

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett JP

'Christmas on the Green'

Legacy Park, Cockburn Central West

Saturday, 4 December 2021

Thank you Holly.

Kaya, Wonju.

Hello and welcome to the City of Cockburn's Christmas on the Green Event 2021.

I thank Marie Taylor for her 'Welcome to Country' and her sharing of the dreamtime stories that continue to fascinate us as we learn more about Nyungar language and culture and reflect on the fact that the first nation people of Australia have a continuing journey on Mother Earth going back over 60,000 years.

I acknowledge the Whadjup people of the Nyungar nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet and pay my respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are with us tonight.

I acknowledge the presence of:

- My wife Patricia;
- Deputy Mayor Tom Widenbar and his wife Jessica and their children Alex and Maddie;
- Cr Tarun Dewan;

- Marie La Frenais and other members of staff;
- The Friends of the Community;
- The South Coogee Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade;
- The St John Ambulance team;
- The SES Members;
- All the other stall holders and the performers who will be on stage later this evening; and
- Members of our community, one and all.

On behalf of the elected members and staff I hope you enjoy the experience of coming together to celebrate Christmas. It is an opportunity to reflect on the past year that has impacted all of us in one way or another and to think ahead in celebration of a New Year.

Take care and stay safe.

Thank you.