

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP
Social Network Event
Function Room, City of Cockburn Administration
Building
Tuesday, 19 October 2021

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the elected members and staff of the City of Cockburn I welcome you to tonight's Social Network event previously referred to as the 'Eat & Greet' event.

It is an event that was first run in 2016, then 2017, 2018 and 2019 before the COVID Pandemic emerged.

I acknowledge the Whadjup People of the Nyungar Nation the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet tonight and I pay respect to their Elders past, present and future and extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are with us tonight.

Wow what amazing changes in our weather we are experiencing at the moment. We have just entered the Nyungar season of 'Kambarang' by the colour yellow symbolising the return of hot weather.

Yes, well I'll reserve judgement on that.

I acknowledge the presence of:

- My wife Patricia;
- Cr Chontelle Stone;
- Cr Michael Separovich;
- Cr Phoebe Corke;
- Cr Tarun Dewan;
- Mr Tony Brun, Chief Executive Officer;
- Simone Sieber, Community Development Co-ordinator;
- Keely Robertson, Community Development Officer;
- Tracey Radcliffe, Volunteer Resource Centre Co-ordinator;
- Representatives from 37 organisations including: sporting clubs, community groups, environmental groups, recreational groups, service clubs, faith group and special interest groups including not-for profits; and of course;
- Famous Sharron, our MC for tonight and Entertainer Extraordinaire.

Tonight provides everyone with the opportunity to network and build partnerships across our community and for the City to show our appreciation for the valuable contribution, you, as volunteers make to enrich and enliven all that is good in our community.

With Famous Sharron with us and surrounded by other world class entertainers it's time for a few fun networking games and who knows what over the next couple of hours – and to keep our energy and enthusiasm at its

peak there'll be plenty of food and drinks provided.

Can you please join with me in thanking the City of Cockburn staff for bringing tonight's event to you in order to recognise your contribution to the volunteering community within Cockburn?

Thank you Simone, Keely & Trace – a job well done!

In closing, a big thank you to all our volunteers for all that you do.

I will hand you back to Famous Sharron.

Thank you.