

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett JP

Business Networking Sundowner

@ Show Off 15 Art Exhibition

Hamilton Hill Memorial Hall

Tuesday, 9 April 2019

Good evening ladies & gentlemen

On behalf of the elected members and staff of the City of Cockburn I am pleased to welcome you to tonight's business networking sundowner amidst the Show Off 15 Art Exhibition that I opened last Friday evening.

I acknowledge the Whadjuk people of the Nyungar Nation the traditional custodians of the land on which we are gathered tonight and I pay respect to their Elders, both past and present and extend that respect to Indigenous Australians who are with us tonight.

I acknowledge the presence of:

- Deputy Mayor Smith OAM;
- My wife Patricia;
- Ms Sarah Kahle, Business Engagement Officer;
- Members of our business community;
- Ladies and gentlemen, one and all.

As we know the Arts is an important part of any progressive community and the City is pleased to host tonight's networking sundowner in a historic location – the Hamilton Hill Memorial Hall and to be able to showcase Cockburn artists who are well established in the Arts community through to those in their very early stages of displaying their artwork for the first time.

The Show Off Art Exhibition was first held in 2003 and since that time it has emerged as the premier art exhibition in the City. In the year that the City celebrates its 40th year of being conferred with City status it continues to welcome new residents, small to medium size businesses and see major Industry expanding albeit at a slower rate.

Tonight's networking sundowner provides an opportunity to view the artwork on display and to consider the opportunity to invest in a piece of artwork or two for your business and/or home.

There are other opportunities to have artwork at your business ie for sale or to sponsor events that allow artists seeking to have their work displayed in an engaging and accessible venue.

Research shows that twice as many people (86%) engage with a cultural event or facility each year in Australia than engage with sports (43%) – but sponsorship and sport's marketing is much more common in the business sector.

Please join with us for an evening of finger food and drinks and the opportunity to view the artwork and to network.

It is the City's intention to ensure the City of Cockburn continues to be the best place to live, work, visit and invest in within the Perth metropolitan area.

Our continued support and promotion of the small to medium business sector and Industry, with an emphasis on local content and local jobs, will ensure that we grow and prosper together based on the Cockburn tradition of hard work and mutual respect for the rich and culturally diverse community that we have become.

Thank you.