

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

### **Official Opening of atWork Australia, Hamilton Hill Branch**

**Tuesday 30 March 2021**

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Good morning ladies, gentlemen and students.

I am delighted to be here this morning on the occasion of the official opening of atWork Australia's Hamilton Hill Branch and to be able to meet the Team, representatives from local businesses and DES clients.

I acknowledge the Whadjup people of the Nyungar nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we are gathered today and I pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging and I extend that respect to Indigenous Australians who are with us today.

I acknowledge:

- Chloe Stammers, Acting Service Manager and the atWork Australia TEAM;
- Representatives from local businesses;
- Disability Employment Services clients;
- The St Pat's Choir;
- Ladies and gentlemen, one and all.

Official openings are always an important aspect in the community for they add value in terms of a 'presence', jobs opportunities, service to the local community and act as an economic stimulus to Cockburn, the south west metropolitan region and the Western Australian economy.

There is no more important service delivery than to people – the cornerstone of our community and the one that makes us offer one of the best, if not the best, living standards in the world.

I am looking forward to hearing about the atWork Australia service model and how they create better lives for Australians through work and health.

As we know COVID 19 continues to adversely impact on how we live our lives from one day to the next although we can't complain too much given our relatively safe environment when compared to other parts of the world.

Our greatest enemy is complacency and as our health officials remind us constantly we must forever be vigilant.

I note the very informative atWork website that clearly articulates the range of services they provide and how to access them.

One heading that caught my attention was:

“atWork Australia can help you shape your future with our Disability Employment Services”

This heading personifies the highly valued services on offer at atWork and their commitment to excellence.

May all who come into contact with the Hamilton Hill atWork team benefit from their professional, caring and compassionate services?

I now have great pleasure in cutting the ribbon to signify the official opening of atWork Australia’s Hamilton Hill Branch.

Thank you.