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Message from the Mayor

The opportunity to provide feedback to our community on the performance of the City over the past twelve months from an independent source is paramount in today's world where transparency, accountability and the timely flow of information is demanded by communities.

The information provided in this publication of Cockburn Soundings reflects the current status of survey responses and provides guidance to our elected members and the City's Administration in terms of resource allocations that were reflected in our budget deliberations for 2019/2020. Details of the City's budget deliberations can also be found in this publication.

The City is aware of the on-going cost pressures across our community and works to deliver cost effective services to meet the demands of a growing city and to minimise any rate increase.

On another note, I am pleased to advise that Mr Desmond (Des) O'Brien was the recipient of the WA Day Cockburn Citizen of the Year Award. The Award was presented to Des at the annual

Pioneers' Luncheon held on 31 May 2019. Des has been a stalwart of the Cockburn community since he moved to the City in 1951. His volunteering efforts in the community are reflected in his focus on 'making Cockburn a better place to live'.

Our congratulations go to Des O'Brien as he joins a long list of distinguished members of our community who, in many cases, are household names.

In closing, please take the opportunity to contact your Councillor or my office if you have a query on the information provided in this publication. I encourage you to use the on-line customer request system or telephone the call centre on 08 9411 3444 to have your enquiry registered. You will be provided with a customer request number in case you need to contact the call centre on the same subject.

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Connecting younger and older generations with locally grown produce and community spirit

Grow It Local Festival

GROW IT LOCAL

From the creators of the internationally acclaimed Garage Sale Trail comes a new community initiative to encourage more people to grow, share and eat locally grown foods.

Grow It Local - Your Local Grow Community is a celebration of backyard, balcony, community and window-sill farmers. The City of Cockburn is the first WA council to jump on board and support the program as well as Gardening Australia host Costa Georgiadis, who is the national ambassador for Grow It Local and has pledged his support for the initiative.

"Grow It Local aims to make local food fun. We believe that if more people grew their own food we'd be happier and healthier. We'd have dirtier nails and bigger smiles. We'd be more connected to nature and our communities. We'd compost more and waste less. Life would be juicier and more delicious. I love it," says Costa Georgiadis

Local growers are invited to 'put their patch on the map' at growitlocal.com and get involved, which means giving your patch a name, outlining what's growing and highlighting whether you're interested in connecting with other local growers to share or sell your produce, knowledge, space or skills. Likewise, aspiring growers can log on, see what's growing locally and get inspired to get growing too.

The initiative is launching with the Grow It Local Festival, a community-powered idea from 4-10 November 2019 in and around Cockburn.

The festival has a knowledge and skill sharing theme and invites edible gardening and local food loving Australians to host and attend workshops, events, and tutorials.

Local residents can get involved by attending or hosting a free or ticketed event. Think backyard passata classes with a third generation Italian, permaculture principles, an introduction to growing workshop, composting 101, pickling masterclass, urban chicken farming, backyard beekeeping and more.

Log on, get involved and curate your own contribution at growitlocal.com, email customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au or call the City on 08 9411 3444.

How you rated the City of Cockburn

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 conducts the survey using a random representative sample of residents across all of the suburbs of Cockburn.

Key results

The City as a governing organisation

- **70 performance index score**

The City as a place to live

- **78 performance index score**

Where we are leaders

The City is benchmarked against other West Australian local governments who undertake the same survey. The City leads in the following areas:

- A good understanding of community needs
- Services and facilities for families and children
- Cockburn ARC (Aquatic and Recreation Centre)
- Multiculturalism and racial harmony
- Promotion and adoption of sustainable practices

Performance index score

100	Excellent
75	Good
50	Okay
25	Poor
0	Terrible



Vision for the Area



52% agree

The leader among similar councils and 17% above the WA average.

Place to Live



78

3 index points above the WA average and 2 points above the average for similar councils.

Organisation



70

The leader among similar councils and 14 points above WA average.

Value for Money



58

The leader among similar councils and 14 points above WA average.



What you rated as most important and what we are doing to address these areas

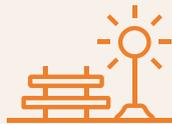
Traffic Management

We are working to improve the traffic in Cockburn with some projects already underway or completed, with the rest due for completion by late 2021. Find out more on page 7 of this edition.

Your priorities



Traffic management



Streetscapes



Safety and security



Local area development



Footpaths, trails and cycleways

Safety and Security

The City will continue to work with WA Police, various businesses and community groups such as Neighbourhood Watch to provide a safe and secure environment for its community.

These partnerships involve pooling resources and sharing intelligence. Much of this intelligence comes from the City's security patrol service, CoSafe. For details on CoSafe, crime statistics and prevention, the roll-out of CCTV and more, visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/crimeprevention

Streetscapes

Almost \$1M has been allocated for streetscape improvements and tree planting across the City. If you would like a tree planted on your verge: cockburn.wa.gov.au/trees

Local Area Development

The City has allocated \$5.38M to spend on parks and the environment.

What you say we do well



Playgrounds, parks and reserves



Libraries



Sport and Recreation Facilities



Waste collections

Footpaths and cycleways

The City will spend \$1.43M on upgrades to and new footpaths and cycleways in 2019–20.

What's happening in my suburb

To view projects that will be happening in your suburb in the 2019-20 financial year, visit <http://bit.ly/WhatsHappeningInMySuburb>



See where the centre can take you

Leila turns her dreams into reality

I joined Cockburn Youth Centre in 2012 and have taken part in many classes including sewing, crafts, cooking, writing, games, various workshops, dancing, chocolate making, meditation and drama for seven years, and have been part of the Youth Diversity Alliance for just over a year.

Prior to joining Cockburn Youth Centre, I had no idea what my passions were. I took up many different classes before landing on drama. The program allowed me to see what I liked and where my skills were. Learning how to write my own script and make my own short films in drama opened my eyes to how fulfilling that pathway is and has built my skills in that area. I've since made eight short films and competed in two ECU film competitions.

In year 12, I still encounter so many classmates who have no clue what they want to do past high

school, simply because they've never gotten the opportunity to try anything apart from the school curriculum.

Cockburn Youth Centre allows you to have hands-on experiences in many areas, lets you build on your hobbies, and then turn them into ambitions.

Since 2014, my dream has been to be a screenwriter and I hope to attend ECU next year and pursue a course that'll get me to that dream. I owe all that to Cockburn Youth Services, the amazing staff and my drama teacher Fleur Hockey.

Where can the Cockburn Youth Centre take you?

cockburn.wa.gov.au/youth

Local kids make big changes

MacFaull Park in Spearwood and Tapper Reserve in Atwell have been given a makeover thanks to some local arty kids and the City. A new mural features on both the basketball courts and the backboard.

Working alongside Cockburn Youth Services mobile bus Blissco, Spearwood and Atwell children worked with local artist Melanie Maclou to design and paint an art mural on the quarter basketball courts at the two venues. Working with various challenges such as rain, shorter days and mosquitoes, Melanie and the crew of young people worked very hard to complete this project which ran twice a week for over two months.

The response from local residents has been very encouraging as the bore-stained basketball court started improving week by week.

Spearwood Primary School had allowed Melanie and some of the Spearwood primary children access to a classroom once a week to paint the backboards away from the elements.

Check it out next time you're down at MacFaull Park and Tapper Reserve, (next to the skate park in Atwell) and see how communities working together make big changes.



Michael from Fremantle College stands proudly with his design for the basketball court at MacFaull Park



What's being done about traffic in Cockburn?

We understand that traffic congestion in Cockburn is frustrating, especially around Cockburn Central and Kwinana Freeway at Berrigan Drive. The City is working with all levels of government to alleviate the congestion, with most projects forecast for completion by 2021.

Cockburn Central

To improve traffic flow at Cockburn Central:

- Spearwood Avenue duplication (in part): Completed
- Armadale Road duplication Completion: late 2019
- New Armadale Road Bridge Completion: late 2021

Berrigan Drive

To reduce congestion getting on and off the freeway at Berrigan Drive:

- Kwinana Freeway widening Completion: early 2020
- Jandakot Road (in part) duplication Completion: late 2021
- Karel Avenue (in part) duplication Completion: late 2020

Other projects that will reduce traffic congestion

- New Thornlie to Cockburn rail link
- Smart Freeway – Kwinana Northbound
- Growing network of walking and bike paths/roads

For more on what's being done, visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/traffic

Avoid the fine and read the sign

We get it, receiving a parking infringement isn't great, however we issue them so our community knows that there are areas you cannot park for safety or accessibility reasons.

We often get people contesting their infringements for invalid reasons. This takes time away from our Rangers who could be out helping the community.

An appeal will not be accepted for the following reasons:

- An appointment that went over time
- Losing track of the time
- Taking an important phone call that caused a delay
- Parking for just a few minutes over the allowed time
- Not seeing or understanding the sign
- Not knowing the parking rules
- Thinking you were allowed to park there
- Having nowhere else to park
- Running out of petrol.

Your infringement notice may be overturned if:

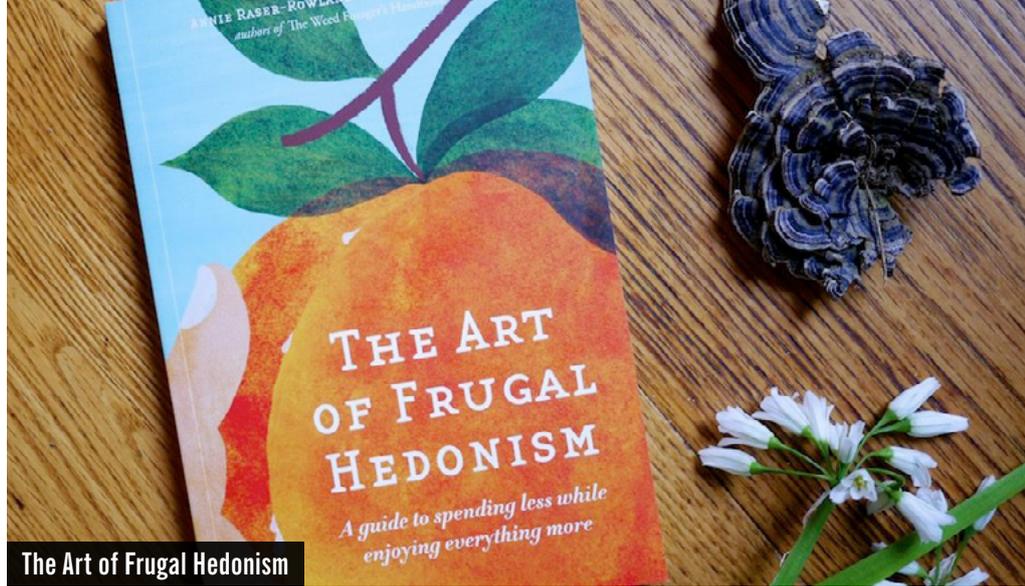
- Your vehicle broke down and you could not move it. Proof needed: RAC call-out documentation or other evidence of mechanical failure
- If you were not the driver at the time of the issued infringement. Proof needed: Complete the 'nominate another driver/owner form' including the driver's name and address
- Your disabled parking permit may have fallen from the dashboard. Proof needed: You must produce your ACROD permit on request
- Immediate medical attention undertaken or required by the driver. Proof needed: Medical Certificate/documentation
- Your vehicle was stolen or you were detained by the police. Proof needed: Police Reference Number.

Please read the signs and consider everyone's safety and accessibility when parking in Cockburn.

More information is available at cockburn.wa.gov.au/infringements

Events Calendar

 **NEW!** Subscribe to our new Events eNewsletter promoting all our events, visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/newsletters



17 August

Frugal Hedonism – a book review

2.30-4.30pm

Cost: \$5

The Wetlands Centre, Cockburn

The 'Art of Frugal Hedonism' has been designed to help you target the most important habits needed for living frugally while maintaining life's pleasures.

Registration: events.ticketbooth.com.au/CityofCockburn

17 August

Henderson Waste Recovery Park Tour

9.30am-midday

Cost: \$5

Meet at City of Cockburn Administration Building

Find out what happens to your waste after you've dropped it off at Henderson and visit the ReUse Shop.

Registration: events.ticketbooth.com.au/CityofCockburn

29 August

Sustainability for Business

7.30-9.30am

Free

City Administration Building

This workshop will explore how to save money, resources and energy while reducing waste in your business.

Registration: www.ticketbooth.com.au/BusinessInCockburn

31 August

Dads 'n' Tods Beach Trail

9.30-11am

Cost: \$5 (dad and toddler)

Coogee Beach Reserve

Kick your shoes off and become a beachcombing detective along Coogee Beach. Discover what really lives in our oceans.

Registration: events.ticketbooth.com.au/CityofCockburn

6 September

Youth Noise

6-10pm

Cockburn Youth Centre

Youth Noise is an annual music competition for 10-24 year olds. Winners will receive recording time, cash and hardware.

Bookings and inquiries on 08 9411 3884 or cockburn.wa.gov.au/events

7 September

Guided Indigenous Walk – Native Bird Oasis

9-10.30am

Free

Bibra Lake Reserve

Join an experienced guide who will teach you about Nyungar culture, use of the land, and the six seasons at the Native Bird Oasis.

Registration: <http://bit.ly/GuidedIndigWalk>

8 September

Japanese Tsumami – Zaiku Workshop

2-4pm

Cost: \$10

The Wetlands Centre, Cockburn

Tsumami – Zaiku is a traditional Japanese craft that originated about 200 years ago. This is a make and take style workshop.

Registration: events.ticketbooth.com.au/CityofCockburn



11 September

Regional Resource Recovery Tour

9.30am-midday

Cost \$5

Meet at the City Administration Building

Watch recyclables being separated, baled and prepared for sale. Learn why we can recycle some items, but not others.

Registration: events.ticketbooth.com.au/CityofCockburn



15 September

Bibra Lake Fun Run

From 9am

Cost: Free

Cnr Gwilliam & Progress Drives

Registration for a timed run opens 1 August to 6 September. See back page for details.

17 September

Sustainable Development / Smart Infill

3-6pm

Cost: \$35

Memorial Hall, Hamilton Hill

This workshop will connect you to the latest advances in the 'inspired infill' space, its concepts and themes, and how you can navigate planning and building guidelines.

Registration: www.ticketbooth.com.au/BusinessInCockburn

18 September

Worm Farming Workshop

6-8pm

Cost: \$5

Beeliar Community Centre

You can purchase a subsidised worm farm at these workshops and get a hands-on demonstration.

Registration: events.ticketbooth.com.au/CityofCockburn

21 September

Guided Indigenous Walk Roe 8 Corridor

9.30-11.30am

Cost: Free

Meet at the entry gate Malvolio Road, Coolbellup

Join an experienced indigenous guide on a tour of the local bushland within the Roe 8 corridor.

Registration: events.ticketbooth.com.au/CityofCockburn

21 September

Sewing with Scraps – Denim Craft Class

2.30-4.30pm

Cost: \$5

The Wetlands Centre, Cockburn

Turn your old denim jeans, shorts or skirts into useful and fun items.

Registration: events.ticketbooth.com.au/CityofCockburn

28 September–13 October

School Holiday Programs

Youth Centre

Various Locations

Various costs apply
(Some programs free)

Cockburn Youth Centre offers a range of in-centre programs and Outrage programs that take place all over Perth.

Bookings and more information: cockburn.wa.gov.au/events and cockburn.wa.gov.au/outrage

Volunteers reap rewards

The new 'Very Important Volunteer (VIV) cards have arrived! If you are volunteering in the Cockburn community, you're entitled to a VIV card which allows you to get discounts at over 100 Cockburn businesses. Don't forget to present your card for a minimum 10% discount on your purchase. For a full list of participating businesses and to register for your new card, visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/VIV

Volunteer Resource Centre

P 08 9411 3490

E volunteering@cockburn.wa.gov.au



My Community Directory

Promote your community service, group or organisation for free!

Did you know the Cockburn Community Directory provides up-to-date information for community organisations within the Cockburn area?

The directory is focused on local community groups and not-for-profit services, and encourages them and organisations to list themselves for free in the online directory.

People can search by category i.e. health services, child care, sport etc. or by location, to make finding what they're looking for quick and easy.

Who can add to the directory?

Anyone who provides a community service to the Cockburn area.

Is it easy to register?

It's easy and free to register.

Can I update my information at any time?

Yes, simply log into your account to update or add more information.

Can I list my community event?

Yes, the community directory comes with a community diary so you can add in all your event details.

For more information contact the Spearwood Library on 08 9411 3800

www.mycommunitydirectory.com.au/Western_Australia/Cockburn



Find what you're looking for quick and easy with My Community Directory

2019 Local Government Elections

Are you entitled to vote?

To be able to vote in the upcoming Council elections, your name must be on the Council Electoral Roll which is currently being prepared.

You should automatically be enrolled for your residential address, but if you own more than one property in the district, you may be entitled to vote in more than one ward election.

Check your eligibility with our Rates Department on 08 9411 3444. Registrations to be included on the roll close Friday 30 August 2019.

Want to be a Councillor?

Are you passionate about community and interested in Council affairs? Local Government elections are being held in the City of Cockburn on 19 October 2019 for the following vacancies:

- **East Ward** Two Councillors
Four year terms
- **West Ward** One Councillor
Four year term

- **Central Ward** One Councillor
Four year term

The terms of the incumbent Councillors expire at that time.

If you are thinking of nominating for one of these positions, Council is hosting a seminar to provide information to prospective new Elected Members.

Seminar for prospective Councillors

Wednesday 28 August 2019 – 7pm
City of Cockburn Administration Building, Reception Room
9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood.

The seminar is free of charge to Cockburn electors and light refreshments will be provided. To register, complete the registration form at cockburn.wa.gov.au/elections and return it to the City by 27 August 2019.

For more information visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/elections or contact the City 08 9411 3444.

5 minutes with Cr Michael Separovich

What's the most interesting thing you've learned during your time in this role?

The intriguing behind the scenes details of the Cockburn ARC; The awards it has won aren't accidental. The geothermal heating system in particular I think is just plain old fascinating.

What City community project or program do you love the most and why?

I'm going to stick to the fundamentals of what council is for and say the waste services transition. Leaving the SMRC and starting to use waste to energy is simultaneously saving money,



as well as being sustainable long term, and generating power. Definitely an underrated project.

If you were a superhero, what would your superpower be?

I wouldn't want anything that would get me on a CIA watch list or shot... so I'll say the ability to learn to do anything that I see. It would be nice to be able to watch a video and immediately pick up new languages, learn instruments, that sort of thing.



Cr Carol Reeve-Fowkes

What's the most interesting thing you've learned during your time in this role?

That vision, strategy and above all time is vital to making great things happen. Port Coogee is now a magnificent thriving community and a wonderful area for boating. Now we have the Cockburn Coast redevelopment. We all remember the noxious industries along Cockburn Road not so very long ago, we are now seeing remediation of that land and ultimately homes, shops and a vibrant community will call North Coogee home. Cockburn has grown so much over the last 40 years into a magnificent City. We have much to be proud of.

What City community project or program do you love the most and why?

The Coogee Beach Surf Lifesaving Club. I remember walking the sand dunes with other Elected Members and Daryll Smith back in 2002 with a big vision on a simple piece of paper of what could be achieved. Many of the founding members have moved on now, but I know how it all began, with that big plan on that small piece of paper, and look at it now... It's magnificent and much loved by our Community.

If you were a superhero, what would your superpower be?

Healing would be a wonderful superpower. Many people suffer great pain and illness every day; I would love to make life easier for them.

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



9am Sunday 15 September

6km course

The Bibra Lake Fun Run is all about fitness, fun and community. So come along and enjoy a run, walk, jog or skip around our beautiful lake.

There are prizes for:

- Top 3 male and female runners aged
 - 12 and under
 - 13-17
 - 18-55
 - 55 and over
- Largest sports club team
- Largest school team
- Largest corporate team

Register today

Runners wishing to be timed and be in with a chance to win a prize must register online. Registrations open Thursday 1 August. Timed registrations are limited and close Friday 6 September.

Register here:

cockburn.wa.gov.au/bibrallakefunrun

Race starts corner Gwilliam and Progress Drives.



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



Accessible event

Information available in alternative formats

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