

Speech by Mayor Logan Howlett
40th Anniversary of the Local Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of
Cockburn
Success Regional Sport and Community Facility
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Good afternoon everyone.

I am delighted to be here today with my wife Patricia on this auspicious occasion.

I acknowledge the Whadjuk people of the Nyungar nation, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay my respects to their Elders, past and present and I extend that respect to First Nations people who are with us.

I acknowledge Mr Yaz Mubarakai, MLA Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development; Ports; Science and Innovation; Medical Research; Kimberley' my fellow elected members, our local community leaders and, of course, the members and friends of the Bahá'í community here in Cockburn.

And most importantly, I want to congratulate the Local Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Cockburn on 40 years of contributing to our community

Anniversaries such as this are not simply about marking time.

They are an opportunity to reflect on the people, values and contributions that have helped shape our community.

For four decades, the Bahá'í community has been part of the social fabric of Cockburn. Through its commitment to service, education, family life and community-building, it has contributed to the strength and diversity of our city.

What stands out most is the emphasis on bringing people together.

The values highlighted by the Assembly for today's celebration – unity, respect, inclusion, compassion and service – are values that resonate strongly across our community.

Cockburn is proud to be one of the most diverse communities in the south metropolitan region.

But diversity alone is not what makes a community strong.

It is the relationships we build across that diversity.

The friendships, understanding and shared purpose that develop when people come together.

That is why the work of organisations such as the Bahá'í community is so valuable.

Whether through children's classes, programs that empower young people, support for families, devotional gatherings, or acts of service within the wider community, these efforts help foster connection and belonging.

I have also been encouraged to see the Assembly's commitment to engaging with the broader Cockburn community, creating opportunities for dialogue, understanding and friendship among community leaders and residents alike.

Today is an opportunity to thank the many people who have contributed to the Assembly over the past 40 years.

The volunteers, leaders, families and members whose dedication has helped build a vibrant and caring community here in Cockburn.

On behalf of the City of Cockburn, I congratulate the Local Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Cockburn on this remarkable milestone.

Thank you for your contribution to our city, thank you for your commitment to service and unity.

I wish you every success for today's celebrations and for the years ahead.

Thank you.