

Media Release

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Help us spend \$100,000

Do you have what it takes to help create Cockburn?

Cockburn Creates is an opportunity for members of the community to help create the Cockburn they want to see by helping allocate a budget of \$100,000 to develop and implement projects close to their heart.

The program is based on participatory budgeting where community members decide how to spend a portion of Council funds on community projects and then help implement them.

It is a first for the City, and interested people are invited to attend a free, fast-paced six-hour community workshop at Cockburn ARC on 24 February to brainstorm project ideas.

In March and April, the community will vote online for its favourite projects from a list of potential ideas that will then be funded from the \$100,000 budget.

The most popular projects will receive funding and then be implemented by members of the community in an approach that will deliver the projects people really want, fostering increased neighbourhood pride and ownership.

Videos of project presentations from the workshop will feature in the online survey to help people decide how to vote, and the winning ideas will be announced at the end of May.

Project ideas could include:

- Making public buildings and shared spaces more colourful and artistic
- Improving streetscapes to make them more inviting, attractive and safer for greater use
- Encouraging and supporting people to better sort their household waste, consume less and reuse more
- Recording and promoting the shared history of Cockburn people to better understand who we are as a community
- Creating social opportunities and activities for young multicultural people aged 18 to 24
- Encouraging responsible dog ownership and small businesses associated with pet care
- Supporting people to choose a healthier diet and physical activity levels in enjoyable ways to help maintain mentally healthy lifestyles
- Motivating people to car pool, walk, bike or use public transport to reduce car use

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The workshop is open to all and compulsory RSVPs (for catering purposes), or any questions you have, should be emailed to comment@cockburn.wa.gov.au

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