

## **Cockburn Sound Management Council Communique**

**May 2024**

### ***Latest news***

The second meeting for 2024 of the Cockburn Sound Management Council (the Council) was held at HMAS Stirling, Department of Defence, on 3 May 2024.

Presentations provided to the Council included:

- Dr Alan Kendrick, Cockburn Sound Science Program Manager, summarising the development and current status of the Western Australian Marine Science Institution (WAMSI) Westport Marine Science Program.
- Dr James Tweedley and Dr Sorcha Cronin-O'Reilly from Murdoch University, summarising the preliminary results of the WAMSI Westport Marine Science Program Project 2.4: Benthic communities in soft-sediment and hard substrates: baseline data, pressure-response relationships of key biota for environmental impact assessment, and mitigation strategies for artificial reefs.
- Representatives of the Australian Submarine Agency and their contractors, summarising the Submarine Rotational Force – West Infrastructure Project at HMAS Stirling.

The Council toured HMAS Stirling and Garden Island, viewing key sites associated with the Submarine Rotational Force – West Infrastructure Project.

### ***Who is 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). If you would like to contact the Council, please email [CSMC@dwer.wa.gov.au](mailto:CSMC@dwer.wa.gov.au).