

COCKBURN SOUNDINGS

City of
Cockburn



Edition on Local Government Reform

Goodbye Cockburn



What can you do
to save our City?

Turn to the back cover
to find out how you
can save your city.



These services will be gone if we don't act now!



Cheaper rates (up to 10% for Cockburn businesses)

Businesses in Kwinana pay up to 10% more rates which means less jobs and more expensive industry.

The City of Cockburn prides itself on services such as:

- » Free tip passes
- » Weekly recycling.



Community Facilities

Great assets exceeding \$100 million in value will be carved up and dissipated. Facilities that will be split include:

- » GP Super Clinic (\$38 million)
- » Coogee Beach Surf Life Saving Club (\$10 million)
- » Cockburn Volunteer Emergency Services Building (\$4 million).



Road and traffic infrastructure

Cockburn is spending big on roads with a \$10.4 million spend last financial year alone. Dissipated City assets mean no money for projects like:

- » Fixing Cockburn Central Traffic
- » Lobbying the State Government to build the North Lake Road Bridge.



Regional Sports Facility (\$100 million)

This project is a world-class facility fulfilling our City's needs for the future. It includes:

- » The facility will house the Fremantle Dockers Football Club and cater to all sporting and sport science education needs.



Community Services

Essential community services will be limited to a small fraction of all the residents that paid for them, including:

- » The new major library at Success
- » The Coolbellup Community Hub
- » The Jean Willis Centre.

THE FUTURE OF COCKBURN IS AT STAKE

Mayor's Message



Dear residents and ratepayers,

The WA Government has released its map outlining the proposed new local governments boundaries for the Perth metropolitan area including the 'carving up' of our City by dividing it between the cities of Fremantle, Melville and Kwinana.

Gone is one of Australia's most sustainable cities with the stroke of a pen – no consultation with our local government, our community, the business sector or anyone else except our neighbouring local governments.

Gone to another local government are the historical and the important iconic community facilities that Cockburn residents know so well. The Memorial Hall, the Spearwood and Coolbellup libraries, the Coolbellup Hub, our coastal beaches and developments, the new Coogee Beach Surf Club, Davilak Oval, Manning Park, our Seniors Centres, sporting clubs, community organisations and even the City's Administration Building. The list goes on.

The Map

The map released in July 2013 showed an amalgamated Cockburn and Kwinana along with 13 other local governments.

In October, Council endorsed a submission to expand its boundaries to unite the cities of Cockburn and Kwinana into a new entity called the 'City of Cockburn Sound'. This plan was wholly consistent with the announcement made by the Government on 30 July. You can see this on the first map (to the right). Cockburn now stands to lose its assets to smaller and less sustainable cities. You can see this on the second map under the heading 'Cockburn Destroyed'. This would result in more expensive services to our ratepayers. Some of the highlight losses for our community are featured on the front of this newsletter. Others are still in the pipeline and despite your rates paying for them you may never have the opportunity to use them.

What can be done by Cockburn residents?

Our community has become increasingly angry at the proposal to 'carve up' Cockburn and to divide its wealth up to adjoining local governments. This seemed apparent when the government inadvertently released the map of metropolitan Perth during the announcement of the future boundary of the City of Perth on Monday 4 November 2013. See how this destroys Cockburn (on the map on the right).

The back page provides you with a range of actions you can take, along with your family and neighbours to save Cockburn.

Join the members of the community already demonstrating their support for Cockburn – take action now!

Logan Howlett
Mayor Logan K. Howlett, JP

TO SAVE COCKBURN

Top three benefits to save Cockburn

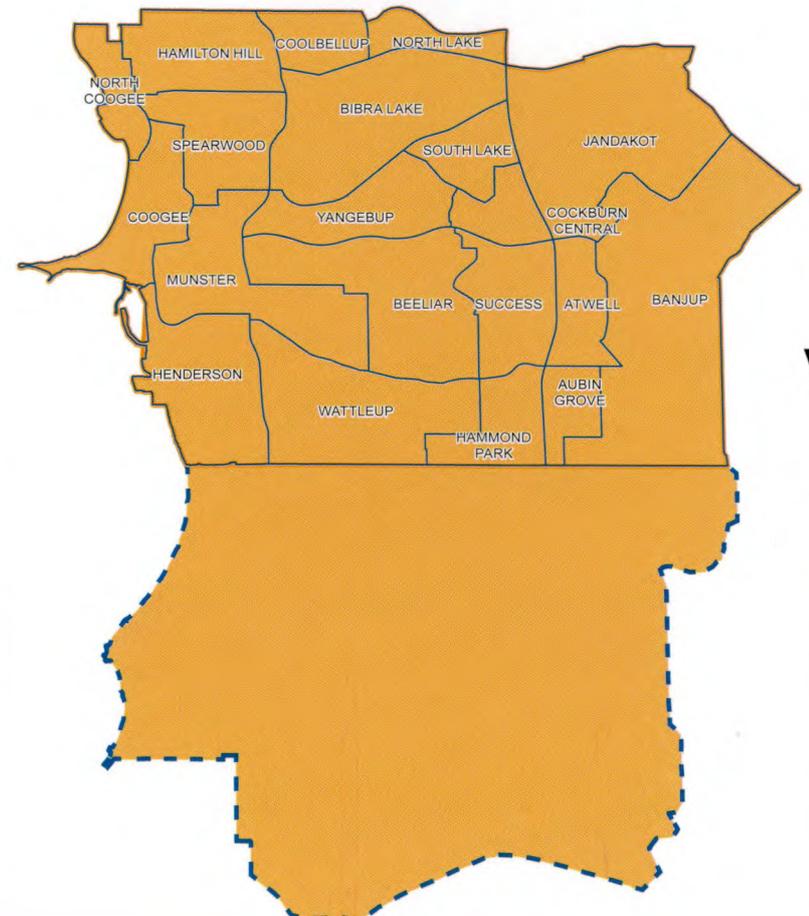
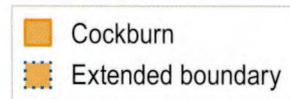
What is the City's proposal?

The City of Cockburn took action to create the City of Cockburn Sound by a boundary adjustment to unite the cities of Cockburn and Kwinana. With your support we can save Cockburn and support Kwinana.

To view the full proposal visit: www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/reform

- 1 The City of Cockburn has the resources, scale and capability to lead and effect the boundary adjustment.
- 2 A boundary change will be the least costly, quickest and most effective way to achieve a merger.
- 3 The creation of one local government will simplify major development such as Latitude 32 and management of our environment including the Cockburn-Kwinana coast.

Proposed City of Cockburn Sound

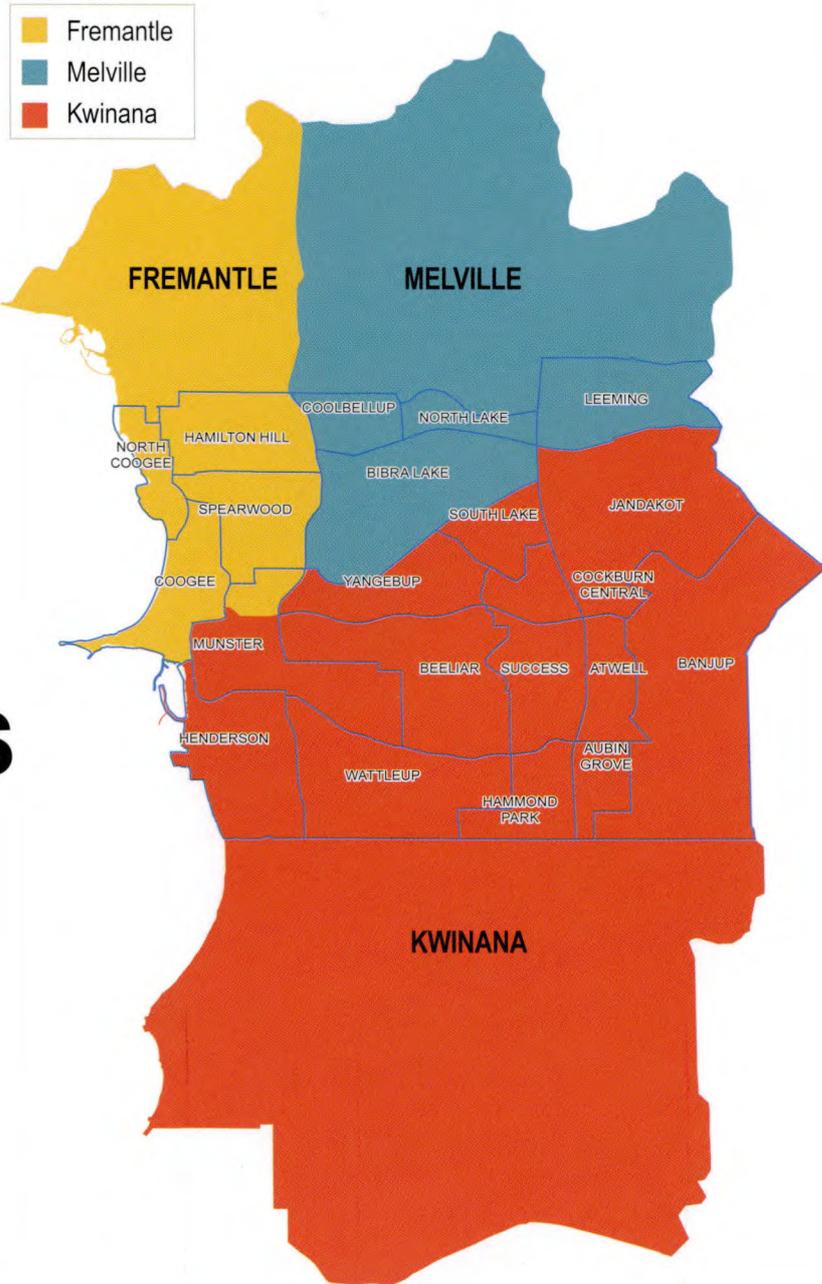


COCKBURN DESTROYED

What will be lost

Community facilities have been funded by our ratepayers. Some of the assets we will lose include:

- The Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre
- Jean Willis Centre and Coolbellup Community Hub
- City of Cockburn Administration, Council Building and Depot (worth \$60 million)
- Memorial Hall and RSL
- Azelia Ley Musuem
- Manning Park where the City hosts its annual Regional Concert and Spring Fair
- Various clubs and facilities such as: Wally Hagan Basketball Stadium, Cockburn Bowling Club, and critical child health centres and respite facilities.



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WHY SHOULD COCKBURN LEAD THE WAY IN THE CREATION OF THE NEW CITY?

- 1 A strong financial position that places Cockburn near the top of all local governments in the Perth metropolitan area.
- 2 The capacity to deliver state-of-the-art award winning facilities and services to our community. These include our:
 - Youth Centre
 - Seniors Centre
 - New library
 - Four local sports centres
 - Community halls
 - A Surf Club
 - Local emergency services centre

with more to come including:

 - the development of the Regional Aquatic and Sports Facility
 - GP Super Clinic, Integrated Health Facility and new library.
- 3 Substantial growth in the residential, commercial, retail, small business and industry sectors that reflects a City of 100,000 people and over 6,500 small businesses versus Kwinana's 30,000 and 1600 respectively.
- 4 Lower rates across all categories than those charged in Kwinana.
- 5 An extensive network of community, service, history, and heritage, cultural and sporting groups that reflect a dynamic community supported with an administrative structure and a grants & donations program totalling \$1M invested back into the community each year.
- 6 A free 'Carnival of Events' events program that is unparalleled in any community in Western Australia that includes a Cockburn Idol competition for aspiring performers.
- 7 An extensive volunteer base that provides opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to connect with and contribute to their community.



Living capital of our City in Cockburn Central

ACT NOW: WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SAVE COCKBURN

Before the public comment period opens in early 2014, here is what you can do now.

1

Email and call Members of Parliament that represent you

Here's a tip! Write one email and copy in all the members below.

Hon Premier Colin Barnett MLA,
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Have your say when the LGAB's public comment period opens in 2014

You can have your say by making a comment when the public comment period opens in 2014. The City will keep you updated on when this date is released so stay tuned on the City's facebook page, website and newsletters.

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Local clubs to support Cockburn's community proposal

Residents and ratepayers of Cockburn have agreed to lodge their own community proposal to the Local Government Advisory Board to save Cockburn. They will seek support from your local clubs, community groups and associations. Let's rally around our community groups to ensure they receive the best services that are currently provided by our City.

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Stay Updated

Stay up-to-date with the latest news on how to save Cockburn and show your support by 'Liking' the City's Facebook page www.facebook.com/cityofcockburn

Regular updates will be placed in local newspapers on the City's website and our community newsletters.

More information and FAQ on Local Government Reform is available at: www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/reform

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