

**Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett JP
Nepali New Year Celebration 2083
Forrest Place, Perth CBD
11 April 2026**

Good Afternoon Everyone

I am delighted to be here today with my wife Patricia representing the City of Cockburn on this auspicious occasion – the celebration of the Nepali New Year 2083 and the opportunity to share in the rich culture of Nepal, its music, song, and dance.

I acknowledge the Whadjup people of the Nyungar nation, the traditional custodians of the land on where we have gathered and pay my respect to their Elders past and present and I extend that respect to First Nation people here today.

I also acknowledge:

- Navin Bhandari , President- Nepali Association of Western Australia (NAWA) Inc.
- Members of your Committee;
- Distinguished guests;
- Ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys.

Congratulations on the organisation of this amazing celebration.

The food on offer and the various stalls with traditional products really do make this a very special time, particularly for the Nepalese people.

Australia has been enriched with its rich indigenous history and in more recent times with the arrival of people from the four corners of the world.

This rich tapestry of colour and vibrancy means we live a dynamic multicultural society where we continue to learn about cultures that have shaped the world and that we can enjoy together.

The City of Cockburn is one of the most multicultural communities south of Perth. On Monday I will be welcoming 115 conferees who will make their pledge to Australia. They have come from 36 different parts of the world and truly make our citizenship ceremonies a very special aspect of the role of a local government mayor.

Again, congratulations on bringing this event to the wider community and continue to enjoy the festivities.

Thank you.