City of Cockburn

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Tempest Park Upgrades

Community Insights Snapshot

The City of Cockburn is planning for the future of Tempest Park, including upgrades to both the park and clubroom facilities, to ensure the reserve continues to meet the needs of a growing and diverse community.

In March and April 2026, the City asked the community for feedback on a draft park plan and three potential building visions for Tempest Park. The aim was to better understand how the proposed changes may affect park users and identify priorities for future planning.

Feedback varied within stakeholder groups, with differing perspectives expressed regarding building scale, operational priorities and broader community use.

What we heard

Tempest Park is more than a sporting reserve - it is a valued everyday community space. The community strongly supports upgrades that improve inclusivity, family use and functionality while protecting the park's natural environment and strong sense of community connection.



How the park is used

Tempest Park plays an important role in daily community life and supports a wide range of uses, including:

- Walking and exercise
- Dog walking
- Informal recreation and socialising
- Organised sport (football, cricket, darts and pool)
- Playground used by families

How we promoted the consultation

- Online via Comment on Cockburn and City social media pages
- On-site signage at Tempest Park
- Community drop-in sessions at Coolbellup Library
- Targeted and City wide e-newsletters
- Letters to residents surrounding Tempest Park
- Direct conversations with park users at Round One Games at Tempest Park
- Meetings with sporting clubs, Aboriginal Reference Group and Youth Advisory Council
- Emails to Sporting Clubs based at Tempest Reserve

The community was invited to provide feedback via emails to sporting clubs, social media, and online through Comment on Cockburn using quick polls, interactive concept plans and an ideas board

Who we heard from

Online:

560
visits to Comment on Cockburn

57
contributions received across the online participation tools

In addition to online contributions:

4
written submissions from community members

2
formal submissions from sporting clubs

100+
face to face conversations at Coolbellup Football Club's opening round as well as at library pop ups and community reference groups.



Key insights

Reserve insights

Strong support for upgrades

The community is excited about improving the park while maintaining its relaxed, local feel.





Families are a key user group

There is strong demand for a larger, safer and better-connected playground, supported by seating and shade.

Everyday usability matters

Simple improvements will make a big difference, including:

- Continuous paths
- Accessible toilets
- More bins and dog facilities
- Drinking fountains

Mixed views on dog access

Some prefer on-lead settings, while others would like off-lead areas - highlighting the need to balance different needs.

Safety and comfort need improvement

Lighting, visibility and activation of underused areas are important for making the space feel safe and welcoming.

Building and facility insights

Changerooms are a priority

- Need for changeroom improvements
- Improved layout and circulation
- Better privacy, inclusivity and cultural safety
- Facilities that support women and girls.

Balancing different needs

Future design will need to carefully balance:

- Sport versus general community use
- Building size vs open space
- Activation versus environmental protection
- Different user expectations.

Family-friendly design is essential

- Spaces where children can play and be supervised
- Better connection between the building, playground and spectator areas
- Easy access to toilets and family amenities.

Social spaces are the heart of the facility

The kitchen/canteen is highly valued as:

- A place for gathering and connection
- A central hub during games and events.

Facilities no longer meet demand

The current building no longer adequately supports the range and volume of activities occurring at the reserve.

Inclusive and culturally welcoming spaces

- Design that supports cultural safety and participation
- Opportunities to reflect local identity and connection to Country
- Spaces that feel welcoming for a diverse community.

Diverse sporting use and functionality

- Shared, fit-for-purpose facilities are needed across multiple sports
- Priority is retaining the cricket pitch and improving key infrastructure, alongside adaptable, safe, game-day-ready spaces for all users.

Community priorities

Looking ahead, the community would like to see the park continue to grow in a way that:



Supports both sport and community use in a way that is culturally safe



Provides spaces for families, young people and older adults



Encourages social connection and casual use



Protects the park's trees, nature and local character

Further Information and Next Steps

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the vision for Tempest Park reserve and building upgrades. Community feedback will be considered alongside technical, environmental, operational and financial requirements to inform the next stage of planning for Tempest Park.

The City will present a report to Council at the June 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM) for consideration. Updates will be share as the project progresses. To keep informed of progress on this project, please follow the project page on Comment on Cockburn.

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