

**Speech by Cr Chontelle Stone**  
**Western Australian Swimming Association Inc**  
**Open Water Swimming Series -Coogee Beach**  
**Saturday, 14 January 2023**

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Kaya (Hello)

I am delighted to be here this morning representing the City of Cockburn at Round 7 of Swimming WA Open Water Swimming Series enabling participants to get involved over distances of 500 metres to 10KMs.

I extend the apologies of Mayor Logan Howlett JP who normally attends these events.

I acknowledge the Whadjup people of the Nyungar nation the traditional custodians of the land on which we are gathered today and I pay my respect to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to First Nation people here today.

The pristine environment of Coogee Beach is an all year round attractor and today is another outstanding example with hundreds of participants and spectators here today soaking up the atmosphere.

Weather conditions are ideal, and I take this opportunity to acknowledge Swimming WA for coordinating this event now into its 15<sup>th</sup> year.

To each of the participants, enjoy your swim today and the many other open water series events you plan to participate in going forward.

The City promotes healthy lifestyles, being sun smart, and of course opportunities like today to combine exercise with a sport that you enjoy.

It is pleasing to see local governments on our coastline supporting the open water series events together with other Swimming WA partners to ensure their own going success.

Thank you.