

**CITY OF COCKBURN**  
**MAYOR LOGAN HOWLETT**  
**SPEECH**

**WOOLWORTHS PORT COOGEE**  
**OFFICIAL OPENING**

7.30am  
Wednesday 08 June 2016

- Good morning and thank you for inviting me to open the new Woolworths at Port Coogee Village.
- I acknowledge the Nyungar people who are the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we have gathered today and I pay respect to the Elders of the Nyungar Nation, both past and present and acknowledge indigenous Australians who are present.
- I acknowledge the presence of:
  - Ms Simone McGurk, State Member for Fremantle;
  - Natasha Angus, Port Coogee Store Manager and her team, including all the Woolworths staff and contractors who have helped deliver the new supermarket;
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- I understand that the launch celebrations for Port Coogee Village kick off this Friday from 9.30am, followed by a Family Fun Day on Saturday. It is important to celebrate our achievements together as a community and to reflect on how much we have grown.
- Businesses, big and small, are the lifeblood of any City. They provide essential goods and services to residents. Business provides jobs. Jobs create opportunity. I am told that this Woolworths store will have employed 75 people, the vast majority of whom are Cockburn locals.
- By supporting new communities, like Port Coogee, the City of Cockburn is achieving our mission to make the City of Cockburn the most attractive place to live, work, visit and invest in, within the Perth metropolitan area. And what an attractive place we have made together!

- I am told that it takes around 3 months for Woolworths to build and stock the store, taking the store space from a bare shell to the fully equipped, supermarket we see here today.
- We wish you every success in this store and look forward to many years of your business offering consumers at Port Coogee convenient access to the essential necessities.
- I now have great pleasure in declaring open the Port Coogee Woolworths store!