

**Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP**  
**Sports Hall of Fame Induction, Club**  
**Recognition Awards and Junior Sports Awards**  
**Function Room, City of Cockburn Administration Building**  
**Monday, 24 May 2021**

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Good Evening ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys.

On behalf of the elected members and staff of the City of Cockburn I welcome you to tonight's Sports Hall of Fame Induction, Club Recognition Awards and Junior Sports Awards.

I acknowledge the Whadjup people of the Nyungar Nation the traditional custodians of the land on which we are gathered and I pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging and I extend that respect to Indigenous Australians with us tonight.

I acknowledge the presence of:

- My wife Patricia;
- Councillor Kevin Allen;
- Councillor Tom Widenbar;
- Travis Moore, Head of Recreation Services;
- Dean Burton, Recreational Services Co-ordinator;
- Stephanie Walding, Club Development Officer;
- Claudia Wells, Recreation Support Officer;
- Current Hall of Fame Members and their guests;
- Inductees into the City's Sports Hall of Fame and their guests;
- Recipients of the Club Recognition Awards and their guests;
- Recipients of the Sports Star Awards and their guests;
- Ladies and gentlemen, one and all.

As always it is wonderful to recognise the sporting achievements of Cockburn residents.

The Covid – 19 pandemic has added to the complexities of our everyday life and of course impacted on clubs, their volunteers and athletes in many different ways and degrees of uncertainty.

Tonight we come together to congratulate our sporting codes on the outstanding ways you have responded to the ever changing directions from the federal, state government and local government to keep the dream of aspiring athletes alive and focused on achieving their individual and team goals.

As you will know the City has a longstanding commitment to recognising athletes through the Junior Sport Travel program, the Hall of Fame and now the implementation of the Club Recognition Awards.

I'll hand you back to Dean – please continue to enjoy the evening and congratulations on your achievements.

Thank you.