

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlitt, JP
30th Anniversary Jetty to Jetty
Coogee Beach
Sunday 8th March 2026

Good Morning one and all

I am delighted to be here this morning representing the City of Cockburn on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Coogee Jetty to Jetty Swim.

I acknowledge the Whadjup people of the Nyungar Nation the traditional custodians of the land on which we are gathered today; and I pay my respects to their Elders past and present.

I acknowledge:

- Nick Wyatt, Event Coordinator, Coogee Jetty to Jetty;
- Race Director – Peter Marr both members of the Cockburn Masters Swimming Club very active in the local community – promoting swimming as a healthy activity to the community;
- Race sponsors and supporters;
- My wife Patricia;
- Members of staff at the City of Cockburn
- The participants in the ‘Jetty to Jetty’ Swim;
- Their families and supporters;
- The 100 + volunteers who have been the mainstay of this event since its inception.
- Members of the Coogee Beach Surf Life Saving Club patrolling the beach and providing the water safety;
- Ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys.

Wow today is certainly a day of celebration the 30th anniversary of the annual Jetty to Jetty swim – another huge community event, the largest in the State organised by a club and delivered exclusively by volunteers.

This year's event sold out is a record-breaking event with 1,500 swimmers registered across all 3 race distances, a new record.

With an extra wave start added to the 1500m for the anniversary event, The City of Cockburn this year there are over 1,100 swimmers taking on the Classic "jetty to jetty" swim – another new record.

Swimmers aged 8 to over 90

More than 1/3rd of all entries are now families with 2 or 3 swimmers.

The City of Cockburn is very proud to be the major event partner with the event featuring the City of Cockburn Community Breakfast and City of Cockburn Kidzone activities.

The festival atmosphere seems to grow each year with more activities for kids in Kidzone (including face painting & Junior Goals) plus iconic event mascot Daphne the Duck. Even including mermaids on the beach near the finish line!

City of Cockburn Community Breakfast – volunteers from Friends of the Community cooking & serving around 900 breakfast rolls for swimmers & volunteers.

Thanks to 100+ volunteers, most of them swimming club members and their families & friends.

A great outcome of the 30th anniversary hosting of this iconic event is Daphne who has had some special treatment with a new logo in a beautiful pearl shell for her 30th !

Congratulations to one and all on the 30th Anniversary – well done to the Cockburn Masters Swimming Club – true champions of our community.