

# Important Update

## Suburb Name Change

Since 2019, the Port Coogee community and the South Beach/Shoreline community have been working together to divide the suburb of North Coogee and create two new names. In February 2021, a petition signed by over 2000 residents supported suburbs to be called South Beach and Port Coogee. Unfortunately, Landgate advised a compelling case could not be made based on the confusion between the two ends of the suburb and the name South Beach was not compliant to policy.

After ongoing discussions with Landgate, City of Cockburn and our community, a re-submission was made to more clearly define the case against the strict policy guidelines and proposing a change of the northern name to Catherine Point while reaffirming Port Coogee for the southern section

**Landgate is currently assessing the proposal and is aiming to table an agenda item with the Geographic Names Committee at the next available meeting, which is currently scheduled for 13 June 2024**

### Why do most Port Coogee residents want change?

- North Coogee is a recent name (2005) with little meaning to the people now residing in the area.
- Commercial use of the name Port Coogee is extensive. WA Tourism, the City of Cockburn and others regularly use the name Port Coogee in marketing and communication. Our shopping centre, the Marina and many of the shops and restaurants use the name Port Coogee.
- As a completely new development, residents could not have been consulted on the choice of name. "North Coogee" was simply chosen by the council, not the community.
- Significant development has now occurred, creating two unique areas readily distinguishable from each other with different identities and characteristics.
- People get confused when trying to determine whether they should be heading to the northern section or the southern section.
- There is a natural dividing boundary between the communities at McTaggart Cove, with the CY O'Connor Reserve and the proposed Cockburn Coast oval clearly limiting the easy connection between the two.

### Your opinion is important for future generations

As you make your decision, think ahead as to what names best represent your location's identity, its attachment to the coast and future property values. Port Coogee, as a meaningful, well-established name, has only ever been considered for the southern section. Many people in the northern section initially wanted the name South Beach but after this was not allowed by Landgate the joint submission has proposed the name Catherine Point for the northern section. If the current submission is successful, a majority of residents and ratepayers of North Coogee must agree on both new names.

### Should we become Port Coogee and Catherine Point?

Catherine Point has emerged as the most attractive and viable option for the northern section. It is one of the community's preferred names and Landgate have advised that it could be supported. Turn over to read more about Catherine Point and why it could be great new name and an opportunity for the northern portion of North Coogee. The option remains for the suburb to remain North Coogee in its entirety.



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## The case for Port Coogee

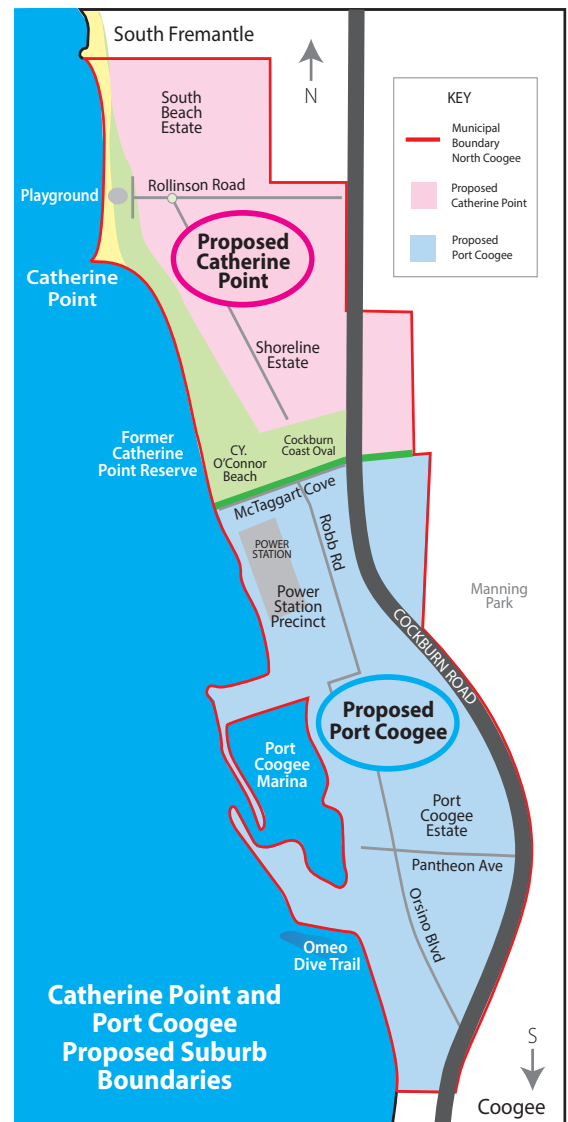
The Geographic Names Committee (GNC) policy requires that names chosen be geographically and historically significant. Port Coogee as a name has been deemed compliant to policy since the initial petition in 2020 signed by over 2000 people.

- Port Coogee Marina is identified on national maritime charts in use today. It is geographically prominent on the WA coastline.
- Port Coogee has been used as an anchorage and landing place since European settlement. It is historically significant.
- Port Coogee Marina is not only a public port of call but is also used by maritime services including the Water Police, Sea Rescue and Fisheries Department. As such, it is important that it has clear identification.
- In addition to a residential community, Port Coogee is a dynamic and complex experiential destination with regular external patronage to the Maritime Trail, the Marina, cafes, bars and restaurants. In this way, it is uniquely different to the South Beach and Shoreline area.

## The case for Catherine Point

Catherine Point is an appealing coastal name with strong, historic relevance to the northern area. It is also a compliant name under the Landgate/GNC policy.

- Catherine Point is geographically important as it is the only geographically significant feature on that part of the coastline. It is present on various current and official maps, being an important maritime landmark for coastal navigation.
- It is historically significant, with Catherine Point being shown on the earliest of European settlement maps (c1830).
- The CY O'Connor Reserve was also previously known as Catherine Point Reserve prior to 2003 so we would be reclaiming an historic name.



Port Coogee Marina

## Keeping you informed

A major effort has been made by the volunteer representatives of CPCG and PCCA to be open, honest and keep the community informed. Many hundreds of volunteer hours have been devoted to the task. Every endeavour is made to respect people's opinion and we are confident that ultimately everyone will have their opinion heard through consultation by the City of Cockburn.