the club to host larger events, bringing riders and supporters from all over Australia to the area. It will also encourage ongoing growth and development of the club
- ✔ A new 5m start ramp for training and racing
- ✔ New multipurpose facility that includes areas for Cockburn BMX and Friends of the Community Inc
- ✔ A new space for the wider community that includes a pump track, playground, public toilet, and BBQ area
- ✔ New car parking.



But the enhancements don't stop there. As part of the City's commitment to community, the Malabar Park BMX Facility will now serve as the home base for Friends of the Community Inc., a local charity dedicated to reinvesting all proceeds from food sales at events back into the local community.

Funding for the \$6.88m redevelopment includes \$6.76m from the City of Cockburn; a \$100,000 grant for floodlighting from the State Government, through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund; and a commitment of \$20,000 from the Cockburn BMX Club upon completion of the project.

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

To find out more about the Malabar Park BMX Facility, visit [www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/MalabarPark](http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/MalabarPark)

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