

**Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP
Volunteer Awards Event
Sunday, 21 November 2021
Function Room, City of Cockburn**

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the elected members and staff of the City of Cockburn I welcome you to tonight's Volunteer Awards evening.

I thank Marie Taylor for her 'Welcome to Country' address and the sharing of dreamtime stories that reflect the long and absorbing culture and history of the Nyungar Nation and for the continuing work she does across Cockburn and further afield.

Thank you so much Marie.

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

I acknowledge the presence of:

- Deputy Mayor Cr Tom Widenbar;
- Councillor Philip Eva JP;
- Councillor Chontelle Stone;
- Councillor Phoebe Corke;
- Councillor Tarun Dewan;
- My wife Patricia;
- Marie Taylor, Nyungar Elder;
- Tracey Radcliffe, Volunteer Resource Centre Co-ordinator and other members of staff here tonight;
- Simone Sieber, Community Development Co-ordinator and other

members of staff;

- Our volunteers who contribute so much to our community's growth;
- The nominators and judges of tonight's Awards;
- Ladies and gentlemen, one and all.

Wow its' been another amazing year and I take this opportunity on behalf of the elected members and staff for the volunteering efforts of not only the people in this room but all the volunteers for their continuous generosity, commitment and contribution to making Cockburn the Best Place to Be.

This year the City received 104 nominations from 53 Volunteer Organisations from across Cockburn.

The Judging Panel of 6 staff meticulously scored the 104 nominations to determine the winners for each category.

The judges said all nominations were impressive, and they were amazed by the significant contribution made by volunteers to the Cockburn community.

Nominations were received for the three categories being:

- Volunteer organisation of the year;
- Volunteer of the year; and
- The Mayor's Award (10+ years volunteering)

Each category has a First, Second and Third place winner with \$500, \$400 and \$300 awarded, respectively.

Before I conclude can I ask for a round of applause for Trace and the staff at the City of Cockburn for the work they do to bring so much to the volunteering efforts in Cockburn.

I'll now hand back to Trace for the much anticipated award announcements.

Thank you.