

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP
Sundowner for Clubs and Volunteers
Coogee Beach Surf Lifesaving Club
20 Poore Grove, Coogee
Wednesday, 22 May, 2019

Good evening ladies and gentlemen.

On behalf of Elected Members I welcome you to the sixth City of Cockburn Sporting Club and Volunteer Sundowner.

It is a pleasure to be here tonight to acknowledge the priceless contributions our volunteers are making to the local Cockburn community.

I acknowledge the Whadjup People of the Nyungar Nation who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land on which we are meeting tonight and I pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Nyungar Nation and extend that respect to other Indigenous Australians who may be present.

I acknowledge:

- my wife Patricia;
- Deputy Mayor Lee-Anne Smith OAM;
- Councillor Carol Reeve-Fowkes;
- Councillor Philip Eva JP & his wife Michele;
- Councillor Chontelle Sands;
- Councillor Michael Separovich;
- Councillor Lara Kirkwood;
- Ms Simone Sieber, Community Development Co-ordinator;
- Ms Tracey Radcliffe, Volunteer Resource Centre Co-ordinator;
- Mr Dean Burton, Recreation Services Co-ordinator;
- Ms Alex Green, Assistant Volunteer Resource Centre;
- Ms Stephanie Walding, Club Development Officer;
- Volunteers across our district;
- Ladies and gentlemen, one and all.

This year's Sundowner has been moved from October to May to align

with National Volunteer Week which runs from 20 -26 May. The theme for National Volunteer Week is 'making the world of difference'.

Tonight's event provides a great opportunity to recognise and acknowledge our volunteers who pursue their individual interests, passions and commitments to make a better world for all of us.

In October this year Cockburn celebrates its 40th anniversary as a City.

It has moved rapidly from a district of 20,000 people in 1979 where the landscape was dominated by market gardens, flower gardens, vineyards, orchards, fishing, dairies and grazing areas for sheep, cattle & pigs, lime kilns, abattoirs, tanneries and the like.

Over that 40 year period we have become a community of nearly 120,000 where residential homes, commerce, retail, Industry and small to medium enterprises have moulded our community in to what it is today.

Volunteering has always be a strong point in Cockburn – people stepping up to help one another – willing to go that one step further in order to enrich the community where they live.

On behalf of the City of Cockburn I would like to thank you for the priceless contributions and commitment you as volunteers are making to the Cockburn community, you really do make the world of difference.

Tonight is a chance for you to get to know each other, celebrate volunteering achievements, and to share stories and ideas.

This evening's event at the Coogee Beach Surf Life Saving Club would not have been possible without the assistance and support of Annette and all the staff, so please give them a big round of applause.

Thanks also go to the City's staff members: Tracey, Stephanie, Alex and Simone and Dean for coordinating this year's sundowner.

Please enjoy the evening and thank you again for all that you do.

I will now hand you back to Trace. Thank you.