

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP

Eat & Greet Function

Wednesday, 24 March 2021

Held at the

Cockburn Power Boats Club

Jervoise Bay Cove, Coogee WA

Kaya, Wanju, Beeliar Boodjar!

(Hello, Welcome to the land of the Beeliar people)!

On behalf of the elected members and staff of the City of Cockburn I extend a warm welcome to tonight's Eat and Greet function within the Cockburn Power Boat Association premises.

Many of you may know that the inaugural Eat & Greet event was held on 9 June 2017 at the AMC Jakovich Centre.

With Covid 19 restrictions the events scheduled for 2020 were cancelled in the main and we are now experiencing what is known as the new normal.

I acknowledge the Whadjuk people of Noongar Nation who are the traditional custodians of the land that we are gathered on today and I pay respect to their elders both past and present.

I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are with us tonight.

I acknowledge the presence of:

- Councillor Philip Eva JP;
- Councillor Chontelle Stone;
- Councillor Phoebe Corke;
- My wife Patricia;
- Simone Sieber, Community Development Co-ordinator;
- Other members of the community development team;
- representatives here tonight from the not-for-profits, community groups, sporting clubs etc.

The purpose of tonight's Eat & Greet is to provide a focus for the Not-for-Profits and Community Groups within the City of Cockburn to network on an informal basis.

It's fantastic to see everyone here this evening; we've had a great response with around 100 individuals from over 40 groups in attendance.

It's so wonderful to see such a variety of representatives from the community coming along.

We hope that tonight's event provides all participants with the opportunity to meet new people and create new networks, all whilst having a bit of fun.

It's also allows us the opportunity to thank you for your hard work and commitment to our community and to thank you for helping make Cockburn such a great place to live, work, visit and invest.

There will be an abundance of time to share knowledge, experiences and opportunities going forward.

Tonight is also about building the strength and resilience of our community with people who are pursuing a passion in their lives in terms of service delivery and partnering opportunities and of course community involvement & engagement.

The format for tonight will include some interactive networking activities as well as dinner and dessert.

A little later on, we will be drawing the lucky door prize, so please hold on to the raffle ticket that you received upon arrival.

Once again, it's great to see so many people here tonight, thank you all for coming along.

I would now like to hand you over to Simone to explain how tonight's activities will be unfolding.

Thank you.