

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP

Spearwood Dalmatinac Sport & Community Club

Sunday, 5 March 2017

Good Evening ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys

My wife Pat & I are delighted to be with you this afternoon to share in the celebrations being held at the Club, along with a number of Councillors and their spouses/partners.

I acknowledge the Whadjuk People of the Nyungar Nation, the Custodians of the Land on which we are gathered. I pay respect to their Elders, both past and present and extend that respect to Indigenous Australians who may be with us.

I acknowledge:

- Ivo Radonich, President of the Spearwood Dalmatinac Sport & Community Club;
- Ivan Perica, President, Spearwood Bowling Club & Committee Members;
- Members of other affiliated Clubs including the Dalmatinac Junior Netball Club & the Cockburn City Soccer Club;
- Honourable Francis Logan MLA, Member for Cockburn and his wife Vivien and daughter Alex;
- Simone McGurk, MLA, Member for Fremantle and her partner Mark;
- Clr Lyndsey Sweetman and her husband Nicholas;
- Clr Chamonix Terblanche and her husband Carl;
- Clr Philip JP and his wife Michele;
- Clr Bart Houwen and his wife Wilhelmina;
- My wife Patricia;
- Ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys.

20th Anniversary – Dalmatinka Loza and 40th Anniversary of the Club Opening

I thank you for the opportunity of joining you this evening to continue the earlier celebration – the 20th anniversary of the official opening of the Dalmatinks Loza.

From its humble beginnings in 1962 when it was based in several locations in Fremantle, successive Presidents and their Committees have shown leadership and sturdy resolve to ensure that the Club growth has continued and that the sporting and social needs of its members and the wider community have been achieved.

Market gardens, flower gardens, vineyards, orchards, dairies and piggeries dominated the Spearwood and Hamilton Hill areas when a decision was made by the Club to re-locate to Cockburn. Its home today resulted from a land swap with the City of Cockburn and opened the opportunity for the Club to develop its initial Club house, including the hall.

The Club's main building was opened by then Premier, Sir Charles Court on 5 March 1977 amidst much ceremony and fanfare. It was reward for effort by all concerned as suppliers had donated building materials and volunteers came together to construct a landmark building that has stood the test of time.

The buildings have been extended on a number of occasions. The buce, junior, senior and amateur soccer, darts, lawn bowls and netball courts that surround the Clubhouse have played host to thousands of enthusiastic players and spectators and will do so well into the future.

The Club's strong volunteer and sponsorship base has ensured a sound basis on which to engage with the community through an amazing calendar of social events and the use of the Club's facilities for community events. These activities provide a

steady stream of revenue for the Club and contribute to its financial stability.

The honour boards in the entrance to the Club are testament to the men and women who have clearly demonstrated that Cockburn's values of hard work, honesty and integrity and family traditions continue to be at the heart of their endeavours.

The Spearwood Dalmatinac Sport & Community Club can be proud of their achievements, and importantly of the role they continue to play in providing sporting and social opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.

Congratulations on the Club's celebration today – 40 years to the day of this buildings opening.

In closing, can I thank the committees both past and present, members and the volunteers for the amazing work you do to promote the Club and for your engagement with the community – it is second to none.

Thank you.