

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP WA Multicultural Awards Presentation @ Ritz Carlton Hotel Perth – 12 March 2026

I am delighted to be here tonight with my wife Patricia to receive this award on behalf of the City of Cockburn, in fact I skipped a meeting of the City's Multicultural Reference Group who were meeting tonight to plan the year ahead.

I acknowledge the Whadjup people of the Nyungar Nation the traditional custodians of the place where we are meeting and I extend my respect to first nations people who are with us.

The City has a long and proud Reconciliation Action Plan, a RAP first established in 2011, the 7th such RAP in Australia and from my understanding the first to be fully funded by a local government.

It is from this solid foundation that the City was able to develop a progressive approach to multiculturalism establishing a clear pathway to support over 130 different nationalities that have called Cockburn home.

Their rich tapestry of cultural, language and respect has enabled Cockburn to be a multicultural community with shared values and opportunities for all going forward.

I'm certain our Multicultural Reference Group will be very proud of this outcome tonight.

To the nominees in the local government category well done in all you have done to reach tonight's event – may you continue to share the amazing opportunities in your respective communities.

Thank you.