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YOUR CITY OF COCKBURN MAGAZINE

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man cave*

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City of Cockburn

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Message from the Mayor

Keeping abreast of all the amazing opportunities for people of all ages and abilities across our City is somewhat daunting.

From the buzz in our libraries, to the excitement at the Bibra Lake Regional Playground, to the Coogee Beach Surf Life Saving Club nippers training sessions, to walks along our beaches, our pathways shared with cyclists, to arriving at Cockburn ARC ready for a workout or just to relax, to catching up with friends at our seniors centres, to joining in the fun and excitement at the Youth Centre, to participating in the myriad community, sporting, service, arts, faith groups, to supporting the Melville Cockburn Chamber of Commerce, Business Foundations and the recently established Beeliar Regional Chamber of Commerce.

From our local shops, neighbourhood and larger shopping centres like the Phoenix Shopping Centre and the Cockburn Gateway Shopping City there is an amazing range of retail stores. Expansion at Jandakot City continues to offer warehousing and retail offerings, aside from their designation as arguably Australia's

busiest airport in terms of aircraft movements. It is also the home for the Royal Flying Doctor Service and WA Police Air Wing.

The Cockburn Bowling & Recreation Club has just moved to a new facility at Visko Park, Yangebup while planning continues for a world class hockey facility in South Lake, an Aboriginal cultural and visitor centre and a precinct redevelopment for the Wetlands Education Centre, Native ARC and the Bibra Lake Scouts.

Add the recently completed roundabouts at Russell and Hammond Roads and on Beeliar Drive, the planned widening of Armadale Road and new bridge over the freeway, the widening of Spearwood Avenue and the bridge over the railway line and the widening of Karel Avenue and bridge over the railway line, all ensuring that Cockburn is on the move.

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Comment on Cockburn

Visit comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au to see what projects are open for comment and feedback.

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Men's Shed Chairman Peter Hodgson with member Chris Decke

"I enjoy being creative and helping out but if you just wanted to come down and have a look and a coffee and not do anything, that's welcome too. We all enjoy a bit of a banter, that's part of it.

"We want to encourage younger members because they can teach the older ones new stuff too, especially if you work in carpentry or metal work.

"It's a place of safety where you can hang out and just be yourself."

CCMS Chairman Peter Hodgson said contrary to a stubborn public perception of men's sheds, they were not just for "old blokes".

"At Cockburn we are more interested in being an open, accepting shed," Mr Hodgson said.

"There is no desired skill level or age group. There are people here who can teach you how to use the equipment. You certainly don't have to be a skilled artisan. Some of our members are, but I'm not, and that's ok."

The Shed is at 2 Sullivan Street, Cockburn Central and opens 9am-2pm Tuesday to Thursday and 9am-1pm every Saturday. You can just turn up – there is no need to book.

For more information call 0490 200 376, visit www.ccmshed.org.au or email cocmensshed@inet.net.au

Men's Shed for all blokes

Chris Decke is a breath of fresh air.

Not only has he loved helping with all the heavy lifting as Cockburn Community Men's Shed (CCMS) moved into its new Cockburn Central home in June, he's one of the regulars and encourages more men of all ages to come and see what the group is all about.

The shed is a place where men from the age of 18 can gather in a relaxed, no-pressure environment to complete wood and metal work projects, or just catch up for a yarn and a coffee.

"Cockburn is my shed of choice," the 46-year-old said.

"I've been a member for about a

year, starting at the old Wattleup shed, and I just kept coming, sometimes every day.

"I've belonged to a few sheds in the past but the guys at Cockburn are so relaxed and helpful. There is always someone willing to help if you need it, but there's no pressure, and always a smile and a chat.

"They've all got varied backgrounds and skills. I'm interested in carpentry, I like to tinker. One of the blokes taught me how to use the lathe and now I enjoy making wooden pens.

"Every piece is always different. That's part of the attraction, learning new things. The older guys teach the newer ones.

Budget

The City of Cockburn's 2018-19 budget has been adopted by Council, with a rate rise of 1.9%, less than the average metropolitan increase of 2.23%.

Mayor Logan Howlett said the City will spend \$40.9m on capital assets including roads, drainage, parks and community infrastructure, in the 2018-19 financial year.

Overall, the average residential improved ratepayer will pay an extra 56 cents per week after concession, and for those on the minimum payment rate the increase will be 48 cents per week. This excludes the State Government's Emergency Services Levy (ESL).

2018-19 is the tenth straight year that the City will achieve an operating surplus result, a primary indicator of financial health and performance.

The Pension Rebate cap of \$750 (first applied in 2016-17) will remain the same. The Seniors Rebate also remains unchanged, capped at \$100.

The City's SmartRates payment initiative enables ratepayers to choose weekly or fortnightly direct debit payment options, making it easier to manage rate payments.

The City's low rate rise comes despite the State Government's self-described 'modest' increase of up to 10% in its ESL, the largest increase since its introduction in 2000 to fund the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

The City will collect about \$17.98m in ESLs compared to \$15.9m in 2017-18.

This year the City will also experience a 3.2% increase in State-sanctioned electricity costs, a 5.5% increase in water charges, a 3% increase in gas charges, a 5.8% increase in motor vehicle registrations, and a 9% increase in third party motor vehicle insurance.

The State Government's Landfill Levy of \$3.78m will rise from \$65 to \$70, or 7.7% per tonne from 1 July 2018.

Budget Highlights 2018-19

	\$m
Roads – Construction and upgrades:	
Jandakot Road (Berrigan Drive to Solomon Road Stage 1)	6.1
Karel Avenue (Berrigan Drive to Farrington Road)	
North Lake Road (Phoenix Road to Bibra Drive)	
Jandakot Road (Right turn to Louisiana Glen)	
Bridge – Widening of:	
Spearwood Avenue Bridge and Road (Yangebup Road to Barrington Street)	3.3
Wetlands Education Centre	2
Hockey Facility and Clubrooms – Lakelands Reserve	2
Operations Centre Stage 2	1.8
Community Grants and Donations	1.4
Master Plans – Coogee Beach Reserve and Bibra Lake upgrades	1.2
Port Coogee Marina Infrastructure	1
Free Community Events	0.7
Nature Play – Len Packham Reserve, Coolbellup	0.5



My Suburb

What is planned for my suburb in 2018-19?

Would you like to know if your suburb is getting footpath or road upgrades, a new park or street-scaping to beautify the area? Jump onto our website and take a look at the projects that have already commenced or will start in 2018-19.

The projects are all capital works projects approved in the budget. Capital works include new buildings, roads, footpaths, playgrounds, parks or landscaping to name a few examples.

We have selected a range of projects for 2018-19 that you can search for by suburb or project type. We have included projects that we believe you will be interested in, but have not included every project that the City will undertake throughout the year.

Please note that the number of projects by suburb varies each year. New suburbs require new parks and facilities, and larger suburbs usually have more projects to cater for a larger population. All assets have the same renewal period regardless of the suburb. To search for projects in your suburb visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/mysuburb

Project Types

- Parks and environment
- Coastal and marina
- Community and sports facilities
- Roads and paths
- Streetscapes

ARC Happenings

Wednesday Futsal and Basketball Skills Clinic

On Wednesday afternoons, we run a fun skills clinic. All skill levels are welcome from beginners to a child who is already playing and wants to refine their skills.

It can be a great way to see if your child is interested in a sport without the need for a full-term commitment.

The session includes drills, games and activities with a strong focus on participation and fun. Clinics are suitable for kindy to year six.

Wednesdays from 18 July during term.
4.30-5.30pm
\$10 per session, no booking required, just pay at reception before 4.30pm.

Book out the Play Centre

Private bookings for the Bandicoots Play Centre are available for playgroups. This gives you exclusive access to the Play Centre and Party Room and you can have morning tea after you play.

We offer Parents' Group play time morning sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday,



Book out the Play Centre for your playgroup at Cockburn ARC

9.30-11.30am. Sessions are \$90 for up to 20 children. The Play Centre is air-conditioned and fully enclosed with plenty of seating for parents.

Book online at cockburnarc.com.au

Cockburn Youth Centre turns 10!

The Cockburn Youth Centre (CYC) turns 10 on Tuesday 12 September. Over the 10 years, nearly half a million people have passed through its doors and what a journey that has been. The Centre has become a trusted, safe and enriching place for the youth of Cockburn to learn, grow and most importantly, have fun.

Over the years the Youth Centre has opened its doors to the wider community and provided an accessible and inclusive place for all to access and participate in a diverse range of programs.

Staff are focused on ensuring the facility is a safe and welcoming place, and encourage youth to drop in, have a chat, and find out what's happening and how to get involved.

We asked some of our members what they thought of the CYC:

"My favourite thing about the Youth Centre is the food."

- Joel Roman

"I have been coming to Cockburn

Youth Centre for years, I used to go on the Outrage program when I was younger and then I used to come down on Thursday nights to play basketball with my friends. Now, I'm doing my specialised basketball placement here at the Youth Centre. I feel like I've kind of grown up with it." - Brodie Miranda

"It helped me make new friends."

"I've learnt social skills, leadership and made new friends."

"The program helped me be more confident."

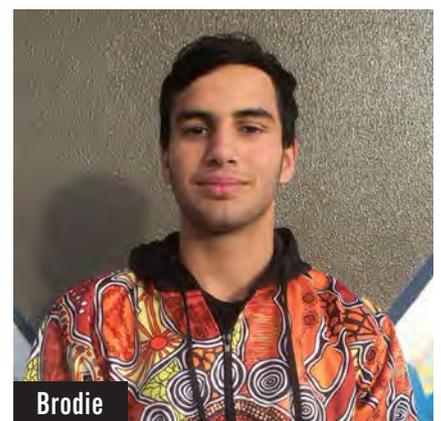
"I have been doing the program for three years and have made copious amounts of friends and have learnt problem-solving skills."

"I've recommended the program to some of my friends and will continue to share it with them."

To celebrate an incredible decade with an awesome number of people we are hosting the party of all parties on Thursday 20 September at the Cockburn Youth Centre from 6-9pm. Everyone is invited.



Joel



Brodie

If you've got a story to share about your time at the CYC, let us know on our Facebook page.

Cockburn Youth Centre
Wentworth Parade, Success
08 9411 3888

facebook.com/cockburnyouth

How you rated the City of Cockburn

Key results

- 70% overall satisfaction with the City as a governing organisation – above the national index score
- 79% overall satisfaction with the City as a place to live – equal to the national index score

The annual Community Scorecard survey provides an insight into how the community perceives services in the City of Cockburn. The City uses these results together with other information to evaluate and adjust its priorities and programs. An independent consultant conducted the survey using a random representative sample of residents across all of the suburbs of Cockburn.

What you say we do best

- Waste services
- Library services
- Sport and recreation facilities.

What you say we do well

- Playgrounds, parks and reserves
- Festivals, events and cultural activities
- Services for families and children
- Customer service
- Community buildings.

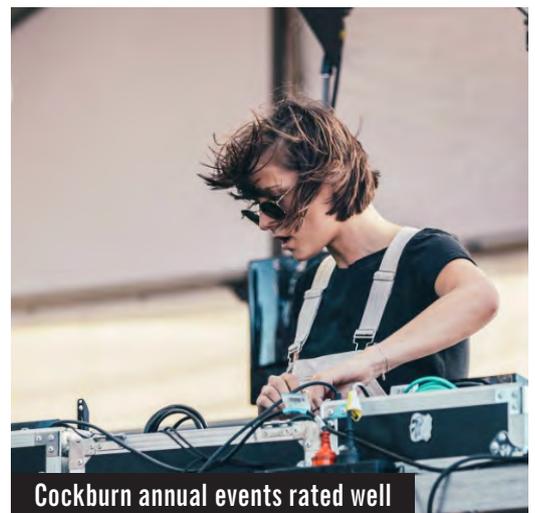
Where we are leaders

The City is benchmarked against other West Australian local governments who undertake the Community Scorecard Survey. The City of Cockburn is the leader in the following areas:

- The City has a good understanding of community needs
- Services and facilities for youth
- Facilities, services and care for seniors
- Cockburn ARC (Aquatic and Recreation Centre)
- Natural disaster education, prevention and relief (bushfires, etc).



Spearwood Library



Cockburn annual events rated well



Cockburn ARC continues to be popular

What you rated as most important

1. Council's leadership
2. Traffic management
3. Streetscapes
4. Local area development
5. Safety and security.

What we are doing in these important areas:

1. Council's leadership

Council will continue to advocate to the State and Federal governments:

- To ensure that funding for major local projects is secured
- To ensure that the State Government engages with our community on projects they are undertaking within the City.

If you have something to raise with your Elected Members, please see the back page for a list of all their contact details.

2. Traffic management

The City is working on managing traffic congestion and supporting alternative means of transport, particularly around Cockburn Central and other activity centres. A more robust transport network will include the development of cycle paths, better promotion of alternative transport paths and lobbying for State and Federal funding for improved transport infrastructure. Significant projects underway or in the design stage are detailed on page 4 under the article on budgets. All road and footpath projects are on the website at cockburn.wa.gov.au/mysuburb

3. Streetscapes

Our community has said it wants more trees planted in



Traffic management was rated most important by the community

the City. There is also a lot of support for preserving our natural environment and carefully managing our natural assets.

Key projects in 2018-19

- Spearwood - street tree planting on main thoroughfares, \$0.15m
- City wide - verge tree planting, \$0.3m

4. Local Area Development

There are many projects due to commence in 2018-19 – examples include:

Aubin Grove

Princeton Park upgrades
\$0.105m

Bibra Lake

Ramsay Park upgrades
\$0.25m

Cockburn Central

Lakeridge Park upgrades
\$0.161m

Coogee

Poole Reserve upgrades
\$0.198m

Coolbellup

New nature playground,
Len Packham Reserve
\$0.5m

Hamilton Hill

Southwell Park renewal
\$0.25m

Jandakot

Fairway Park upgrades
\$0.138m

Munster

Hagan Park upgrades, \$0.15m

For details about what road, park or traffic projects are happening in your suburb, visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/mysuburb

5. Security

The City will continue to work with State Government services responsible for law and order to provide a safe and secure environment for its community. These partnerships involve sharing intelligence and pooling resources. Much of this intelligence comes from the City's security patrol service, CoSafe. The City will install new CCTV at the Cockburn Bowling and Recreation Facility, Visko Park, the new skate park at Bibra Lake and at Atwell Community Centre. cockburn.wa.gov.au/cosafe

Events Calendar

Find more great events and details at cockburn.wa.gov.au/events



Learn how to compost at home

4 August

Worm Farming Workshop

2-4pm Coolbellup

Cost: \$5 – Bookings essential via ticketbooth.com/CityofCockburn

Learn how to convert your kitchen food waste into fertiliser with worms. You can also purchase a subsidised worm farm on the day.

10 August

Henderson Waste Recovery Park Tour

9.30am-12.30pm Spearwood

Free – Bookings essential via ticketbooth.com/CityofCockburn

Get a free, behind-the-scenes look at how waste can be minimised, reused and recycled into new products. Suitable for children 5 years and older.

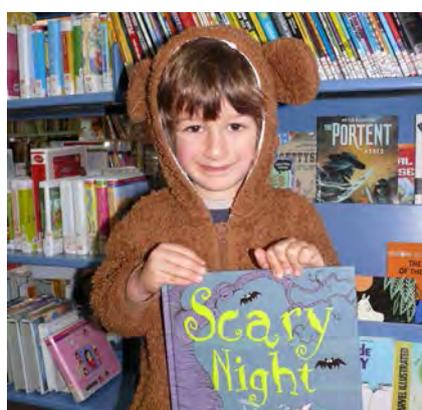
18 – 24 August

Children's Book Week

Various times. Coolbellup, Spearwood and Success Libraries

Free – Check library.cockburn.wa.gov.au for details

Find Your Treasure at Cockburn Libraries this Children's Book Week. Join us for special Pram Jams, dress-up Story Times, and come in for your chance to win a range of awesome prizes. Bookings not required.



19 August

Composting and Bokashi Workshop

10am-midday Bibra Lake

Cost: \$5 – Bookings essential via ticketbooth.com/CityofCockburn

Compost will improve your soil's condition, increase water retention and help fertilise your plants while reducing household waste. Join the team from Green Services to learn more.

12 September

Volunteer Management Workshop: Enhancing Access to Diversity

6-8.30pm Spearwood

Free – Bookings essential via email communitydevelopment@cockburn.wa.gov.au

Learn how to recruit successfully. Attract volunteers from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

15 September

Reusable Cloth Nappies

1-2pm Coogee

Cost: \$5 – Bookings essential via ticketbooth.com/CityofCockburn

One baby uses around 3,000 disposable nappies in their first year, which will all end up in landfill. Find out how easy it is to use the new reusable, planet-friendly nappies.

16 September

Bibra Lake Fun Run

9am Corner Progress and Gwilliam Drives, Bibra Lake

Free – Registration required if you want a timed run at cockburn.wa.gov.au/events

See advert on the back page of this edition.





Planet-friendly reusable nappies



Outrage Program out now

18 September

Worm Farming Workshop

6-8pm Beeliar

Cost: \$5 – Bookings essential via ticketbooth.com/CityofCockburn

These workshops are part of the Organic Cockburn resident program. You can purchase a subsidised worm farm for \$85 at this event or just come along to learn more about recycling organic waste at home.



Bibra Lake Fun Run

22 September

Youth Centre School Holiday Programs

Various times and locations

Various costs apply – Bookings essential, visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/outrage

Cockburn Youth Centre offers a range of in-centre programs as well as Outrage programs that run outside the centre. Activities and prices vary. For a full list of activities visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/events

22 September – 7 October

School Holiday Activities

Get Wild About Wetlands
ticketbooth.com/CityofCockburn
Native ARC Activities
trybooking.com

25 September – 5 October

STEAM into School Holidays at Cockburn Libraries

Various times. Coolbellup, Spearwood, Success Libraries

Free – Bookings essential via library.cockburn.wa.gov.au

We are celebrating all things science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) these school holidays with lots of fun activities at your local library. All events are free. Bookings are essential and open on 10 September.

28 September

Grants/ Donations and Sponsorship rounds close

Turn to page 10 for more information or visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/grantsdonations



1 September

The Abundance of Less

1.30-3.30pm Success

Cost: \$5 – Bookings essential via ticketbooth.com.au/CityofCockburn

We all tend to gather clutter at some point, and the home seems to be the logical place to store it. But don't you wish you could declutter with ease? Join us at this decluttering workshop to learn how to reduce clutter in and around the home as well as make use of all the space you never knew existed, or maybe you did!

This decluttering journey will cover topics including 'back to basics and living simply', ingenious ways to be more resourceful, embracing the new 'share economy', food, fashion, becoming waste-wise, saving money and the Japanese art of wabi-sabi, or embracing imperfection.

Call out for Cockburn Rotary Spring Fair stall holders

To book your spot at the Rotary Spring Fair, Sunday 28 October, complete the application form at cockburn.wa.gov.au/stallapps
For more information email Robyn at rleahy@iinet.net.au or call 0448 338 457.



Beeliar Community Voice Grant Coordinator Jo Forward (back left) and Beeliar Community Voice President, Wendy Campbell (back middle), with kids keen to start the program

See a need, fund the idea!

Each year, through the Cockburn Community Fund, the City distributes more than \$1m in financial support to local individuals, community groups and organisations for a wide range of activities and events.

One such recipient of the community grants was local residents group, Beeliar Community Voice. After seeing a need in the local community, where children were not able to easily access fitness and nutrition information

due to barriers such as cost, availability and travel, the group sought assistance from the City.

They were able to successfully demonstrate strong community support and resources and as a result was awarded a Community Grant towards a pilot program of free, weekly 'Beeliar Kids Get Fit Classes' held at the Beeliar Community Centre during school terms three and four.

If you have an idea that could benefit from a Community Grant,

our next round for Community Grants, Sponsorship, Cultural Grants and Donations is opening soon, with applications closing 4pm Friday 28 September.

For more information:

T: 08 9411 3444

E: communitygrants@cockburn.wa.gov.au

W: cockburn.wa.gov.au/grantsdonations

Grant applications can be made online at cockburn.smartygrants.com.au



Help teach our kids to drive

Ever thought about helping the kids of Cockburn? Cockburn Youth Services are looking for mentor drivers for the RYDE program that assists young people to achieve the 50 hours supervised driving hours to obtain their licence.

The sessions are supervisory in nature so you only have to offer advice over the course of each 1.5-hour session. A minimum of one session per week is required, which can be booked online on a day and time that suits you. The City provides the car and training, you provide the tips! To sign up or for more information: 08 9411 3884, cockburn.wa.gov.au/Ryde



5 Mins with Deputy Mayor Lee-Anne Smith

What made you decide to become a Councillor?

I was asked if I would consider running for Council. I was a sole parent juggling young children, working fulltime, studying and was not a member of any political party. Back then I didn't really fit the mould of WA's stereotypical councillor and probably still don't. However, I was told that my social justice, youth and community work would be valued. I loved the opportunities Cockburn had afforded me so I threw my hat in the ring. Ten years later, I'm still here and still very much grateful.

Describe your typical day as a Councillor?

There is no typical day. Supporting Council decisions to achieve small wins for residents like shade sails and dog parks and big wins for business like getting our first business engagement officer this year, give me a real sense of achievement.

What do you love most about the City of Cockburn?

I moved to Cockburn looking for a fresh start, a new beginning and more than 20 years later, I'm still in awe at what Cockburn has on offer. A community service team like no other, free events, a million dollar annual grants program kick starting dreams and new ideas, well cared for public open space and a team that really cares about residents. I truly believe Cockburn is Western Australia's city of opportunity.

Your Elected Members



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City of Cockburn Wards

● Central

Beeliar, Bibra Lake, Cockburn Central, Coolbellup, Munster, North Lake, South Lake, Wattleup, Yangebup

● East

Atwell, Aubin Grove, Banjup, Hammond Park, Jandakot, Leeming, Success, Treeby

● West

Coogee, Hamilton Hill, Henderson, Munster, North Coogee, Spearwood

bibra lake funrun

Sunday 16 September

free
event

All ages welcome



6km course

Registrations

Open Wednesday 1 August

Timed registrations are limited and close Friday 7 September or once all spots are filled.

Runners wishing to be timed and be in with a chance to win a prize must register online.

Visit the City website to register.

Race starts 9am

Corner Gwilliam & Progress Drive

Categories

- 12 & Under
- 17 & Under
- 18 & Over
- 55 and older
- Largest Sports Group
- Largest School
- Largest Corp. Team

cockburn.wa.gov.au/bibralakefunrun | 08 9411 3444



Accessible event

Information available in alternative formats

Contact Us

T: 08 9411 3444 (8.30am–4.30pm)
E: customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au
W: cockburn.wa.gov.au

In Person

Administration Building
9 Coleville Crescent
Spearwood WA
8.30am–4.30pm Monday to Friday

Postal Address

PO Box 1215
Bibra Lake DC
WA 6965

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