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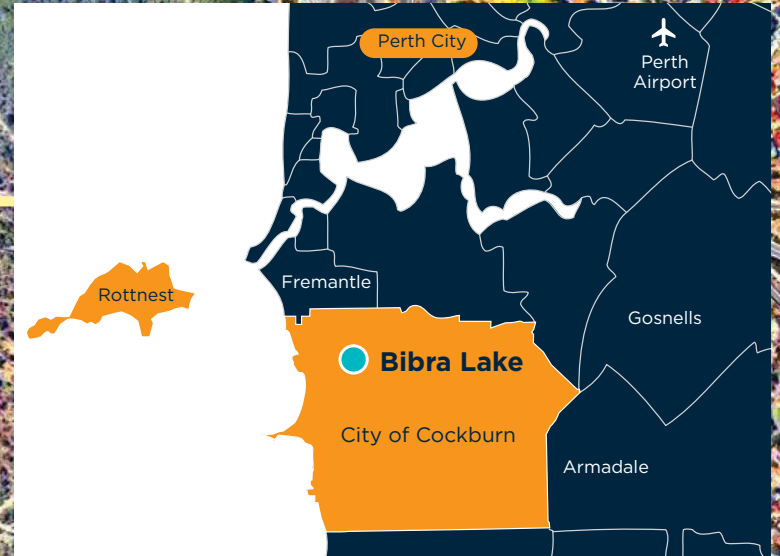
Cockburn Aboriginal Cultural and Visitors Centre



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Acknowledgement of Country

Cockburn Nyungar moort Beeliar boodja-k kaadadjiny. Koora, yeyi, benang baalak nidja boodja-k kaaradjiny.

Ngalak kaditj boodjar kep wer kaadidjiny kalyakool yoodaniny, wer koora wer yeyi ngalak Birdiya koota-djinanginy.

City of Cockburn acknowledges the Nyungar people of Beeliar boodja. Long ago, now and in the future they care for Country.

We acknowledge a continuing connection to land, waters and culture and pay our respects to the Elders, past and present.

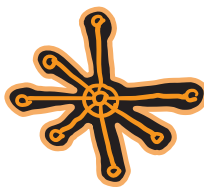


The journey so far

At the heart of Bibra Lake, a stunning landscape where generations of Nyungar people have gathered, we are building something extraordinary.

The City of Cockburn is proud to support a transformative project, the Cockburn Aboriginal Cultural and Visitors Centre. This will be a space where our community can come together to experience, celebrate, and understand the rich traditions and deep roots of Nyungar culture.

Co-designed with the Nyungar community, the Centre will preserve and celebrate cultural knowledge and provide a platform for education, creative expression, and ongoing dialogue. After many years of investment from the City of Cockburn to design, investigate and engage with the community on this project, we are in need of additional funding support to make this come to life. Together, we can make this vision a reality.



“ The dream was of the people to have a centre where they can share their stories in safety and with pride.”

Gail Beck

Aboriginal Reference Group Member at the City of Cockburn.



A cultural space like no other

With passion and guidance from Nyungar elders the **Cockburn Aboriginal Cultural and Visitors Centre** is poised to become one of Perth's most unique and important cultural destinations. This is your chance to be part of a project that will bring together both locals and tourists, creating a space for cultural exchange, education, and community connection.

The Cockburn Aboriginal Cultural and Visitors Centre is designed for all to enjoy, and will have a range of spaces and programs that reflect the heart of Nyungar culture.



Community Areas

Welcoming indoor and outdoor areas for traditional ceremonies and community events, where we can come together to celebrate and connect.



Art and Creative Spaces

Dedicated spaces for local artists and creators to share their work, offer workshops, and inspire all visitors to engage with art and culture.

Exhibition Gallery Space

An interactive area for exhibitions, storytelling, and knowledge-sharing that brings Nyungar culture to life and provides an educational experience for people of all ages.



Family and

Community Programs

Programs designed for children, families, and community members, including school programs, workshops, and activities that engage and educate.

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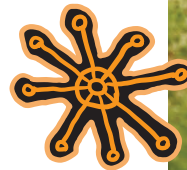
A place where culture thrives

Bibra Lake has long been a gathering place, a spiritual home for the Nyungar people and a place where everyone was welcome to come together. It is a place of stories, ceremonies, and respect for the land.

Building the centre here is a way to honor this land and continue the traditions that have been held sacred for generations. A place of cultural and spiritual importance, with scenic vistas, and easily accessible for the broader community.

This centre has been designed in the shape of the long-necked turtle, to reflect the unique wildlife of Bibra Lake.

The Bibra Lake area is also a key precinct of activity in Perth, with a regional playground, theme park and environmental centres in close proximity. This makes it the perfect location for a unique cultural facility that will serve as a hub for culture, tourism, and education.



“ The significance of this place at Bibra Lake, it runs deep. This was a place of where babies were born and their journeys started.”

Reverend Mitchell Garlett



Benefits to the community

Your support will contribute to a lasting legacy impact on the Cockburn region and beyond.



Cultural Preservation and Education

The centre will provide a safe, educational space for the Nyungar community to preserve and celebrate culture.



Reconciliation in Action

The centre will foster understanding, respect, and community unity, allowing First Nations and the broader community to come together and learn from one another.



Tourism and the local economy

The centre is expected to attract local visitors, students, and tourists, providing economic benefits to the area while strengthening community ties.

Your organisation's support will contribute to a project that serves not only as a place of cultural significance but as a symbol of unity, respect, and reconciliation.



Reconciliation leadership

Supporting this centre reflects an enduring commitment to a more inclusive future. Progressing reconciliation goals in a tangible way at this centre will help drive positive changes for First Nations people.

This project is specifically impactful because it offers authentic, ongoing engagement with Nyungar culture through education, art, and storytelling, creating real social benefits that will extend to future generations.

Additionally, the prime location at Bibra Lake will draw diverse visitors, making wide-reaching and lasting positive impact on reconciliation efforts in the region.



Potential programs:

- Artist in residence programs
- Australian Curriculum aligned educational programs
- First Nations run café
- Bush tucker garden
- Yarning Circles
- Traditional performances
- City-led First Nations community programs (for example 'My Time' Aboriginal Parent Support Group)



Next steps

As a sophisticated Local Government, the City of Cockburn has significant demonstrated experience in delivering high-quality projects of this nature within budget, and delivering programs that engage broad sections of the community.

This project is well advanced and is ready to commence construction within weeks, with designs, project plans and the community eagerly anticipating construction.

The Nyungar people are looking forward to being able to share their culture in safety, and with everyone welcome to join in.

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“ This land speaks volumes. It wants us to come together. This centre would be an amazing centre, to us all. To our community. As one.”

Tim Kelly

Nyungar Cultural Performer and Community member.

