

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP

Official Opening of Farmer Jacks

Phoenix Shopping Centre, Spearwood

Saturday, 13 April, 2019

Good morning ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys

My wife Patricia and I are delighted to join you today on the official opening of Farmer Jacks, Spearwood; their only store south of the river and their tenth store in Western Australia.

The store's opening will generate local jobs for local people and afford a further choice in our shopping experiences. It will also give a boost to business confidence within the shopping centre and generate increased turnover for all.

There are over 8,500 small to medium enterprises in Cockburn each taking a bold step to position them in a very competitive and ever changing market.

We can already see the hundreds of shoppers in the store exploring the shelves for what appears to be an amazing array of 'specials' on offer.

I'm looking forward to buying at least one kilogram of the Provelone Cheese from Italy sliced from the 100 kilogram piece down in the delicatessen section and looking at the other specials on offer.

Standing alongside me are Glen Jakovich (West Coast Eagles) and Matthew Pavlich (Fremantle Dockers) who have spent a fair amount of time having photographs with their loyal supporters and autographing caps, footy jumpers, t-shirts, football programs, in fact, almost anything presented to them by youngsters and the not so young.

Congratulations to two absolute champions of the AFL and their presence here this morning has certainly sparked the interest of shoppers.

Now to the ribbon cutting part of the store's official opening.

Thank you.