

# Cockburn Sound Management Council Communique

November 2023

## ***Latest news***

The last quarterly meeting for 2023 of the Cockburn Sound Management Council (CSMC) was held at the Cockburn Power Boats Club on 3 November 2023.

Presentations provided to CSMC included:

- An update on Westport's Multi-Criteria Analysis process, including a summary of stakeholder feedback received by Westport, how it was considered, and information about Westport's environmental impact assessment.
- An overview of the operations and environmental performance of Perth's Seawater Desalination Plant by the Water Corporation.
- A presentation by Ozfish on its coastal habitat restoration projects, including the Seeds for Snapper seagrass restoration project in Cockburn Sound, the largest and longest running restoration program of its kind in Australia.
- A tour of Ozfish's processing tanks for seagrass fruits at Cockburn Power Boats Club, an Ozfish program partner. Seagrass fruits collected during Seeds for Snapper events are stored in the processing tanks.
- A presentation by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation on its water quality monitoring network and participation in research to develop innovative techniques to predict algal bloom events.

## ***Who are the Cockburn Sound Management Council?***

The Council is an advisory council to the Minister for Environment - established under section 25 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. The Council was set up in 2000 as a Committee of the Water and Rivers Commission's Board.

The Council provides advice to the Minister for Environment on the environmental management of Cockburn Sound, in particular the protection and maintenance of water quality and associated environmental values of the Cockburn Sound marine area set in the *State Environmental (Cockburn Sound) Policy 2015*.

The Council facilitates and coordinates stakeholder and community input into the environmental management of Cockburn Sound. The Council includes representatives from community, conservation and recreation groups, industry and local, State and Australian Government agencies.

## ***More information***

Further information on Cockburn Sound, including technical reports, is available at [Cockburn Sound Management Council | Western Australian Government \(www.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.wa.gov.au/government/organisations/cockburn-sound-management-council).

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