

**Speech**  
**Success Community Concert**  
**Saturday, 25 February 2017**

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Thank you Tyrone

Kaya, Wanju Wanju Beeliar Boodjar.

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

Good evening. On behalf of the Elected Members and staff of the City of Cockburn I welcome you to the City of Cockburn's Success Community Concert.

I thank Marie Taylor for her 'Welcome to Country' and the story telling that paints an amazing picture of Nyungar culture and their respect for the land.

I acknowledge the Whadjuk People of the Nyungar Nation who are the custodians of the land on which we meet.

I pay respect to their Elders both past and present and extend that respect to Indigenous Australians who are with us tonight.

I acknowledge the presence of:

- Marie Taylor, Nyungar Elder;
- Deputy Mayor Carol Reeve-Fowkes and her husband Martin;
- Cr Kevin Allen and his wife Debra;
- Cr Steve Portelli and his partner Sharon;
- Cr Philip Eva JP and his wife Michele;
- Cr Chamonix Terblanche and her husband Carl;
- Mr Stephen Cain, CEO, his daughter Alex & her friend Bella;
- Mr Don Green, Director Governance & Community Services;;
- Mr Stuart Downing, Director Finance & Corporate Services and his daughter Madelyn;
- My wife Patricia and our granddaughter Caitlin;

- Ms Marie LaFrenais, Event & Cultural Co-ordinator and the Events Team;
- Other members of staff;
- Ladies & gentlemen, girls & boys

I thank the Friends of the Community who are here tonight for their continuing volunteering efforts through the sale of their sausage sizzles and other offerings knowing that the funds they raise go directly back to the community.

The St John Ambulance Service for the great work they do across all communities.

The SES who controlled access to tonight's Concert and the parking areas.

I am very pleased to welcome the VIP experience winner as promoted in the October 2016 Soundings Tina Cope and her husband Roy from the suburb of Jandakot.

Tina is obviously a keen reader of Cockburn Soundings taking the time to enter the City's Events Guide Competition and to provide feedback on the new guide ie

“With this amazing guide – now my summer is planned,  
There's Carols at Christmas, mystery artists and bands.  
Ponies and critters, they're all “Popping up”,  
And games for my little ones – and for me – all grown up.  
For the Rotary Fair Family Fun I am ready,  
Face paint and picnics – Oh, must bring Teddy.  
Amazing sporting and concert facilities,  
Providing celebrations for all abilities.  
I'll see singing, dancing, many skills performed,  
Thank you Cockburn for keeping me informed.  
The Community will come from far and wide,

Thanks to the greatest Events Fold Out Guide”

Ladies and gentlemen please sit back, dance & sing as the night unfolds.

The City has a great event planned for tonight so I'll hand you back to Tyrone to introduce the first act (the Fisher Boys followed by Dami Im).

Enjoy!