

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP
Junior Sport Travel Assistance Awards
Function Room, City of Cockburn
Administration Building
Monday 1 April, 2019

Good Evening Ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys.

I extend a warm welcome to you on behalf of the Elected Members and staff of the City of Cockburn to tonight's Junior Sport Travel Assistance Awards.

I acknowledge the Wadjuk People of the Nyungar people who are the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we have gathered tonight and I pay respect to their Elders both past and present and acknowledge other indigenous Australians who are present.

I acknowledge the presence of:

- Deputy Mayor Lee-Anne Smith, OAM;
- My wife Patricia;
- Dean Burton, Recreation Services Co-ordinator;
- Nathan Johnston, Senior Recreation & Facilities Development Officer;
- Donna White, Recreation Support Officer;
- Stephanie Walding, Club Development Officer;
- Junior Sport Travel Assistance Award recipients, their parents and friends; and
- our Guest Speaker: Hilton Cartwright, Perth Scorchers.

Tonight provides the City with the opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate our local junior residents on outstanding sporting achievements at a State and/or National Level.

The City has been funding the Junior Sports Travel Assistance Program for more than 10 years, with this year being the sixth awards night that has been held as a standalone event to the Grants & Donations Ceremony.

The City has received over 90 applications for the Junior Sport Travel Assistance Award, with \$400 in funding support provided to each successful applicant.

The City of Cockburn is proud of its continued support of local juniors in pursuing their sporting goals, with Council allocating \$50,000 per year within the Annual Budget towards the Junior Sport Travel Assistance program.

Indeed, the Council has been a strong advocate in support for children and teenagers going back to the 1950's; whereby many migrant families (mainly from Europe at that time) arrived in Cockburn seeking a better life.

One factor that was paramount was providing a safe and secure place to raise their families together with providing the best opportunities for their children to be educated and to be able to thrive in the wide open spaces.

Sport was one such avenue and is the main reason the Council continues to support opportunities for children no matter what their chosen sport or other endeavours may be – it is about our future and always will be a place where children will be able to thrive.

Thank you.