

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP
on the occasion of the
Cockburn Bowling & Recreation Club Inc.
50th Anniversary Book Launch
22 May 2016

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen.

My wife Pat & I are delighted to be here once again to share in the celebration of the Cockburn Bowling & Recreation Club's 50th Anniversary book launch on what is the Club's Legends Day.

I acknowledge:

- Patrick McBride, President and other committee members,
- Life members; and
- Members; and
- Visitors that are here today.

The Club's volunteer and membership base has and always will be at the heart of what the Club stands for in the Cockburn and wider community. Successive Presidents and Committees have built on the strong foundations and community values to ensure that all who have followed in their footsteps uphold those traditions.

As I look around this room the display of memorabilia clearly demonstrates the success the Club has enjoyed since its formation. Those foundation members could not have imagined the amazing series of achievements that would be celebrated, both on and off the greens over the coming decades.

To Steve Srhoy and the members of the Book Committee I congratulate you on the significant contribution that each and every one of you has made to bring the Club's history together in such an outstanding manner. The photographs and text certainly provide the reader with an abundance of information that defines the Club's long and distinguished position in lawn bowls in Western Australia, Australia and on the world stage.

As the future unfolds with the current project to re-locate the Club to Visko Park well underway I take this opportunity to thank the Committee for their significant contribution to the design. Clearly it is the users of a facility that best know the design features and how they fit together to provide a workable solution – we look forward to arriving at a position in June 2016 that all stakeholders support allowing us to move to the next phase of the project.

While some members are not happy about moving to the new facility it is perhaps the most defining moment in the Club's history since that group of enterprising people came together back in June 1964 to establish the groundwork for the facility and greens that have served the members through to this day.

The federal government's grant of \$4.56m has allowed the project to proceed and I'm certain the return on invest will provide a world class facility that will attract new members to the Club and continue the tradition of members performing locally, nationally and on the world stage.

The Cockburn Bowling Club can be proud of its achievements over the past 52 years and importantly of the role they continue to play in providing sporting and social opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.

They personify the legacy that the members of the Spearwood Fruit Growers and Market Gardeners' Association Inc. left for our community forever more.

Ladies and gentlemen I now have great pleasure in formally launching the Cockburn Bowling & Recreation Club's 50th anniversary book – another defining moment in the Club's rich and successful history.

Thank you.