

**Speech by Mayor Logan Howlett**  
**Cockburn Sun Sets 2026**  
**Saturday 21 February**  
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Kaya, wanju everyone — hello and welcome.

My wife Patricia and I are delighted to be here with you tonight for Cockburn Sun Sets, one of Cockburn's most loved community events.

I acknowledge the Whadjuk people of the Nyungar Nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we're gathered and I pay my respects to their Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all First Nations people here with us this evening.

Cockburn Sun Sets has been part of our community for more than 20 years.

While the location, name and format have evolved over time, the heart of the event remains the same.

It's about bringing our community together and enjoying great live music.

Over the years, this event has attracted world-class bands and performers and developed a true festival atmosphere – from Casey Chambers and Daryl Braithwaite, to San Cisco, and of course tonight's headline act, Birds of Tokyo.

And the best part is that our community gets to enjoy it all for free.

You'll notice this year there's a strong focus on young people, with a dedicated youth zone and DJ school.

This reflects our broader commitment to giving young people creative spaces to learn, connect and express themselves.

This concert is also a waste-wise event, designed to reduce its environmental footprint.

I encourage you to use the recycling and waste stations, refill your water bottles, and help us minimise single-use plastics throughout the evening.

I'd like to give a quick plug to the upcoming Coogee Live event – which will be held on our beautiful coastline in just two weeks.

There will be a great line-up of live music there too, headlined by The Presets.

Before I finish, I'd like to thank the City of Cockburn events team, contractors, volunteers, performers, and everyone working behind the scenes to make tonight possible.

And thank you to all of you for being here and bringing this event to life.

Enjoy the music, look after one another, stay hydrated, and have a fantastic night.

Thank you.