



# Media Release

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## Cockburn WA Day Award honours outstanding citizen

A man who has volunteered in the Cockburn community for more than 65 years has received the 2019 Cockburn WA Day Award at the City's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Pioneers Luncheon.

Desmond O'Brien of Coogee was one of 400 to attend the much anticipated luncheon at Spearwood Dalmatinac Sport & Community Club on Friday, 31 May.

The luncheon honours residents who have lived in the City for more than 60 years and significantly contributed to its growth and development, with one special person receiving the annual WA Day Award for outstanding service to the community.

On presenting the award to Mr O'Brien, Mayor Logan Howlett said Des had made a significant contribution to the district over decades and that he had received three separate nominations for this year's award.

Mayor Howlett said Mr O'Brien, a fulltime carer for his wife Kath, was well known for helping others since arriving in the area in 1951.

"Des joins a long list of distinguished recipients of this award who had and continue, in many cases, to help shape our district," Mayor Howlett said.

"It's hard to know where to begin to acknowledge the incredible contribution Des has made in the 65 years he's lived in Cockburn.

"Des has been an important member of a range of Cockburn sporting and community organisations including:

- Cockburn Junior Football Club president
- Hamilton Hill Ex Scholars secretary and now life member
- Cockburn Bowling Club founding member, foundation secretary and now life member
- Member of the Cockburn Sunday League, organising dances and fundraisers to help community members in need.



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This year, Cockburn celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a City. For more information about the award and annual luncheon visit the City's website or follow this [link](#).

For more information about the City's historic ties, visit the new Cockburn History website [here](#).

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