

## **Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP**

### **Coogee Live Official Launch**

**Saturday, 6 March 2021**

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Good morning ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys.

On behalf of elected members and staff from the City of Cockburn I welcome you to the official launch of Coogee Live.

It is good to see so many people out enjoying themselves as we move into Autumn or the Bunuru Season of the Nyungar people.

I thank Marie Taylor for her inspiring welcome to country. There is so much to learn about the Nyungar culture, history and culture.

Marie, today you provided us with a further insight into the dreamtime stories and how the Aboriginal people looked after mother earth, moving with the seasons and ensuring the land, rivers, lakes and the sea were there for generations to come.

I acknowledge the Whadjup people of the Nyungar nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather and I pay respect to their Elders past, present & emerging and extend that respect to Aboriginal people with us today.

I thank our main Sponsors without whom this event would not be possible:

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The 2021 festival holds at its heart the theme of 'Belonging'. With an emphasis on showcasing programming and talent from the community and surrounds.

Recent times have brought much hardship, heartbreak and isolation, and the need to enhance our connection and belong to something bigger than just ourselves.

Our aim is to deliver the experience of belonging to our community at Coogee Live.

Supporting 'Local' both in the lead up and across the event weekend, we create opportunity to strengthen connections to ourselves, each other and the local community.

Events such as 'Coogee Live' don't just happen, they require months of planning, decision making, funding, and ultimately an action plan to deliver on the expectations

of all key stakeholders.

I thank the City of Cockburn's Events Team led by Marie La Frenais who have worked tirelessly to arrive at this point in time.

To our sponsors, I thank you for joining in this significant initiative that will allow the City to showcase the great lifestyle that is available in Cockburn, and particularly down here at Coogee. Investment in arts and culture has been shown to be beneficial to both the liveability and economic development of local communities.

The City of Cockburn is proud to deliver events that showcase the community facilities and infrastructure of Cockburn in a planned and sustainable manner and one that reflects our investment in our community's health and wellbeing.

Throughout the year our community has access to an increasing number of free events that reflect our amazing multi-cultural society and the depth of our volunteer base.

So absorb the atmosphere over the next two days, spread the message to family and friends, support the local activities and programs and the food vendors and importantly ensure you protect yourself from the sun and wind.

Thank you.