

Speech by His Worship the Mayor Logan K. Howlett, JP

Coogee Live 2026

Saturday 7 March 2026

Good afternoon everyone.

I acknowledge the Whadjuk people of the Nyungar Nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather today, and I pay my respects to their Elders past and present.

I extend that respect to all First Nations people here today.

It's a pleasure to welcome you to Coogee Live 2026.

I acknowledge:

- Mr David Scaife, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier; Minister for State Development; Trade and Investment; Economic Diversification and the Member for Cockburn;
- My wife Patricia;
- Elected Members of the City;
- Members of the Executive and other staff;
- The City's Events Team;
- Ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys.

This is really the crown jewel in our event schedule, and what better place to hold it then right here on these beautiful shores.

This year you may have noticed Coogee Live is a little different.

Or rather, quite a lot different.

This year the event has been reimagined, refreshed and reenergised.

There are new themed spaces, new immersive experiences and a new vibe.

Our events team have really tapped into their creativity to offer a breathtaking variety of activities and performances.

From world-class musical acts and stadium-worthy DJs, to cooking demonstrations, immersive art, roving entertainment and family experiences.

We are particularly thrilled to welcome ARIA award-winning duo, The Presets, to the Sunset Jetty Stage later this evening for their DJ Set, alongside Dj Beks and DJ Macca and Maatakitj.

I suspect there will be plenty of barefoot dancing in the sand.

The Ocean Kitchen is once again showcasing incredible culinary talent.

While Kids Cove and the Big Top are bursting with colour, creativity and unforgettable performances.

And importantly, all of this remains completely free.

Accessibility has been carefully considered across the entire site, ensuring this is a welcoming event for all members of our community.

We are also proud that Coogee Live continues to lead the way in sustainable event delivery.

With no single-use plastics on site, reusable cup systems and impressive waste recovery outcomes.

I would like to sincerely thank our major partner, Lotterywest, for their continued support of Coogee Live.

I also thank our supporting partners BP, Fremantle Ports and Advanced Air, along with our City Events team, performers, vendors and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to bring this reimagined festival to life.

Coogee Live is about connection, to place, culture, and to one another.

So, I encourage you to explore, taste, dance, swim, relax and most importantly, enjoy everything this beautiful coastal festival has to offer.

Thank you for being here.

It is now my pleasure to welcome Mr David Scaife, MLA, to the stage.