Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP Nibble & Natter Networking event Wednesday, 9 April 2025

Kaya and welcome everyone. It's wonderful to see so many familiar and new faces here tonight.

I acknowledge the Whadjuk Nyungar people of Beeliar Boodja who are the Traditional Custodians of the land we are meeting on today and their continuing connection to land, waters and culture and pay our respects to their Elders, both past and present, and I extend that respect to other First Nations people here with us this evening.

I also acknowledge:

- My wife Patricia;
- Cr Kevin Allen and his wife Debra;
- Cr Philip Eva JP;
- Cr Phoebe Corke;
- Cr Carol Zhang;
- Cr Carol Reeve-Fowkes;
- Kylie Johnson, Director Community & Place;
- Other City staff present at the event Simone & Tracey;
- Glambassador Famous Sharon;
- our valued community and not-for-profit groups as well as clubs here tonight in this wonderful setting on the coast.

Thank you for taking time out of your day to join us tonight as we express our gratitude for the extraordinary work you do.

Every hour you spend supporting our community adds so much to the lives of our residents

You're more than just volunteers — you bring people together, lifting spirits, and creating a real sense of belonging. You are an essential part of what makes Cockburn the best place to be.

As we enjoy this evening together, please know that the City of Cockburn and I are immensely grateful for each one of you.

Thank you for being the strong, compassionate, and connected community that you help create every day.