

**Speech by Mayor Logan K. Howlett, JP**

**Beeliar Sun Sets**

**Success Regional Sport and Community Facility**

**Saturday, 22 February 2025**

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Kaya Wanju everyone. Hello and Welcome.

My wife Patricia and I are delighted to be here with you tonight for the Beeliar Sun Sets concert – one of the many incredible events in our Cockburn Live events series.

It's always a pleasure to see our community come together to celebrate live music, connection, and culture under the open sky.

I acknowledge the Whadjuk people of the Nyungar Nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather tonight and I pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and extend that respect to all First Nations people here with us tonight.

I also thank Robyn Collard for her powerful Welcome to Country, grounding us in the history and spirit of this place as we celebrate the Nyungar season of Bunuru (February to March) which is the hottest time of the year.

I acknowledge Elected Members of the City;

Daniel Simms, Chief Executive Officer and his wife Debbie;

Our events Team;

Ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys this event is about more than just great music – it's about community.

Beeliar Sun Sets is named in recognition of the Beeliar Nyungar people, the 'River People.'

While some may wonder why this event carries the name 'Beeliar' when it moves across different suburbs, it's because it speaks to something bigger than geography.

The people of Cockburn are connected by the waterways, the wetlands, and the coastline that define our region.

Just as the Nyungar people have been connected to this land for tens of thousands of years.

Tonight, as the sun sets, we come together as a community, united by music, culture, and place.

And what a line-up we have for you!

It's an honour to welcome Mark Seymour and The Undertow, Choirboys, Great Gable, Abbe May, and Lonesome Dove—some of Australia's finest musical talents.

I'd like to thank everyone who has worked so hard to bring this event to life: our City of Cockburn team, the incredible crew behind the scenes, the volunteers, and of course, all of you for coming along to make the atmosphere so special.

This is a waste-wise event, and I encourage you to make use of the GO2CUP reusable serveware and waste sorting stations. Together, we can reduce our impact while enjoying everything this night has to offer.

As the evening unfolds, I hope you take a moment to soak in the music, the company of family and friends, and the beauty of Beeliam Boodjar.

Enjoy the night, stay hydrated, and I look forward to seeing you at our next event, Coogee Live on 8-9 March, another celebration of what makes Cockburn the best place to be.

Thank you.