**Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP**

**Perth Waldorf School - Open Day**

**Saturday 25 August, 2018**

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Wanju, Wanju, Beeliar Boodjah.

Hello and welcome to the land of the Beeliar People.

My wife Patricia and I are delighted to be back at the School once again and to share in the ‘Open Day’ activities that abound around every corner.

The weather couldn’t be better and while we need the rain a short respite over this weekend is most welcome.

I thank Marie Taylor for her wonderful ‘Welcome to Country’. Marie, the picture you paint of the Dreamtime stories captures everyone’s imagination and brings us all that much closer to Mother Earth.

The 2018 NAIDOC Week theme ‘Because of Her We Can’ is truly reflective of the great work that you do in our communities and further afield.

Always good to see you Marie! Please enjoy your day.

I acknowledge the Wadjuk People of the Nyungar Nation the traditional custodians of the land on which we are gathered and I pay respect to their Elders both past and present and extend that respect to other Indigenous Australians who are with us today.

I congratulate the School community for the amazing classroom displays, the various stall holders who certainly bring alive the festivities, the students who are providing the entertainment throughout the day and to the volunteers who provide a healthy choice of food for us all.

I have been a strong advocate for the School since its inception and together with Patricia we have watched the school grow so that its covers all ages up to Year 12.

We have also attended many of the School’s events and had the pleasure of being here when Year 12 Graduating students deliver their final year assessments.

The Rudolph Steiner education programs have and will continue to produce students of a high calibre who will be amongst the business and community leaders of the future.

Congratulations on a day full of anticipation and excitement.

I now have great pleasure in officially declaring open the Perth Waldorf School ‘Open Day’.

Thank you.