Kaya Wanju everyone,

My wife Patricia and I are delighted to be here with you to enjoy the second in our Beeliar Sun Sets concert series, one of the many events we have run in the last year as part of our action-packed Cockburn Live events season.

These events bring our community together to celebrate a diverse range of arts and cultural activities across our great City.

The Beeliar Sun Sets event name acknowledges the traditional owners, the Beeliar Nyungar people.

I thank Marie Taylor for her informative welcome to country, affording us all an opportunity to gain more information about the customs, traditions, and language of the Nyungar people. Always pleasing to see you out and about in the Cockburn community and further afield Marie.

I acknowledge the Whadjuk people of the Nyungar Nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we are gathered today and I pay respect to their Elders both past and present and extend that respect to First Nations people who are with us tonight.

Cockburn has proudly supported the Australian and Western Australian music scene for many years and I am very excited for this star-studded line-up of Australian music sensations tonight which include iconic Australian rock legend – Ian Moss.

For anyone too young to remember, lan headlined what was once the biggest band in Australia, Cold Chisel and he has maintained rock star status for the past 50 years.

We will also have appearances from Katy Steele, Ash Grunwald and emerging first Nations artists Boox Kid.

This event is a wastewise event and the carbon emissions released by this event has been offset through the planting of native trees and shrubs in Western Australia.

There is water for you to fill up your drink bottles and money raised from cans and bottles collected will be donated to local community group Friends of the Community whose volunteers work tirelessly to support our community.

In closing, I wish you all a very enjoyable evening and hope to see you at our next event, the awesome two-day Coogee Live festival on the 9th and 10th of March, another event that helps to make Cockburn 'the best place to be'.

Thank you.