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Message from the Mayor

Welcome to the new look Cockburn Soundings, your source to find out what's happening in our wonderful city.

Another year is rapidly closing with the festive season and holidays to look forward to in the coming weeks. It is also a time where we need to be mindful of children out enjoying themselves and the increased traffic on our roads as people head away for holidays or finish that last bit of shopping.

We need to be aware of being outdoors and of our personal protection from the sun. Hats, sunglasses, long sleeved loose fitting clothing, sunscreen, plenty of water and seeking shade are important in our climate. Ensuring our homes and properties are ready for summer and the ever present danger of fire is also very important. The Department of Fire & Emergency Services is urging homeowners and businesses to prepare for the coming bushfire season and other potential threats. Details can be found at dfes.wa.gov.au

I take this opportunity to congratulate Councillors Kevin Allen, Philip Eva JP and Lee-Anne Smith OAM on their re-election and Councillors Chontelle Sands and Michael Separovich on their election to Council. At a Special Council meeting following the elections, Councillor Lee-Anne Smith OAM was elected as Deputy Mayor through to October 2019. Councillor Lyndsey Sweetman chose to retire leading up to the October 2017 elections. We thank Councillor Sweetman for her contributions to Council since her election in 2013 and wish her well in the future. I thank Councillor Bart Houwen for his contribution to Council since he was first elected in 2011 and also wish him well in the future.

In closing, I thank the elected members, staff, volunteers and the Cockburn community for their contributions towards making Cockburn a place of destination, increasing importance and vibrancy in Western Australia. My best wishes for a happy and safe festive season and a 2018 that realises your personal dreams and aspirations and those of your family.

Logan Howlett.

Logan K Howlett, JP

Mayor

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Year in Review

We look back at the events and triumphs that shaped our City in 2017.

1. Boundary takeover proposal defeated

Hamilton Hill and part of North Coogee remained as part of the City of Cockburn following the Local Government Advisory Board's recommendation to the Minister for Local Government.

2. Roe 8 extension halted

The Roe 8 proposal was halted following the change of government at the March 2017 State Election.

3. Armadale Road Bridge funding secured

\$237m was secured for a new bridge and intersection upgrades, \$49m for the provision of a third lane on the freeway and \$145m already committed for widening of Armadale Road.

4. Coogee Maritime Trail launches

The City unveiled its dive and land trail, Coogee Maritime Trail, featuring underwater reefs and artworks, which are unique in WA. More on page 4.

5. Cockburn ARC opened

The City's state-of-the-art Aquatic and Recreation Centre opens.

6. South Lake Leisure Centre closed

The City's first leisure centre closed after 25 years of serving the needs of the community.

7. New City website launched

The City launched its new website which is fully accessible for people with disability, and residents who are culturally and linguistically diverse.

8. Cockburn Operations Centre and Animal Management Facility opened

The City opened its new, \$11.5m state-of-the-art Operations Centre and Animal Management Facility in July, setting a benchmark for local government in animal care in our State.

9. Aubin Grove Station opened

Aubin Grove Station and bus interchange opened in April, including a 2,000 bay commuter carpark. The State Government also announced \$700m will be invested to extend the Thornlie train line to Cockburn under its Metronet program.

10. WiFi expands around the City

The City rolled out free WiFi to Bibra Lake Regional Playground, Cockburn ARC, Coogee Beach Reserve and Coolbellup Skate Park.



Dive into Summer!

Supporting marine life conservation and biodiversity, Coogee Maritime Trail is a historical, recreational and environmental treasure right on our doorstep.

Centred around the Omeo, WA's premier shore-based shipwreck, the underwater trail spans 230m across the ocean floor and offers underwater signage, providing information on the wreck, maritime history, reef structures and diverse marine life.

Designed by marine engineers and scientists, the purpose-built reef comprises of 34 reef modules ranging in height from 1m to 5m supporting a range of aquatic flora and fauna. The unique sections

create a complex reef that includes lots of cave-like spaces to support fish, crays and molluscs and are great for snorkelling and scuba diving.

The artificial reef and underwater art sculptures around the shipwreck create a linear dive trail and habitat for aquatic life.

University of Western Australia Biological Science Master's candidate, Matt Hammond, has spent the past year studying the reef as part of his marine biology major.

He donned scuba gear to dive on the trail for the first time in May 2016. After many journeys below, often with a remote under water stereo video system, Matt's observations will now form a baseline for future studies on the reef's colonisation.

The unique dive and snorkel site is suitable for divers of all ages and experience and provides a family-friendly experience in a safe recreational zone. For safety and peace of mind, fishing and boating are excluded here.

The trail is located just metres from the North Coogee shoreline and can be accessed from Coogee Beach, or from the purpose-built stairs located on Socrates Parade in North Coogee.

For more information, visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/ CoogeeMaritimeTrail



Coogee Maritime Trail on social

O Use the hashtag #coogeedivetrail on Instagram















New stairs to access Coogee Maritime Trail

New stairs at Coogee Beach provide access over a limestone breakwater to Coogee Maritime Trail.

Made from fibre reinforced plastic, the stairs are designed to require minimal maintenance as they withstand the harsh marine environment and erosion that occurs in this area. The stairs also provide safe public access to the dive trail and beach, and protect the integrity of the breakwater.

The Omeo, the ship that wrecked a lighthouse

The Omeo survived a number of groundings, collisions and near-misses during its adventurous life. In 1881, it collided with and destroyed the Swan Spit lighthouse in Port Phillip, Victoria. Fortunately, the two lighthouse keepers survived by jumping onto the ship's deck, with the Omeo receiving minor damage.

After stranding in the timber port of Hamelin Bay, Western Australia, the *Omeo* was no longer fit to sail the seven seas. In 1885, the ship was sold as a coal hulk and anchored in Cockburn Sound. It was used here as a floating warehouse to store coal for steamships. During a northwest gale on 15 September 1905, the *Omeo* dragged its mooring anchors and was blown ashore at Coogee Beach.

Today, the *Omeo* is a protected historic shipwreck and is Perth's most accessible dive wreck, providing a haven for strange and wonderful marine life.

Your Say

Your say counts! We recently asked you whether you thought the City's Eco Shark Barrier should stay or go. In total, 3.651 votes were received with 99 per cent of respondents urging the City to keep the shark barrier. As a result, the contract for the shark barrier has been extended. We thank you for your input.



Find out more at comment.cockburn. wa.gov.au



Tara

Please keep the shark net. My family and I have been going there over the last three years and only there. It's the only place where we will swim in the sea. If you take it away, we will not enter the ocean again. I have even encouraged my friends from Cottesloe, Warwick and other areas to meet me at Coogee Beach to swim. We love it, please don't take it away. I have also posted it on Instagram and Facebook and the feedback has been fantastic. Regards, the Bennett family from Winthrop.



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Your Cockburn life on social

















(O) Share your Cockburn life moment on Instagram with the hashtag #cityofcockburn

Coming in 2018

- Rehabilitation of the Roe 8 Corridor
- Widening of Armadale Road Park
- Review of the Bibra Lake Management Plan
- Playground replacements.

Find out more at **comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au**

Comment on Cockburn

You can help shape Cockburn by getting involved in the projects that make this City great.

Since 1 July 2016, more than 44,600 people have visited the City's community consultation website, Comment on Cockburn. More than 5,600 submissions were made on over 117 projects.

@ratbag19



Celebrate birthdays at Cockburn ARC

Enjoy a unique celebration with one of our party packages!

Suitable for children from one year of age, parties can be self-catered, or you can arrange catering through Cockburn ARC's on-site café, Plunge. Parties can be held Fridays to Sundays and include your own private party room.

- Play Up Party at Bandicoots
 Play Centre Ages 1-8
- Splash Out Water Play Party

 Ages 3-8
- Splash Out Indoor Inflatable Party – Ages 7-15
- Splash Out Water Slide Party (Exclusive Use) – Ages 7 and over, height minimum
- Splash Out Water Slide Party (Non-exclusive Use) – Ages 7 and over, height minimum.

∀ View pricing and availability at cockburnarc.com.au/play

In Brief

Coogee pontoons are back for summer

This summer, you can float on or dive off three pontoons in the water either side of Coogee Beach Jetty. The pontoon at the northern end, which includes a slide, inside the Eco Shark Barrier. cockburn.wa.gov.au/beaches

Dixon Nature Play now open

The City's newest nature playground is now open at Dixon Park, Hamilton Hill. It caters for all ages and abilities and features an accessible birds nest swing, rock mound, water pump, a number of climbing and balancing elements and a two metre high tree house. A large shelter overlooks the playground complete with barbeques and seating. **cockburn.wa.gov.au/playgrounds**

Beach matting available

Beach matting is now available at Ngarkal Beach, Port Coogee Marina. This provides a path of easy access to the water's edge for people with mobility limitations or who use mobility aids, prams and strollers. Visit **cockburn.wa.gov.au/disability**

Are you bushfire ready?

Bushfire season is here. Are you ready? To find out how you can get bushfire ready, visit **cockburn.wa.gov.au/emergencymanagement**

Holiday Watch

Going away? You can apply for CoSafe Holiday Watch to monitor your property while you are away. It's free! Apply at cockburn.wa.gov.au/holidaywatch

Rates reminder

The third instalment is due on Friday 5 January 2018. Don't forget, you can register for eRates to receive your rates notice and reminders by email. You must register 14 days before the due date. It's quick and easy! Visit **erateswa.com/cockburn**



Supercharge your holidays at Cockburn libraries

Entertain the kids these school holidays with the Summer Reading Club, an online reading club designed for preschool, primary and high school aged kids to encourage reading over the summer school holidays.

This year's theme is Game On and from 1 December to 31 January, your child can take part in games,

activities and competitions and prizes are up for grabs.

Increase your chances to win a prize! Borrow ten junior books from your local Cockburn library during December and January, ask the front desk for a Summer Reading Club prize and track the books you've read.

Register your child at summerreadingclub.org.au

Council's Vision

We asked your Elected Members to tell us what their passion and vision for the City of Cockburn is.

Mayor Logan K. Howlett, JP

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Ensuring that the City maintains its status as a leading local government in Australia acknowledged for its financial sustainability, world class community facilities and the provision of high quality services. Continuing to work with stakeholders to create the jobs of the future and drive the region's economic growth and prosperity.

Deputy Mayor Lee-Anne Smith, OAM

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Re-elected by Cockburn's East Ward for a third term and by my peers as Deputy Mayor, I feel like I have just been elected for the first time. Representing the City's largest ward I will support residents, business and industry in a way that develops new opportunities across all of Cockburn.

Councillor Steven Portelli

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I'm passionate for consultation with empathy, integrated congestion measures to separate trucks from local traffic, flowing efficient highways, saving our local suburbs, development with minimized environmental impacts, paced transport infrastructure, Cockburn as an employment and tourist destination, living where you work and heavier density living next to supporting infrastructure with connecting paths.











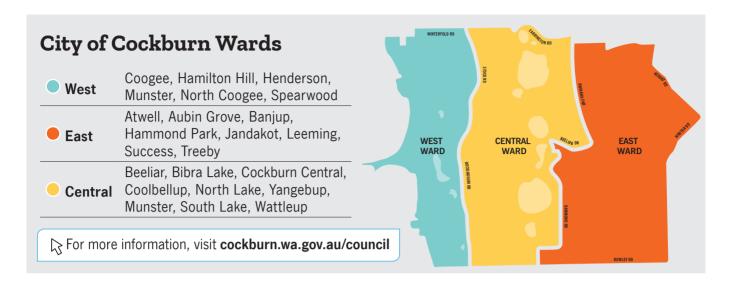












Councillor **Chamonix Terblanche**

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I have chosen Cockburn as my home as I love this City. I believe that it can be the best City in Australia to live and invest in - for us and our future generations. I have a bold vision of a City where flair, fairness and functionality flourishes.

Councillor Phil Eva. JP

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Cockburn is a wonderful, diverse and multicultural society and we need to engage people from all groups to participate in robust and active debate on the future growth of the City. Council needs to embrace the three tiers of Government to enable even greater outcomes in regards to future funding for projects in Cockburn.

Councillor **Chontelle Sands**

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I am honoured to have been elected to Council and will encourage balanced, sustainable growth whilst protecting Cockburn's natural environment

and resources. I am passionate about building a vibrant, cohesive and connected community here in Cockburn by supporting and representing the interests of local businesses, community groups and ratepayers.

Councillor Stephen Pratt

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I love living in and representing the Cockburn community. My priorities are ensuring that Cockburn is a sustainable, safe and attractive city to live in. Projects that boost our liveability and prosperity whether small or large, will be a focus.

Councillor Carol Reeve-Fowkes

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I'm passionate about ensuring the development of Cockburn Coast is sympathetic to our beautiful location on Cockburn Sound and that the growth of the western suburbs is sustainable, with more recreational and sporting facilities.

I stand for providing more employment opportunities, cafes, shady trees and entertainment along our beautiful coast in a healthy, family friendly environment.



Councillor **Kevin Allen**

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Along with my local school teacher wife Debbie and family, I've been a resident of Cockburn for nearly 40 years. In addition to my serving as a West Ward Councillor, I'm employed in private industry as a state manager in finance.

Before being elected to Council in 2000. I was active in community issues as the President of the Coogee Beach Progress Association and as a community representative on the State Government's Coogee Master Plan committee.

Councillor Michael Separovich

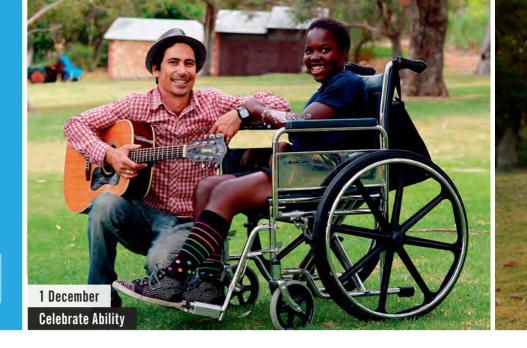
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In my opinion, Cockburn already operates exceptionally well in regards to the larger projects, our rates are lower than neighbouring councils, and the City is one of the fastest growing in Australia.

It's my hope to make sure that amongst this progress we don't lose sight of the little details that make Cockburn such a great place to live. No problem will be too small for me.

Events Calendar

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



1 December

Celebrate Ability

10am-1pm, Manning Park, Hamilton Hill

Celebrating the International Day of People with Disability, this fun event will include a whole range of inclusive activities to celebrate everyone's abilities.

1 December

Growing Your Own Food

9.30am, Cockburn Wetlands
Education Centre, Bibra Lake
This workshop will look at some of
the basics – from soil preparation
and watering methods to choosing
what to grow in your garden.

9 December

Christmas on the Green

5-8pm, MacFaull Park, Spearwood MacFaull Park will come alive with Christmas lights and a visit from Santa. With plenty of activities to keep the children entertained including camel rides and a mega water slide, this year's Christmas on the Green will not disappoint!

10 December

Christmas at ARC

2-6pm Cockburn ARC Veterans Parade, Cockburn Central We're having an activity-packed family afternoon to celebrate this very special occasion. Our aquatics area will have fun and surprises, including a visit from Santa himself!

cockburnarc.com.au/Christmas

16 December

Healthy Probiotic Christmas Drinks

10am-midday, Success Public Library Instead of giving wine for Christmas this year, how about a bottle of cranberry cinnamon kefir? Learn how to make a range of delicious fermented beverages, and take home two bottles of probiotic drinks as well as the cultures to make them at home.

17-21 December

Create this Christmas

10am-1pm, all Cockburn libraries Create simple decorations and cards to give away this Christmas, along with other Christmasthemed activities to keep the kids entertained.



Summer Holidays

Youth Holiday Program

School holiday activities are covered at the Youth Centre! Suitable for those 10-17 years of age, the program includes in-house activities such as cooking, games, computer creations and basketball.

Youth Outrage is an affordable and supervised school holiday program for young people aged 12–17 years with activities around Perth including go-karting, day trips to Rotto, Adventure World and more!





11, 18 and 15 January

Skateboard Twilight Jam sessions

6-9pm, Coolbellup Skate Park Come down for skateboard iam competitions and tunes!

26 January

Australia Day Coogee Beach Festival

8am-midday, Coogee Beach Reserve, Coogee

Celebrate the Cockburn way, with live performances, free rides and water ORB balls, mermaids on the beach, free sausage sizzle, watermelon-eating and sandcastle competitions.

8 February

Cockburn's Got Talent Heat One

6.30-9pm, Cockburn Gateway Shopping City, Success Registrations are open until 19 January for Heats One and Two of our hunt for local talent. Categories include 5-10 years, 11-17 years and 18+.





10 February

Daryl Braithwaite Live

7-9.30pm, Cockburn ARC Oval. Veterans Parade. Cockburn Central Saddle up. Darvl Braithwaite is performing LIVE! This year the support act is James Wilson and Tod Johnson will also be gracing the stage as our MC for the evening. Not a night to be missed.



23-25 March

Coogee Live!

Prepare for a sensory smorgasbord this March as the City of Cockburn launches a new concept in free seaside entertainment.

Coogee Live will bring the coast to life with a three-day event that will stretch along more than 1km of shoreline between Ngarkal Beach at Port Coogee and Coogee Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

Directional signage designed to bring out the curious explorer in all of us, will guide visitors on a journey never before seen in Perth.

This self-guided event trail will play host to a range of events that will appeal to a wide audience. The trail will take in the Coogee Maritime Trail and historic Omeo wreck, adjacent parks and playgrounds and the popular Coogee Beach and jetty.

Stay tuned to the City's website, social media channels and newsletters for more information as it comes to hand early in 2018.



Volunteers: the Helping Hands of our Community

At just 15, City of Cockburn Customer Services Officer, Alexander Corinaldesi, signed up for his first volunteering gigs as part of the Cockburn Youth Advisory Collective which is the voice of youth in the City.

Alex has been involved in the Cockburn Kwinana Steering Committee during the Council amalgamations and become an instructor with the Hamilton Emergency Service Cadets.

Alex has been deployed to some of Australia's most catastrophic natural disasters: the 2015 Esperance bushfires where he was part of a team providing relief to the local fire brigade for five days; and just last year, Alex was part of the second deployment of over

30 Western Australians to support emergency services in the South Australian floods.

"These experiences have been eyeopeners," Alex says. "Despite being something you have trained for, nothing quite prepares you for the devastating affects these disasters have on people and their homes."

"By volunteering, you become part of something, part of a family. It's an incredible life experience and a great way to build skills for the future."

Now at 20, Alex dedicates on average eight hours per week

to volunteering with the State Emergency Services, Youth Advisory Collective, Bushfire Service and as Emergency Services Cadets Chief Instructor at Hamilton Senior High School.

The City of Cockburn engages with volunteers in different roles and programs. We recognise the unique skills, strengths, experiences and passion that volunteers bring to the organisation.

Connect with your community by volunteering in Cockburn. To find volunteering opportunities in Cockburn, visit cockburn. wa.gov.au/volunteering

Resident Group Events Calendar

Celebrate the festive season at one of these free, family friendly events being organised by the City's resident groups.

Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 2 December

5pm activities for a 7pm start. Nicholson Reserve

Nativity play, entertainment, bouncy castles and face painting.

For more info, contact Yangebup Progress Association at yangebup@cockburncommunity. asn.au

Cooby Festive Parade

Saturday 9 December

6pm, Coolbellup Hub to Coolbellup Community School.

Join us for floats, plus there will be a guest appearance by Santa!

For parade route updates, visit facebook.com/CoobyCommunity or for more info, contact Coolbellup Community Association at coobyca@gmail.com

Family Movie Night, **Arthur Christmas**

Saturday 16 December

6.30pm activities, Beeliar Oval, Beeliar

Games, raffles and awards, AYLA food drive. Please bring a nonperishable item to donate.

For more info, contact Beeliar Community Voice at hello@ beeliarcommunity.com.au

Christmas Concert

Friday 22 December

6pm-9.30pm, Harmony Primary School oval

Carols and big band.

For more info, contact Harvest Lakes Residents Association at harvestlakes@ cockburncommunity.asn.au



Ban the Bag: Cockburn Upcycle Project

Assisting Your Life to Achieve (AYLA) Inc. and the City of Cockburn have joined forces to reduce the amount of singleuse plastic bags in our community, through the Cockburn Upcycle Project.

Shoppers are encouraged to ditch the plastic and instead, borrow fabric shopping bags from participating grocery stores across the City. The bags can be used time and time again, or returned when they are no longer needed.

A team of volunteers is busy making the bags using recycled clothing. Experienced or novice sewers are invited to help out by sewing bags at home (fabric provided), or joining a sewing session at AYLA Inc.

Collect your bag from Beeliar IGA and visit aylainc.org.au for updates as the bags are rolled out to more stores across the City in the coming months.

For more information, contact AYLA Inc. on 08 9414 7286 or email projects@aylainc.org.au



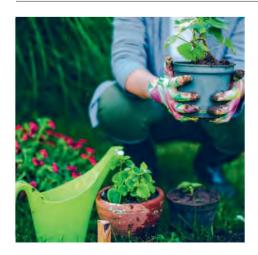
Finding our Forgotten History

From 1942 to 1945, Bibra Lake was home to an Australian Women's Army Service camp, which was only rediscovered in 2015.

Since then, the Bibra Lake Residents Association has been on a mission to find out more information about the camp's history. The association has uncovered a range of stories about women who served at the camp, and a copy of a once top-secret war diary has been obtained from the Australian War Memorial.

University of Western Australia Archaeology students recently spent a week surveying, mapping, excavating and sampling a core area of the camp. They uncovered a toilet block, shower/laundry area, pathway, possible parade ground, large bore and septic tank. Many items of interest were found in the septic tank including, amber coloured bottles, porcelain from toilets and even a tortoise that was rescued and rehabilitated!

Future plans include developing the site for visitors, making information available online and working with the Azelia Ley Museum to house the artefacts.



Calling Garden Gurus

If you're the 'go-to' garden person in your community why not share your green wisdom with those who aren't so garden-savvy?

'Intheknow' is a website soon to be launched for people who have gardening inquiries or want to undertake a gardening project and want some advice from those 'in the know', in their local community.

Residents will be able to contact someone via phone or in person to have a chat about what they want to know. It connects people on a social and local level for the best garden advice.

If you would like to be involved in this project please contact communitydevelopment@cockburn.wa.gov.au or 08 9411 3444.



Coolbellup Swap & Share

The Cooby Swap & Share is a monthly fruit and vegetable swap where the community comes together.

Everyone is welcome! Many enjoy a cuppa and a chat, others share recipes, ideas and goods, and gardeners are there to give support or exchange knowledge.

The variety of goods differs every month, ranging from banana tree cuttings, seedlings, huge beetroots, citrus fruits, cactus and geraniums, to olives, jams and pickles.

Come along if you are new to gardening, would like to get involved or have questions and enjoy fresh produce.

Cooby Swap & Share

First Saturday of every month 10-10.30am drop off, 10.30-11am swapping commences 90 Cordelia Road, Coolbellup

Join the Facebook group Cooby Swap & Share!

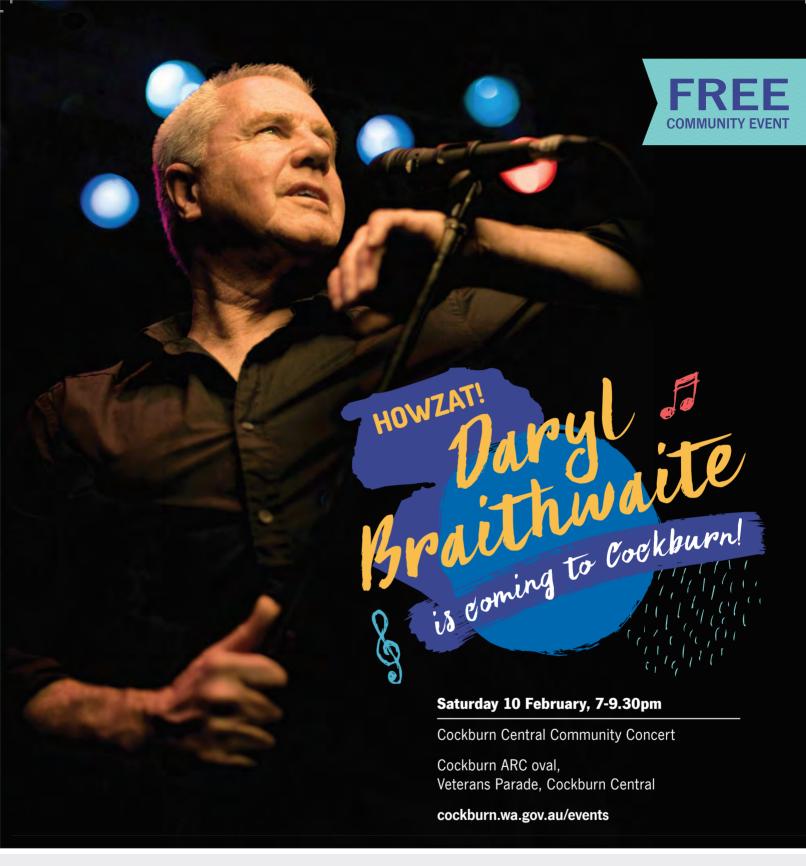
Connecting our Communities

To be launched in 2018, the Hood program will provide an opportunity for residents to create friendly and connected communities.

Participants will receive access to training, workshops and ongoing support to guide them in the process of becoming 'Neighbourhood Networkers'. Neighbourhood Networkers help the Cockburn community to become connected with other people, groups, clubs, businesses and organisations within their suburb.

Part of the Hood program is also the Street by Street program, which is an initiative to bring neighbours together. The Street by Street model offers vibrant opportunities for neighbours to build local connections and do things together. Anybody is welcome to participate in this program, however people who have the time and like to initiate gatherings and street parties would be most suited to take on a leading role in the Street by Street program.

Local residents are invited to submit an expression of interest to take part in either of the programs. For further information or to register, contact Community Development communitydevelopment@ cockburn.wa.gov.au



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