

Public Questions and Submissions

Draft Capital Works Budget 2024-25



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#	Submission	Response
1.	Can the Council allocate some funds to mitigate the noise pollution coming from the rail freight line that runs through Beeliar and Yangebup? It's a problem that needs to be addressed, especially with the outer harbour coming online in the future. Already more and more container freight is using the rail freight line, which increases the noise pollution to residents. The problem does not only affect those living directly in vicinity of the rail line, but as you are probably already aware, the noise is a blight to the whole area. Improving this will improve the amenity and quality of life of many households and the area in general.	This rail line is a State asset and as such is not under the remit of Local Government.
2.	I question whether the proposed BMX facility and Aboriginal Visitors Centre will prove to be popular and used enough to justify the expense. I regularly walk and cycle past the Rockingham Road BMX track and notice that it is rarely used. I also notice that many of the kids play areas are rarely used. Has research been done to justify upgrading the existing and building new areas. I propose that money be allocated to ensure that the Eco shark net at Coogee Jetty be maintained and to ensure that it remains for the future.	The Malabar Park BMX Redevelopment will provide a BMX racing track as well as a multi-purpose facility that includes areas for the Cockburn BMX club, community groups and the wider community. An allocation has been included for the Aboriginal Cultural and Visitors Centre to finalise the Centre's design. The Aboriginal Cultural and Visitor's Centre is a key priority identified within the City's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). The playground renewals are necessary to replace ageing playgrounds at the end of their 15-year life. Failure to renew playgrounds would impact community safety and enjoyment. The City leases the Eco Shark Barrier. The lease agreement is for five years with an option of a further five years. Funds are allocated for the lease annually. The lease fee includes maintenance and repairs.

3.	Do beeliar first and stop renovating the arc. You literally built it not that long ago. We have been waiting since 2007 for the beelair upgrades and it will take just a fraction of what your spending on arc	The City of Cockburn has experienced significant population growth over the past 10 years and this growth is forecasted to continue over the next 10-20 years. Cockburn ARC provides a vital service to the Cockburn community, and expanding our health club will ensure we can continue to offer services to the community. The ARC Evolution, a partnership between the City of Cockburn and Fremantle Football Club, will deliver significant improvements to the ARC Health Club and Dockers facilities. Scheduled for completion in early 2025, the partnership project will enhance services for the community and members. The City will fund \$9.6m of the project. Fremantle Football Club and the AFL will provide \$3.15m, the State Government will contribute \$2.5m and the WA Football Commission has provided \$350,000. A needs analysis, concept designs and feasibility study are currently being conducted to inform the future of Beeliar Reserve and the Community Centre Redevelopment. It's anticipated the draft proposal will be presented later this year and further engagement will be undertaken to finalise the proposal.
4.	Big YES to the aboriginal cultural centre but there seems to be an excessive amount on the ARC, especially given it's an income generating venue. And we're facing increased rates next year?! Why not adjust the cost structure for users? Footpaths also need more investment, particularly along Rockingham road and Barrington. Such heavy traffic and important connecting roads.	The City has carefully considered its spending in light of the cost-of-living crisis. Just like our community, the City of Cockburn continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, paying more just to sustain current service levels for a rapidly growing community. As a sensible approach to the current economic climate, the City is continuing to prioritise maintaining our existing assets and infrastructure over new projects. The challenging economic conditions means the cost of sustaining existing service levels and infrastructure has continued to surge. Despite these inflationary pressures, and a proposed rate increase comparable to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the City's prudent budgeting will allow us to deliver a balanced budget in the coming financial year without cutting essential community services or standards. The City of Cockburn has experienced

		significant population growth over the past 10 years and this growth is forecasted to continue over the next 10-20 years. Cockburn ARC provides a vital service to the Cockburn community, and expanding our health club will ensure we can continue to offer services to the community. The ARC Evolution, a partnership between the City of Cockburn and Fremantle Football Club, will deliver significant improvements to the ARC Health Club and Dockers facilities. Scheduled for completion in early 2025, the partnership project will enhance services for the community and members. The City will fund \$9.6m of the project. Fremantle Football Club and the AFL will provide \$3.15m, the State Government will contribute \$2.5m and the WA Football Commission has provided \$350,000. The budget for the new footpaths and renewals is \$1.6m in total.
5.	Where oh where are the ablution block for Omeo Park in this budget? It has been in the pipeline since 2020 and was in the 2023-2024 budget (Ref 185) This is an absolute disgrace how would our esteemed Councillors like it if people were urinating and [REDACTED] outside their front doors? I spoke with a person who said he was in charge of the project in October 2023 and advised me the work would commence by May 2024!! Since 2020 the Council have continued to install/build more and more attractions in the area (playgrounds, dive trail, exercise areas) that means more and more people use the area. Correct me if I'm wrong but I believe I read somewhere on the City of Cockburn website that it is a legal obligation to have toilets in such an area So my submission is that you redo	The Omeo Amenities project is included in the Draft Capital Works Budget for FY25 under Reference 7036 (total of \$1.5M funding included). The City released the Request for Tender for the construction contract for the Omeo Amenities project in February 2024 and tenders closed in April 2024. The decision to award the construct Contract for these works is expected to be put to the Council at the July 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting. If approved by the Council, the construction would be expected to be complete by June 2025.

	your budget to include a toilet block on Omeo Park as promised.	
6.	Community sporting facility upgrades at Tempest and Beeliar Reserve. These upgrade have been talked about for years. The clubs that use them are out growing these facilities to the point that they have to make decisions on their clubs growth as the community players can't be accommodated satisfactorily	The needs analysis, concept design and feasibility study process currently being undertaken for each site is unfortunately behind schedule. It is expected this body of work will be presented to the Council in the second half of 2024, with a second round of community engagement to follow. The City has been keeping relevant Club Presidents informed.
7.	Please consider adding a small, inexpensive bmx/skate facility at Radonich Park. There's already a space for it on the western end of the park. Young people are constantly building their own (dangerous) bike jumps there which are then deconstructed by members of the public for their safety. The park is well used by children on their bikes and this would provide a productive space for them. The closest skate park is on Rockingham road which means these kids would have to cross stock road and Rockingham road to reach it. I could help facilitate consultation with young upper primary students at South Coogee PS as a member of the school board.	The City will investigate the jumps being built by young people. At the 11 June 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, the draft Community Infrastructure Plan was endorsed and in the coming months public feedback will be sought. Current data suggests there is a shortage of youth infrastructure, so should the Community Infrastructure Plan be endorsed, one of the key proposals will be to develop a specific Youth Infrastructure plan to further develop spaces for young people within the City. Radonich Park could be considered as part of this plan, noting that there are many factors in determining the appropriate location of this type of infrastructure.
8.	I would like to request a skatepark/BMX track for radonich park in beeliar. Being so close to the school we have loads of young kids that would really enjoy having close access to this. The closest one for this area at the moment means the kids need to cross stock road/Rockingham road which is quite dangerous. If this could please be considered it would be wonderful.	At the 11 June 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, the draft Community Infrastructure Plan was endorsed and in the coming months public feedback will be sought. Current data suggests there is a shortage of youth infrastructure, so should the Community Infrastructure Plan be endorsed, one of the key proposals will be to develop a specific Youth Infrastructure plan to further develop spaces for young people within the City. Radonich Park could be considered as part of this plan, noting that there are many factors in determining the appropriate location of this type of infrastructure.
9.	Would love to see both some toilets and a bmx/skate park at Radonich park, Beeliar.	At the 11 June 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, the draft Community Infrastructure Plan was endorsed and in the coming months public feedback will be sought. Current data suggests there is a shortage of youth infrastructure, so

		should the Community Infrastructure Plan be endorsed, one of the key proposals will be to develop a specific Youth Infrastructure plan to further develop spaces for young people within the City. Radonich Park could be considered as part of this plan, noting that there are many factors in determining the appropriate location of this type of infrastructure. With regard to toilets, should Radonich Park be an appropriate location, toilets could be considered as this is consistent with the City's (current) Public Open Space Strategy.
10.	Due to cost of living pressure I think it would be fair to delay the BMX Facility, Rockingham and Phoenix road intersection, Playground renewal and upgrades and Aboriginal Cultural and Visitors centre. That is approximately 10 million in savings so maybe a rates increase of 5% would not be necessary.	The allocation towards the Malabar Park BMX Redevelopment is to complete the project (it is currently under construction). The Rockingham Road and Phoenix Road intersection upgrade will improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles. This project is majority externally funded through the State Blackspot program. The playground renewals are necessary to replace ageing playgrounds at the end of their 15 year life. Failure to renew playgrounds would impact community safety and enjoyment. An allocation has been included for the Aboriginal Cultural and Visitors Centre to finalise the Centre's design. The Aboriginal Cultural and Visitor's Centre is a key priority identified within the City's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).
11.	Bmx skatepark at radonich park	At the 11 June 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, the draft Community Infrastructure Plan was endorsed and in the coming months public feedback will be sought. Current data suggests there is a shortage of youth infrastructure, so should the Community Infrastructure Plan be endorsed, one of the key proposals will be to develop a specific Youth Infrastructure plan to further develop spaces for young people within the City. Radonich Park could be considered as part of this plan, noting that there are many factors in determining the appropriate location of this type of infrastructure.

12.	Port Coogee is a big tourist attraction and a jewel of Cockburn. The side walks are filthy and dirty and need to be cleaned in a regular basis especially around the shopping centre and around the coffee shops and Boathouse restaurant. Its embarrassing to walk down to that area with friends visiting the area.	The City's path cleaning service provision operates twice every year. Any paved areas on or around private lands are the responsibility of the owner. Should there be particular area of City paving that is of concern, please lodge a customer request by emailing customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au or calling 08 9411 3444.
13.	Radonich Park would benefit from skate park/bike track. The park is adjacent a primary school and is the hub of our school community. It would also benefit from a toilet area. Again a Huge park of the community and no toilet access is a barrier for families.	At the 11 June 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, the draft Community Infrastructure Plan was endorsed and in the coming months public feedback will be sought. Current data suggests there is a shortage of youth infrastructure, so should the Community Infrastructure Plan be endorsed, one of the key proposals will be to develop a specific Youth Infrastructure plan to further develop spaces for young people within the City. Radonich Park could be considered as part of this plan, noting that there are many factors in determining the appropriate location of this type of infrastructure.
14.	Radonich park to get a skate park/bike area and some toilets. This area is used a lot by families and could use these facilities to improve the park.	At the 11 June 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, the draft Community Infrastructure Plan was endorsed and in the coming months public feedback will be sought. Current data suggests there is a shortage of youth infrastructure, so should the Community Infrastructure Plan be endorsed, one of the key proposals will be to develop a specific Youth Infrastructure plan to further develop spaces for young people within the City. Radonich Park could be considered as part of this plan, noting that there are many factors in determining the appropriate location of this type of infrastructure. With regard to toilets, should Radonich Park be an appropriate location, toilets would be considered as this is consistent with the City's (current) Public Open Space Strategy.
15.	On behalf of the Jandakot Senior Football Club (JSFC) and the other 3 community sporting clubs who use the Atwell Reserve facilities I would like to share our disappointment in the the 2024/25 draft CW budget. The 4 users of the Atwell reserve facilities have continuously communicated with the Council regarding the	The City has supported a club-led needs analysis and feasibility study of Atwell Reserve, inclusive of the clubroom building. Once the needs analysis and feasibility study has been finalised, the City will continue to work with the club to seek funding to action the outcomes of study, inclusive of any City of Cockburn contribution.

	inadequacy of the facilities, which the city has acknowledged, yet there has been no provision made on the budget to accommodate any improvements, except for some minor concreting works that were promised last year. The 4 users have submitted two formal requests for improvements to be budgeted for. The 4 users of the facilities amount to one of the larger user groups within the city of Cockburn yet are forced to continue utilise substandard facilities which is certainly detrimental to the growth in female community sporting participation.	
16.	I look forward to the Omeo Toilet Block near Napoleon Blvd being completed.	The decision to award the construction Contract for the Omeo Amenities project is expected to be put to the Council at the July 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting. If approved by the Council, the construction would be expected to be complete by June 2025.
17.	In the Parks Hard draft budget, \$457,170 has been allocated for Tempest Park floodlighting. There was already an allowance of \$400,000 + on the current budget for this work. Is the project just being carried forward or have the costs blown out?	The construction period for the Tempest Park floodlighting project has been rescheduled to FY25 – it is not a cost increase. It was identified at the February 2024 Mid-Year Budget Review (MYBR) that this project would be delayed until FY25 due to additional feasibility studies requested by the sporting club to investigate additional lighting at the site. Hence the majority of the Budget allocated in FY24 was returned at MYBR and reapplied for in FY25.
18.	I hope that the Cockburn ARC expansion includes fixing the main water slide that has been out of commission for as long as I can remember! Can you let me know when it will be fixed as my grandchildren are always asking me when it will be open? It is a Cockburn landmark and can be seen for many miles. It is embarrassing for me to tell visitors who want to use it that it's been closed down for so long.	The current ARC Expansion unfortunately does not cater for any waterslide works. Unfortunately, the waterslides are closed and a full operational review is currently being undertaken.
19.	As a Coolbellup resident I am disappointed and confused to see	The needs analysis, concept design and feasibility study process is currently being

	nothing else for Tempest Park other than floodlighting (although that's great). I attended a consultation session and was interviewed in March 2023 as a key stakeholder in relation to Tempest Park. There's been little communication since, no transparency as to how the project plans are progressing. I'd be keen to understand how we can upgrade the football oval for our awesome Cooby Cats team to continue their proud heritage at Tempest Park! (Also the cricketers are awesome but have been planning to move on at some point as I understand it)	undertaken is unfortunately behind schedule. It is expected this body of work will be presented to the Council in the second half of 2024, with a second round of community engagement to follow.
20.	On behalf of the Jandakot Jets Junior Football Club Committee. Whilst we acknowledge the inclusion of minor capital works for the Atwell Reserve Clubrooms that are used by our Jandakot Jets Junior Football Club members, this proposed Capital Works budget is missing significant funds necessary to redevelop the deteriorating infrastructure at Atwell Reserve. We have a number of clubs that access these club and change rooms throughout the year, including Football and Cricket Clubs. Our Clubs have funded a Feasibility Study for redevelopment of this City owned site, that we have shared with the City Administration that outlines that the construction cost of the redevelopment is estimated to be up to \$2.5-4m excluding escalation costs. A necessary investment that we need you as our Local Government to support. We need this funding allocated in your budgets to enable us to have inclusive and accessible facilities for all users of Atwell Reserve.	The City has supported a club-led needs analysis and feasibility study of Atwell Reserve, inclusive of the clubroom building. Once the needs analysis and feasibility study has been finalised, the City will continue to work with the club to seek funding to action the outcomes of study, inclusive of any City of Cockburn contribution.

The current infrastructure and facilities due to their age have accessibility limitations. Funding is necessary to upgrade and enhance the clubrooms to ensure compliance. In the case of Atwell Reserve and the pavilion / clubhouse infrastructure, the last upgrade did not address the full extent of disability access. The internal layout of our club rooms is old and outdated. The kitchen facilities are also dated. The changerooms lack gender neutral provisions, and do not support the development of female sport adequately. The lack of such infrastructure continues to inhibit, all our clubs using the facilities, in our ability to grow and provide a fully inclusive environment for all our users. There is an insufficient level of infrastructure to meet the current playing capacity and changeover during football season games. A minimum of four changing room spaces (gender neutral) is required to service two ovals (2x home and away). We do not have this currently to support a club of our size. Storage space (both internal and external) is an ongoing issue with limited space available and accessibility compromised. It can be a hazard to access equipment when having to use the storage room due to the extent of equipment across the four clubs training and playing. The spaces are being used to capacity which limits future opportunities for expanding our programs. We ask that significant funding is allocated to start supporting our Atwell and surrounding suburbs Community that has had to watch other sporting grounds continue to take priority over ours for many years in these Capital Works Budgets. We welcome a visit from our	
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	Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Ward Councillors to view our feasibility study, and visit our Club, so as to understand why we need their support in our request for Capital Works Funding.	
21.	Surely the Council should be reconsidering the necessity of the capital works and look at reducing the operating cost of the Council rather than impose a hefty 4% rate increase on the rate payers with North Coogee rates probably being one of the highest!!!!	The proposed rates are subject to the Council consideration and approval at the Special Council Meeting on the 25 June 2024. Each year, the income and expenses for all City services and facilities are calculated with the net cost raised from revenue streams such as rates, grants, fees and charges. After accounting for all other revenue streams, the remainder required for the upcoming financial year from rates is called a 'net funding shortfall'. A net funding shortfall does not mean that the City has overspent by that amount. The City needs to raise \$133.8M from rates in 2024/2025 to continue providing services such as libraries, waste management, seniors services, and roads and community infrastructure upgrades and maintenance. The City has carefully considered its spending in light of the cost-of-living crisis. Just like our community, the City of Cockburn continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, paying more just to sustain current service levels for a rapidly growing community. As a sensible approach to the current economic climate, the City is continuing to prioritise maintaining our existing assets and infrastructure over new projects. The challenging economic conditions means the cost of sustaining existing service levels and infrastructure has continued to surge. Despite these inflationary pressures, and a proposed rate increase comparable to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the City's prudent budgeting will allow us to deliver a balanced budget in the coming financial year without cutting essential community services or standards. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other

		customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
22.	1	Submission Received.
23.	I notice nowhere in the budget has any money been allocated for the future golf course. Latest update shows the land is under inspection for aboriginal cultural significance assessment. As far as I'm aware the law changed a few months ago which meant this is no longer a requirement. As for other expenditures on the list I think allocating 3.22 million for a bmx track is a joke. Kids regularly make these themselves in the bush for nothing. 3.2 million seems an excessive amount.	At the 10 August 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting, \$125,000 was adopted to update Flora and Fauna studies and conduct Aboriginal Heritage investigations. Aboriginal Heritage investigations are still ongoing as such will carry forward into next financial year with the remaining funds. Given the proposed location of the proposed golf complex, industry best practice is to undertake these Aboriginal Heritage investigations. The allocation towards the Malabar Park BMX Redevelopment is the amount to complete the project (currently under construction) following the endorsement of the tender at the 10 August 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting.
24.	Please consider plans for the traffic bridge connecting Bartram road between Atwell and Success, as this would reduced pressure at the north exit of Cockburn gateways and the bridge on Armadale Road/Beeliar road. In addition would assist students with a more direct route to Atwell College from Success.	This matter was considered by the Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on the 10 November 2022. Please refer to item 20.1 (Minutes can be found online). At that meeting, the Council resolved the following key functions for the City in relation to this item: • The City CONTINUES to advocate to the State for the construction of a vehicle/pedestrian bridge funded by the State as early as possible; and NOTES alternative pedestrian bridges (over the Freeway) and path connections near the Freeway, suitable for cycling and walking. • The Bartram Road bridge above the Kwinana Freeway is considered a project of State significance and as such the City only takes an Advocacy position towards this project. Last updates from MRWA do not consider this bridge until 2041, Community advocacy for this bridge to be brought forward should be directed to the local State member consistent with the City position to advocate for this to occur.
25.	You need to cut back your expenditure on capital works to ensure you are not forcing rates up to fund these works.	The City has carefully considered its spending in light of the cost-of-living crisis. Just like our community, the City of Cockburn continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost

	This absurd level of spending forcing further increases in rates paid by ratepayers. Most of this is not necessary purely greed. If you can't find it at the already high level of rates your charge ratepayers....don't do it.	environment, paying more just to sustain current service levels for a rapidly growing community. As a sensible approach to the current economic climate, the City is continuing to prioritise maintaining our existing assets and infrastructure over new projects. The challenging economic conditions means the cost of sustaining existing service levels and infrastructure has continued to surge. Despite these inflationary pressures, and a proposed rate increase comparable to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the City's prudent budgeting will allow us to deliver a balanced budget in the coming financial year without cutting essential community services or standards.
26.	There is a lot of money in 'Other Road' and 'Other Building' projects. Those items are a prime target for cutting costs to avoid rate increases. Less capital works means less staff is needed. Staff numbers also need to be reduced to keep the rates on hold.	The City has carefully considered its spending in light of the cost-of-living crisis. Just like our community, the City of Cockburn continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, paying more just to sustain current service levels for a rapidly growing community. As a sensible approach to the current economic climate, the City is continuing to prioritise maintaining our existing assets and infrastructure over new projects. The challenging economic conditions means the cost of sustaining existing service levels and infrastructure has continued to surge. Despite these inflationary pressures, and a proposed rate increase comparable to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the City's prudent budgeting will allow us to deliver a balanced budget in the coming financial year without cutting essential community services or standards.
27.	Beale Park upgrade - What is happening with the upgrade? Promised before Covid, the club rooms are all but falling down around us. Cockburn City Soccer Club runs out of Beale Park and it is looking tired and desperately needs to be completed. We had a promise of it being upgraded and now 4 years later, we are still waiting! To date nothing has happened. It's not even on this year's capital works! I run the disability side for CCSC and the club rooms are appalling with minimal infrastructure for people with disabilities. About time the upgrade was done!	The City has been working through Federal environmental clearances that have impacted the proposed redevelopment. The City is continuing to work with the clubs committee to deliver a redeveloped facility. For the latest project information, please visit https://comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au/bealepark

28.	I have been living in Treeby since 2021. I have tried many different providers but still very bad network. The network since then very bad until now. Sometimes showing sos and no network at all. It is frustrating when need to use device at home which is could not get any network at all. Please advise and many thanks	Telecommunications network providers are not under the remit of Local Government.
29.	Glad to see waterbuttons playground is in the upcoming budget. Very happy as a long term resident and rate payer of cockburn.	Submission received.
30.	After a recent email from this incompetent Council, outlining the increase in Rates, due to the Incompetence of the Council. Surely at these times, if the Council do not have the funds for projected projects, these projects should be abandoned, or at least suspended, till the funds are available? As is usual with this Council, their total lack of surveying ratepayers for any projects is disgusting, and really quite arrogant of the Council! It is too bad the Ombudsman probably won't investigate this Council again!	Each year, the income and expenses for all City services and facilities are calculated with the net cost raised from revenue streams such as rates, grants, fees and charges. After accounting for all other revenue streams, the remainder required for the upcoming financial year from rates is called a 'net funding shortfall'. A net funding shortfall does not mean that the City has overspent by that amount. The City needs to raise \$133.8M from rates in 2024/2025 to continue providing services such as libraries, waste management, seniors services, and roads and community infrastructure upgrades and maintenance. The City has carefully considered its spending in light of the cost-of-living crisis. Just like our community, the City of Cockburn continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, paying more just to sustain current service levels for a rapidly growing community. As a sensible approach to the current economic climate, the City is continuing to prioritise maintaining our existing assets and infrastructure over new projects. The challenging economic conditions means the cost of sustaining existing service levels and infrastructure has continued to surge. Despite these inflationary pressures, and a proposed rate increase comparable to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the City's prudent budgeting will allow us to deliver a balanced budget in the coming financial year without cutting essential community services or standards.

31.	What benefit are they for those in special rural areas and then the Council raises the rates in these areas with zero benefits! Where is the benefits for the environment, flora & fauna. You are supplying or renovating skate parks etc etc yet nothing for the horses riders in any areas of cockburn. Obviously there are no horse riders in the Council yet there are a large number of horse owners screaming for access to their former riding areas that cockburn removed. Waiting for it to be put back in. Quite a few Disabled people I know now are still waiting for safe access into reserves or pathway/areas where only the disabled are restricted. Shameful when u got so much money going to poor causes for minority to benefit. To us in semi rural areas it is pure waste of money yet again at our expense!	The City maintains more than 100 hectares of natural areas contained within 93 conservation reserves. The City allocates funding to each reserve to maintain and enhance the natural vegetation, with surveys indicating that vegetation conditions across the City are improving. Horses are not permitted in conservation areas due to issues with erosion and the potential spread of weeds and dieback. The Denis De Young Reserve, however, is home to a Pony Club that is available to horse riders. Where practical to do so, the City also provides access to reserves for people with disability.
32.	How can \$3.22M for a BMX facility be justified? This is an absurd u justified use if funds and should be directed elsewhere.	In the August 2023 OCM the City Elected Members approved (by absolute majority) \$6.89M for the construction contract for the Malabar Park BMX facility. This is a facility for public recreational use, not just the Cockburn BMX Club.
33.	West end of Rockingham road, leading to Hampton road, speed should be reduced to 40 when passing the residential town houses and businesses towards the traffic lights Would reduce noise for the houses and make it easier to turn in and out of businesses and Healy road	Comment noted. As reported to the Council in April 2024 considerations relating to amendments in and around the former Roe Highway reserve and roads which would have been subjected to change under the former plans will require holistic review as a component of the Structure Planning for the area and in response to State proposals within the Metropolitan Scheme amendment. Any proposed road network changes as a component of this will be subject to community engagement activities and require further consideration of the Council to allocate funding towards any proposed initiatives.
34.	I would like more information on what is proposed for the	The Rockingham Rd x Phoenix Rd upgrade is a project funded under the State Blackspot

	rockingham rd- phoenix Rd upgrade. Seems excessive spending unless evidence of numerous accidents or potential for same. Maybe something to consider when rate payers are already struggling. Every little bit helps	program which responds to the significant number of accidents that occur at this intersection. The range of treatments selected specifically respond to the type and consequence of accidents in an evidence-based fashion. Two thirds of the funds for this project come from the State government with the remaining third coming from ratepayer funds. When considered against other projects locally, and across the State, this project was considered to have a significantly strong cost to benefit ratio.
35.	Absolutely none of these works benefits North Coogee - Catherine point - south beach residents. What's our suburb called again? I've heard it has changed but haven't received any consult or info apart from its what the Council decided. Enjoy our rates but Thanks for nothing again.	The City has not yet commenced any community consultation in relation to the proposal to change the suburb name of North Coogee. The City received a proposal for the name change by the Catherine Point Community Group (formerly the South Beach Community Group) and Port Coogee Community Association in 2023, and at the 14 December 2023 Council meeting the Council supported the proposal for assessment by Landgate. As part of that review process, Landgate will seek advice from the Geographic Names Committee (GNC). This does not mean that change will occur, but rather progresses the request through to Landgate for review, with subsequent community consultation to be undertaken prior to a decision being made. .
36.	Dear Cockburn Council, I appreciate your commitment to our community, which I feel is superior to many other Councils in the Perth area. I do not intend to criticise your plans for the coming year as I am sure that they are based on the requests of residents feedback, and may well be reasonable, but I would be grateful if you would consider my opinion and provide a written response to this suggestion of mine. In 2023 and 2024 there were bushfires in Bibra Lake, causing great anxiety to local residents. I	Leaf litter and debris within conservation areas is a natural occurrence and required to maintain a healthy ecosystem. Annual inspections and mitigation measures are undertaken to reduce bushfire risk in conservation reserves. The Council is responsible for and adopts the City's annual Budget and Workforce Plan. The City recently adopted the Cockburn Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2023-2028 (BRMP) which outlines a framework for identifying, assessing and treating bushfire risks within the City. Part of the BRMP is to commit to undertaking work to reduce bushfire risks. The City has identified over 400 areas of risk within

	am told that there was also a bushfire nearby in Leeming recently report only) In view of this, and the inevitability of further climate related problems (fires) in the future, I would suggest that Cockburn Council allocates more financial resources to residents protection. In this regard, I observe on a daily basis, the amount of dead trees, branches, tree litter etc around the Cockburn area. I appreciate that clearing this vegetation litter would be a major labour and financial burden and would never prevent a bushfire, but it would certainly prevent rapid spread of fire in an emergency. Rather than spend huge sums on roads and traffic difficulties, I would suggest that resources allocated to fire prevention would be more beneficial. Not only in Cockburn, but across Perth, huge sums are directed to roads and traffic. A progressive Council, which I believe Cockburn is, should be promoting proposals to direct people away from the use of cars (the majority of which have only one occupant) - cycle paths, public transport infrastructure etc. Although it will not be as immediately apparent, Council funds spent on fire prevention and a vision of climate control problems will save more residents lives and property in the long run, than more road developments. I hope you will consider my opinion and reply in due course. Many thanks ██████ ██████	the City and prioritise these according to resourcing, funding and risk rating.
37.	There has been to much already spent at ARC. How about making the Fremantle Dockers chip in a bit of coin for facilities to upgrade facilities	The City of Cockburn has experienced significant population growth over the past 10 years and this growth is forecasted to continue over the next 10-20 years. Cockburn ARC provides a vital service to the Cockburn community, and expanding our health club will ensure we can continue to offer services to the

		community. The ARC Evolution, a partnership between the City of Cockburn and Fremantle Football Club, will deliver significant improvements to the ARC Health Club and Dockers facilities. Scheduled for completion in early 2025, the partnership project will enhance services for the community and members. The City will fund \$9.6m of the project. Fremantle Football Club and the AFL will provide \$3.15m, the State Government will contribute \$2.5m and the WA Football Commission has provided \$350,000.
38.	Can you please explain the ARC expansion. \$7m for an expansion with no details? How much of this is for the benefit of the Fremantle Dockers? Where are my rates going? That's a lot of money for no details...	The City of Cockburn has experienced significant population growth over the past 10 years and this growth is forecasted to continue over the next 10-20 years. Cockburn ARC provides a vital service to the Cockburn community, and expanding our health club will ensure we can continue to offer services to the community. The ARC Evolution, a partnership between the City of Cockburn and Fremantle Football Club, will deliver significant improvements to the ARC Health Club and Dockers facilities. Scheduled for completion in early 2025, the partnership project will enhance services for the community and members. The City will fund \$9.6m of the project. Fremantle Football Club and the AFL will provide \$3.15m, the State Government will contribute \$2.5m and the WA Football Commission has provided \$350,000.
39.	The black spot at the end of Winterfold where it joins Northlake Rd needs lights ASAP. In the interim it needs a giveaway sign put on the slip lane exiting Northlake for those turning left onto Winterfold, drivers don't stop and the lines are faded. This is a black spot, please do something about it before someone (else) dies there.	The intersection of Winterfield Rd and North Lake Rd is an active State Blackspot project which is being delivered by the City of Melville. The issues raised will be addressed as a component of that project. The request for interim works will be forwarded to the City of Melville for consideration and reporting. Fenced deep drainage sump on the corner of Coolbellup and Winterfold, can be looked at as part of sump beautification program. The type of sump can not be modified due to small

	The entry to Coolbellup off Winterfold Rd has an ugly drain hole, this really could be beautified, plants could be added, it could be quite beautiful with the right design. Or some Aboriginal art work on the walls. Something colourful and beautiful, it's so drab currently.	footprint so fencing and outer planting would be the considered improvements, with artworks options depending on the fence selected.
40.	No funds for the wetlands or upkeep of the environment which is getting trashed with this eye watering population growth. Progression for COC means rampant growth and unsustainable infill	The City manages more than 1100 hectares of bushland and wetlands contained in 93 reserves across the City. Each reserve is allocated funding to maintain and enhance the natural assets. Vegetation condition monitoring is undertaken annually to track progress. Monitoring indicates vegetation condition is improving overall across the City.
41.	Gibbs Rd between Tapper and Beenyup Rd desperately needs road marking. It is a short winding road that has now become a major thoroughfare for traffic to and from the freeway. There are no winding road signs and no road markings. It is becoming more and more dangerous, particularly in the darker hours as people tend to drive down the middle and you are coming in the opposite direction there is no where to go if you are on the bend. One of the wire fences on the side has already been crashed into. For your urgent consideration please.	This matter will be considered and addressed as part of the Banjup Local Area Traffic project which is to be considered in the budget.
42.	Why are rate payers paying for a rec center upgrade. The rec center runs as a business and therefore should be funding itself like any other business.	The City of Cockburn has experienced significant population growth over the past 10 years and this growth is forecasted to continue over the next 10-20 years. Cockburn ARC provides a vital service to the Cockburn community, and expanding our health club will ensure we can continue to offer services to the community. The ARC Evolution, a partnership between the City of Cockburn and Fremantle Football Club, will deliver significant improvements to the ARC Health Club and Dockers facilities. Scheduled for completion in early 2025, the partnership project will enhance services for the community and members.

		The City will fund \$9.6m of the project. Fremantle Football Club and the AFL will provide \$3.15m, the State Government will contribute \$2.5m and the WA Football Commission has provided \$350,000.
43.	Thank you for this decision, we are 100% agree with it.	Submission received.
44.	The budget for Arc/Freo Dockers expansion should be at AFL not cost to public & clear indication of waste of public funding! You are a Trading Company purporting to be Local Government and have no authority or jurisdiction since 1973. A call for public audit on expenditure profit & losses and all sale of land with which you have no nor do the purporting Australian Government Corporation have lawful ownership rights/sale for these developments without written consent or agreement!	The City of Cockburn has experienced significant population growth over the past 10 years and this growth is forecasted to continue over the next 10-20 years. Cockburn ARC provides a vital service to the Cockburn community, and expanding our health club will ensure we can continue to offer services to the community. The ARC Evolution, a partnership between the City of Cockburn and Fremantle Football Club, will deliver significant improvements to the ARC Health Club and Dockers facilities. Scheduled for completion in early 2025, the partnership project will enhance services for the community and members. The City will fund \$9.6m of the project. Fremantle Football Club and the AFL will provide \$3.15m, the State Government will contribute \$2.5m and the WA Football Commission has provided \$350,000. Following extensive community consultation, the Council adopted the approach to partner with Fremantle Football Club to implement a project of expansion benefitting both organisations. The community was also invited to provide submissions in response to a business plan to enter into a major land transaction in accordance with the local government act in mid-2023. The business plan can be accessed here: https://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/getattachment/e028b135-a5cb-442b-a260-87017b9174b0/attachment.aspx
45.	I find it very hard to justify our Council spending over \$7M on the	The proposed rates are subject to the Council consideration and approval at the Special

expansion of Cockburn Arc. This facility is expensive for families to access, being for more costly than other Council leisure centres. Only a portion of the community will be able to enjoy the upgrade, leaving marginalised and low SES families even more excluded from community engagement. We are by no means a low SES family but find the use of ARC expensive and we no longer go as a result. In addition, Cockburn ARC have ceased their contract with Fitness Passport, which at least made accessing the facility affordable. Most Fitness Passport members in the local area are health care professionals and have essentially lost an affordable access to this facility. It's no secret that Nurses and Doctors have had their salaries capped while the RBA are squeezing families with interest rates, making cost of living significantly higher for home owners and renters. And instead of assisting local families, the Cockburn Council see fit to increase our rates dramatically to fund the expansion of a facility that most of us cannot even afford to attend anymore. The irony. This 7M investment is a completely irresponsible use of tax payer funds. People are struggling to meet their basic needs and we have a very real housing crisis on our hands - yet our Council's priority is a flashy expansion of a facility that half the residents can't even afford to use. It's shameful and quite frankly, demonstrates the extent to which Council bureaucrats are out of touch with reality.	Council Meeting on the 25 June 2024. The City has carefully considered its spending in light of the cost-of-living crisis. Just like our community, the City of Cockburn continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, paying more just to sustain current service levels for a rapidly growing community. As a sensible approach to the current economic climate, the City is continuing to prioritise maintaining our existing assets and infrastructure over new projects. The challenging economic conditions means the cost of sustaining existing service levels and infrastructure has continued to surge. Despite these inflationary pressures, and a proposed rate increase comparable to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the City's prudent budgeting will allow us to deliver a balanced budget in the coming financial year without cutting essential community services or standards. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The City of Cockburn has experienced significant population growth over the past 10 years and this growth is forecasted to continue over the next 10-20 years. Cockburn ARC provides a vital service to the Cockburn community, and expanding our health club will ensure we can continue to offer services to the community. The City of Cockburn is excited by the State Government's announcement that it will contribute \$2.5m towards a major \$12m expansion at Cockburn ARC, further improving the local community's ability to be more active, more often. The City of Cockburn will contribute \$6m to the \$12m project, along with a \$2.85m commitment from Fremantle Football Club and \$650,000 from the WA Football Commission
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		(WAFC) and the Australian Football League (AFL). Cockburn ARC and the Fremantle Dockers are planning to expand their facilities, with works expected to commence in 2024. Following extensive community consultation, the Council adopted the approach to partner with Fremantle Football Club to implement a project of expansion benefitting both organisations. The community was also invited to provide submissions in response to a business plan to enter into a major land transaction in accordance with the local government act in mid 2023. The business plan can be accessed here: https://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/getattachment/e028b135-a5cb-442b-a260-87017b9174b0/attachment.aspx
46.	Upgrade of discovery drive/North lake road intersection.. at times waiting up 15mins to exit onto North lake road	The City is currently actively working on concepts and approvals required to submit a State Blackspot project at the intersection of North Lake Road and Discovery Drive. The intersection of Spearwood and Discovery is anticipated to commence preliminary treatment investigations following the North Lake Discovery intersection. Roundabouts will not meet the required technical standards at the intersection of North Lake and Discovery and has had to be ruled out as a viable option.
47.	Radonich park	Submission received.
48.	Can a pedestrian bridge over the Freeway at Gabler Road please be considered. I also requested some sort of barrier be put in at the corner of Lyon & Gabler be put it as it is dangerous for children leaving day care. Cars & buses speed through the roundabout. Could something be budgeted there?	A bridge over the freeway is considered a project of State significance and as such would best be advocated for to the State Government. The City have recently considered the matter pertaining to pedestrian safety, this is not deemed an appropriate treatment at this point in time. While barriers can add to the perception of safety for some motorists, they can inadvertently decrease safety for other road users and as such must be selected carefully. The roundabout is not considered to add any further risk to motorists or pedestrians,

		including children leaving the day care centre under the care of parents or caregivers.
49.	Capital Works Budget - Parking upgrades increase in capacity near and around Cockburn Central Train Station. More parking is needed as it fills 8am on both sides. Inadequate for the number of developments and dwellings the time to arrive to the station will just be earlier and earlier putting pressure on young families.	Cockburn Central Station is considered to be operating under "non-normal" circumstances at present due to the closure of the Armadale Rail line with significant transference of people to the Cockburn Central Station (from Armadale line Stations) for journeys towards the City. The City will continue to monitor the situation and consider appropriate measures to manage parking availability within the area.
50.	Support the projects and development through the city.	Submission received.
51.	Urgent road update - roundabouts added to both the Spearwood avenue and North Lake Road ends of Discovery Drive to minimise future road accidents.	The City are currently actively working on concepts and approvals required to submit a State Blackspot project at the intersection of North Lake Road and Discovery Drive. The intersection of Spearwood and Discovery is anticipated to commence preliminary treatment investigations following the North Lake Discovery intersection. Roundabouts will not meet the required technical standards at the intersection of North Lake and Discovery and has had to be ruled out as a viable option.
52.	In the Capital Works Budget for 23/24 an allocation of \$118,000 was made for the Prinsep Road Traffic Management Detailed design, this cost and implementation was discussed at the March OCM (item 14.12 attachment 2). The elected members voted 9 to 0 for the traffic calming Installation. I have since received correspondence from [REDACTED] (Manager Transport & Traffic) stating..." The City are currently working through final estimates and scheduling activities to meet the resolution of Council which we hoped to have prior to coming back to the community. I will provide a further update as I receive guidance from the project delivery departments in the City." I have to presume that the estimates and scheduling are ongoing as there appears to be no cost allocation in next years (draft) budget...is this correct ?	This is correct. The preparation stages of the Draft Capital works budget close earlier in the year than the resolution of the Council. At the time of preparation consistent with the recommendation of Officers it was viewed that this project may not proceed. The project will be reinstated within the budget via the budget amendment process to allow for delivery of this project in accordance with resolution of the Council.

53.	I fail to understand how Council has informed rate payers there is a \$133.8 million budget shortfall yet here we have a list of capital works. Surely somebody at Council can see, if your budget is in the red by \$133.8million, then you don't find more ways to spend money you don't have. Why is the solution of Council to just increase rates to make up any and all arbitrary shortfall Council can come up with. It is high time Council looked at budget responsibly and defer all capital works until such time as the budget shows surplus, without the need to increase rates to do so. The Council has more rate payers than ever and economies of scale should show a net saving in costs to provide services. If not why not? Council must look at all costs to provide services and seek realistic ways to reduce those costs so they are within budget, to do less is not meeting the mandate by the rate payers placed on the Council and its elected members.	Each year, the income and expenses for all City services and facilities are calculated with the net cost raised from revenue streams such as rates, grants, fees, and charges. After accounting for all other revenue streams, the remainder required for the upcoming financial year from rates is called a 'net funding shortfall'. A net funding shortfall does not mean that the City has overspent by that amount. The City needs to raise \$133.8M from rates in 2024/2025 to continue providing services such as libraries, waste management, seniors services, and roads and community infrastructure upgrades and maintenance. The City has carefully considered its spending in light of the cost-of-living crisis. Just like our community, the City of Cockburn continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, paying more just to sustain current service levels for a rapidly growing community. As a sensible approach to the current economic climate, the City is continuing to prioritise maintaining our existing assets and infrastructure over new projects. The challenging economic conditions means the cost of sustaining existing service levels and infrastructure has continued to surge. Despite these inflationary pressures, and a proposed rate increase comparable to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the City's prudent budgeting will allow us to deliver a balanced budget in the coming financial year without cutting essential community services or standards. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
54.	I advocate a portion of the budget of \$1.6m for New Footpaths and Renewals is allocated for a new dual footpath / cycle-way - currently ending at the intersection	The budget for the new footpaths and renewals is \$1.6m in total. New path budget is \$0.4M annually as outlined in the Long Term Financial Plan. The renewal program cannot be used for new works.

	of Beenyup and Gibbs Rds - to continue along Beenyup Rd to Gaebler Rd and extend along Gaebler Rd to Aubin Grove residential.	The suggested path extension would only service 28 properties over a rough 2.1 km and is rarely used. As undrained and underbed rural roads, these large areas with no lighting are not suitable for cycle paths. Desktop research indicates that the estimated cost of the path would be \$900,000 and a further \$840,000 for lighting. These costs do not factor in tree removals, service relocations or any drainage issues a path may create. As such, a project such as this is not considered a priority for the City compared to other investment opportunities in the Cycling and Walking space. Within the FY24/25 the City will be completing a significant update of its Cycling and Walking Plan which is the key strategic document to guide investment in Cycling and Walking infrastructure and programs. We will be seeking representation within our communities to assist in the formulation of this key body of work.
55.	What has been allowed by the COC for the proper development of the walking, running & riding trails through the Manning Park ridge area? Why has there been no monies set in the budget for this project for the 2024/25 financial year? How much has been budgeted for this redevelopment? This needs urgent attention!!!	The City is currently undertaken Flora and Fauna and European and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Surveys of Manning Park. These surveys will help inform any plans for Manning Park. Given that these surveys had not yet been finalised and no determination made as to any plans, no funds were allocated in the 24/25 budget.
56.	Council should prioritise works, postpone/defer non essential projects, stay within Budget to prevent increasing rates whilst ratepayers are experiencing unprecedented cost of living pressures. Prudent budget management is required by households and Council, alike.	The City has carefully considered its spending in light of the cost-of-living crisis. Just like our community, the City of Cockburn continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, paying more just to sustain current service levels for a rapidly growing community. As a sensible approach to the current economic climate, the City is continuing to prioritise maintaining our existing assets and infrastructure over new projects. The challenging economic conditions means the cost of sustaining existing service levels and infrastructure has continued to surge. Despite these inflationary pressures, and a proposed rate increase comparable to the Consumer

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57.	I am very concerned at the enormous amount being spent on roads. We should be investing much more in infrastructure to support walking, cycling and public transport. Road traffic remains the number one killer of children and young people in Australia - this is not acceptable. The more roads we build, the more we build in unsafe and unsustainable transport patterns. We need to make it easier to leave our cars at home - the budget should reflect this.	Within the 2024-25 financial year the City will be completing a significant update of its Cycling and Walking Plan which is the key strategic document to guide investment in Cycling and Walking infrastructure and programs. The City openly acknowledge the crucial function Mode Shift to Cycling and Walking (Active Transport) and Public Transport will have in delivering long term sustainability to the transport network as well as the significant health benefits that come with Active Transport. We will be seeking representation within our communities to assist in the formulation of this key body of work.
58.	Hello to whom it may concern. We have concerns over what looks like the further deferral of the footbridge over the rail line near the North Coogee shoreline development and specifically the additional safety concerns created. Currently residents from the area to access the beach/South Fremantle, need to walk along Bennett Avenue on the road (with prams etc). Heading North along Bennett Av approaching Rowlinson Rd, pedestrians then have to go onto the road and go across the roundabout to access the footpaths on the Northern side of Rowlinson Rd. This has created an unnecessary interaction with vehicles. There is	It is acknowledged there is community expectation for the delivery of the pedestrian bridge to have occurred already. The bridge proposal first featured in structure planning for the Cockburn Coast in 2014 as part of the potential foreshore upgrades along CY O'Connor Beach. It was determined the cost of these upgrades (just under \$20million) could be added to the City's Development Contribution Plan 13 (known as DCP13). This was a lengthy process requiring financial modelling and consultation which resulted in the Minister's approval in mid-2016. It also results in a commitment from the City to the infrastructure involved. DCP13 includes numerous items across the City totalling about \$300 million, half of which is funded by the City and the other half by the developers of Cockburn (who pay as they

	real estate available along the whole length of Bennett Av and on the south western side of the intersection with Rowlinson Rd, behind Armco railing that could be used to install a footpath. I hope this is nothing new and already in the plan for 2025. Regards, 	develop). The collection period extends to 2031. The City has made significant progress with the delivery of many DCP13 items. In the case of the pedestrian bridge, there has been design work undertaken, as well as assessment of the coastal vulnerability (important to ensure DCP and municipal funds are not subject to erosion within the bridge's lifespan). This section of beach does require additional protection. The development of Westport will likely not require the freight rail in the longer term - a matter which has taken some time to get clarity on from the State Government. This may mean a shorter lifespan bridge could be practical. The City takes its role in ensuring these types of matters are explored properly before expending such a significant amount of money on a project.
59.	I would like to see more work done in Beeliar, in particular the Peregrine park. Would also like to see an enclosed dog park in Beeliar. Closer to the Beeliar park and shops	The City installed new playground equipment at Peregrine Park in FY22/23. The City's Animal Management and Exercise Plan 2020 -2025 (AEMP), guides the approach for new enclosed dog exercise areas. The AMEP has proposed an enclosed dog exercise area for Radonich Park (Ivankovich Avenue, Beeliar), subject to community consultation, and a current review of the AMEP.
60.	Lopresti park update. The park is very outdated, needing a revamp. The bushes that surround the play equipment are very thick which can attract snakes etc many Neighbours have small children and have spoken about the park needing an upgrade. Lots of us go to other parks instead of lopresit as it so run down. The roots of the trees near the playground have grown into the play area. The grassed area near belladonna drive is a waste of space. No one uses that area. Perhaps a bike track or a nature playground for kids would be a good use of space. The bushes on belladonna drive should also be cleared so there's good vision (safety	The City installed shade sails for the playground last financial year, City can address passive surveillance shrub management but we don't clear all garden bed vegetation to allow for passive surveillance or reduce the likelihood of snakes . The projects team will put your suggestion for a nature playground or pump track forward for budget consideration. The City support passive surveillance through shrub management, but in the interests of preserving our natural environment, the City does not typically clear entire garden bed vegetation to reduce the likelihood of snakes. The City will relocate snakes from City-owned parks, sporting reserves and playgrounds to the nearest suitable habitat. Contact the City on 08 9411 3444.

	reasons) it's very hidden and as a women I don't feel safe going there by myself with two little children as so many tress and bushes keep us all hidden form view (bushes near playground and the bushes that surround the park)	The City of Cockburn manages and maintains over 220 playgrounds. To manage aging equipment, the City has a renewal schedule where end-of-life playground equipment is replaced with a new similar version. Playground replacements are prioritised for renewal based on condition reports from yearly inspections. Each financial year, park equipment due for renewal is listed, and budget is sought from the Council to ensure appropriate works are carried out. The City is aware of the status of Lopresti Park and will consider this for future playground upgrades.
61.	We'd like to see significant tree planting and replacement of dead trees of which there are many and a real investment in renewables, urban forests to combat heat and soft plastic recycling. Thanks	The City has a well-established annual revegetation program with an average of 1,500 trees planted each year within our parks and streetscapes (guided by our Urban Forest Policy), and approximately 45,000 native plants being planted within our bushland areas (guided by our Natural Areas Management Strategy). With the record dry spell we experienced over summer there was an unprecedented number of tree deaths across the City. Staff are working hard to replace these dead trees (along with planting in new locations) but this requires significant time for planning and allocating resources.
62.	Dear Council, I would like to suggest the following improvements to Lopresti Park in Yangebup: - Clearing of bush and shrubs around playground area, and around the footpaths. Main reason for this is the danger with snakes and children. Multiple times myself or children have come across snakes coming out of the bushes onto the footpaths. These snakes include Dugites and Tiger snakes, with the Tiger snakes becoming aggressive. - Installation of car parks along Belladonna Drive to replicate the car bays along Santena Street	The City support passive surveillance through shrub management, but in the interests of preserving our natural environment, the City does not typically clear entire garden bed vegetation to reduce the likelihood of snakes. The City will relocate snakes from City-owned parks, sporting reserves and playgrounds to the nearest suitable habitat. Contact the City on 08 9411 3444. The Parks team have also been actively treating the ants in the park the ant holes will subside as the population is controlled. The City will put forward your parking suggestion to the projects team for consideration.

	- Improve lawn conditions, the lawn along the Belladonna Drive sides of the park (not including the second phase of the park along Santena with the football area), is riddled with large ant nests and extremely uneven surfaces. No children play on this lawn as there are large holes that trip the children. Thank you	
63.	Would be great to have Lopresti Park redone! When I called in 2020 I was told it was on the books for 2022! Didn't happen! It's well over due and needs a revamp! Barley anyone uses the park because of it been so weather worn! Even a BBQ! Would be great to get rid of some bushes along Belladonna drive and have additional parking! We have had snakes come over from those bushes!	The City of Cockburn manages and maintains over 220 playgrounds. To manage aging equipment, the City has a renewal schedule where end-of-life playground equipment is replaced with a new similar version. Playground replacements are prioritised for renewal based on condition reports from yearly inspections. Each financial year, park equipment due for renewal is listed, and budget is sought by Council to ensure appropriate works are carried out. The City is aware of the status of Lopresti Park and will consider this for future playground upgrades. The City support passive surveillance through shrub management, but in the interests of preserving our natural environment, the City does not typically clear entire garden bed vegetation to reduce the likelihood of snakes. The City will relocate snakes from City-owned parks, sporting reserves and playgrounds to the nearest suitable habitat. Contact the City on 08 9411 3444.
64.	Replace the trees that were cut down years ago at the power station. When I called Synergy at the time I was informed that more suitable mature trees will be planted to cover the power lines. I only purchased my block on Beedelup Loop because of those trees.	This land is owned by the Electricity Networks Corporation and is not managed by City of Cockburn. As such, the City cannot undertake tree planting works in this location.
65.	Having read your draft budget outline I noted there was no mention of planting more trees or native bushes- Both which would enhance our central reservations	The City has a well-established annual revegetation program with an average of 1,500 trees planted each year within our parks and streetscapes (guided by our Urban Forest Plan), and approximately 45,000 native plants

	and climate. Green decisions get my vote. Our planet is in crisis. Please factor this in!	being planted within our bushland areas (guided by our Natural Areas Management Strategy). Aftercare of revegetated areas is a big consideration for the City - putting plants in the ground is only part of the story and the ongoing maintenance required to keep these plants alive can extend for several years. We want to make sure that what we do plant survives.
66.	Beeliar oval playground is easily the busiest and most utilised playground in the suburb. I feel it is definitely due for an upgrade as it has been there for about 15 years.	Each year, the City has a rolling schedule to renew our playground equipment where we replace end of life equipment with a new, similar version. Playgrounds are chosen based on yearly inspection reports and as part of the Parks and Environment Asset Management Plan. Beeliar Oval upgrades are being considered by the City as part of a larger community consultation process for upgrades.
67.	For proposed works to the outdoor area off the Environmental Room of the Harvest Lakes Community Centre, I propose a shade sail be installed to provide some coverage to the outdoor space. It's useful to have an undercover space to place wet paintings during classes so they can dry and avoid the direct sunlight / rain.	The Community, Culture and Recreation Engagement in 2023 worked with Community Groups to understand the needs, wants and desires for community infrastructure. The Draft Community Infrastructure Plan has been approved by Council and will form the basis of engagement which is soon to commence. The engagement will seek to understand if the plan represents the discussions had with community groups. This feedback can be further discussed at the time of engagement for consideration in the final plan.
68.	I would love to see Atwell Community Centre revitalised and given some attention. There is graffiti on the interior walls, it is not thoroughly cleaned on a regular basis and it would be great to see it spruced up which would hopefully encourage more people to hire it. Would also like to see more seating and a drinking fountain out at the playground.	There is funding requested for FY24/25 budget to undertake asset renewal works at the Atwell Community Centre. Graffiti is immediately removed or painted over in all our venues and buildings. It is cleaned on a daily schedule. The venue is visited and inspected at least weekly by a member of the Facilities Team. Facilities has received 15 customer requests from users of the Facility so far this year, including the Child Health Centre all of which have been actioned and closed.



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