

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett JP
Perth Surf Park Groundbreaking Ceremony
Corner of Prinsep Road and Knock Way, Jandakot
Thursday, 2 April 2026

Good morning one and all

I am delighted to be here this morning with my wife Patricia and Mr Daniel Simms, Chief Executive Officer representing the City of Cockburn on this auspicious occasion.

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 respect to their Elders past and present and I extend that respect to First Nations people here today.

I acknowledge:

- The Honourable Rita Saffioti, Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Sport;
- Mr Andrew Ross, Chair and CDO, Adventuur;
- Mr Adrian “Ace Buchan”, Director of Surf and Sustainability, Adventuur;
- Ladies and gentlemen.

Aventuur Surf Park will be a unique drawcard for the City of Cockburn which is already home to the award-winning Cockburn ARC and the Fremantle Football Club, as well as beautiful beaches, wetlands teeming with wildlife, Adventure World, the Cockburn Ice Arena and the Omeo dive trail being just a few examples.

The park will add to the already diverse offering we have, with opportunities for leisure walkers, kite surfers, snorkellers and ice skaters.

The City is always working to ensure it leverages opportunities to grow economic and employment opportunities in Cockburn and Adventuur is a prime example of that occurring.

Two of the City’s primary objectives are to attract investment and to facilitate vibrant, connected commercial hubs and visitor experiences.

And Adventuur does just that.

Just 25 minutes from the Perth CBD, Cockburn is the perfect location for such an exciting tourism destination venture.

The Park will further activate the Cockburn Central Town Centre, including stimulating the night-time economy and transforming the landscape to accommodate further tourism, entertainment and hospitality attractions.

Cockburn Central is very well connected, right next to Kwinana Freeway and Cockburn Central Station, which is the only City in WA other than Perth with two rail lines intersecting.

This project is another boost for our local economy and ongoing employment opportunities, and I have no doubt visitors will flock to this attraction from much further afield.

And as Naima Green said:

“One of the greatest things about the sport of surfing is that you need only three things:

Your body, a surfboard, and a wave”.

Thank you.