

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP

City of Cockburn

Port Coogee Marina Pen Holders Private Sundowner

Thursday 15 September, 6pm

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Good evening ladies and gentleman. It is a pleasure to be here on this spring evening enjoying the sunset here at Port Coogee.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the Nyungar people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land on which we are meeting tonight and I pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Nyungar Nation and extend that respect to other Indigenous Australians who may be present.

Earlier this year the City of Cockburn launched the Nyungar Tourist Trail here at Port Coogee. Port Coogee is in important place of gathering for the Nyungar people. The new Trail showcases Ngarkal Beach, The Lookout and Aboriginal artworks which tell the important Aboriginal stories of this community. If you haven't done so already I encourage you to visit these locations and learn more about the rich indigenous culture at your very doorstep.

**I would also like to acknowledge guests including:**

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In late July the City of Cockburn took over management of the Marina and boat pens.

The plans for this coastal community and Marina have been in the making for more than a decade and it is extremely gratifying to see another major City project come to fruition.

I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Doug Vickery, Charles Sullivan and the Land Administration team at the City of Cockburn who have played a vital role in this project.

Our role now as the management body is to ensure penholders, residents and the wider community continue to experience a high level of service and amenity.

The blueprint for Port Coogee was based on some of the best waterfront neighbourhoods in the world, providing residents the opportunity to live, play and explore in their own backyards.

At the heart of this community is a world-class Marina offering a range of benefits to boat penholders such as yourselves. It provides residents and visitors alike the opportunity to explore the

waterways of Perth, enter the Indian Ocean, access retail amenities and be part of an exclusive waterside community.

The boat pens have been in demand since the very beginning. Their 24-hour service jetty, floating moorings, competitive fees and close proximity to attractions such as Rottnest, Garden and Carnac Islands has been a drawcard for many penholders.

There is more to come for the Marina with the City planning to further develop the area to its full potential. In the coming future we will be working towards 150 additional pens, power and water at each pen and land based ablution facilities exclusive to penholders.

Development of the surrounding Marina Village will see the area become a retail, commercial and shopping precinct, providing an extensive range of services and opportunities for residents and visitors.

It is all about location here at Port Coogee. Only 5km from Fremantle, 23km from the Perth CBD and a short stroll from shops, cafes and restaurants, this neighbourhood is setting the standard for coastal living.

The City is committed to continue to enhance the features of this Marina and its surrounding community to ensure it remains an idyllic seaside neighbourhood.

Joanna and her team will be based at the Marina Office and will work with you to ensure the value, amenity and attractiveness of this seaside community continues.

Ladies and gentlemen, please take this opportunity to get to know your fellow penholders and the City's new management team for the Port Coogee Marina.

Thank you.