

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP
Mayor, City of Cockburn
Junior Sport Travel Assistance Awards
Function Room, City of Cockburn
Administration Building
Monday 27 March 2017

Good Evening Ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys.

I extend a warm welcome to you on behalf of the Elected Members and staff of the City of Cockburn to tonight's Junior Sport Travel Assistance Awards.

Wow, has Cockburn Got Talent!

Last Saturday night my wife and I were at the 'Cockburn's Got Talent' with a different focus ie music, song & dance. Tonight we are celebrating 'Cockburn's Got Talent' from a sporting aspect; whether it be a national or international perspective.

I acknowledge the Wadjuk People of the Nyungar people who are the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we have gathered tonight and I pay respect to their Elders both past and present and acknowledge other indigenous Australians who are present.

I acknowledge the presence of:

- Deputy Mayor Carol Reeve-Fowkes;
- Councillor Philip Eva, JP;
- Cr Chamonix Terblanche;
- My wife Patricia;
- Travis Moore, Recreation Services Co-ordinator;
- Susan Butler, Club Development Officer,
- Nathan Johnston, Recreation Development Officer;
- Julie Migliore, Community Facilities Project Officer;
- Bianca Migliore, Program Booking Assistant;

- Junior Sport Travel Assistance Award recipients, their parents and friends; and
- our Guest Speaker: Bobby Despotovski.

Tonight provides the City with the opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate our local junior residents on outstanding sporting achievements at either a State or National Level.

The City has been funding the Junior Sports Travel Assistance Program for more than 9 years, with this year being the second year the awards night has been held as a standalone event to the Grants & Donations Ceremony.

So far this year the City has received over 100 applications of the Junior Sport Travel Assistance Award, with \$400 in funding support provided to each successful applicant.

The City of Cockburn is proud of its continued support of local juniors in pursuing their sporting goals, with Council allocating \$50,000 per year within the Annual Budget towards the Junior Sport Travel Assistance program.

Indeed, the Council has been a strong advocate in support for children and teenagers going back to the 1950's; whereby many migrant families (mainly from Europe) arrived in Cockburn seeking a better life. One factor that was paramount was providing a safe and secure place to raise their families together with providing the best opportunities for their children to be educated and to be able to thrive in the wide open spaces.

Sport was one such avenue and is the main reason the Council continues to support opportunities for children no matter what their chosen sport or other endeavours may be – it is about our future and always will be a place where children will be able to thrive.

In closing, staff from the City will be taking photographs tonight and they will be uploaded onto the City's Facebook Page over the next week.

If you do **not** want your photograph on Facebook please speak to Susan Butler before you leave tonight.

There is a link to the Page from the City's website so please visit and Tag you're Photos.

I will now hand over to Deputy Mayor Carol Reeve-Fowkes to announce the recipients of the Junior Sport Travel Assistance Awards and ask Bobby Despotovski to assist me in handing out the certificates to each recipient.

Thank you.