

**Official Opening of the
Aubin Grove Sport & Community Facility
Camden Boulevard by
Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP
on
Thursday, 27 May 2010**

Good evening and welcome to the Official Opening of the Aubin Grove Sport & Community Facility.

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

I would now like to formally welcome:

- Honourable Phil Edman, MLC Member for the South Metropolitan Region representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation, the Honourable Terry Waldren MLA;
- Mr Matt Taylor representing the Honourable Nick Goiran, MLC South Metropolitan Region;
- Deputy Mayor Kevin Allen;
- Councillor Ian Whitfield;
- Councillor Carol Reeve – Fowkes;
- Councillor Sue Limbert, JP and her husband Mike
- Mr Stephen Cain, Chief Executive Officer, City of Cockburn;
- Members of the City's Executive Management Group and other staff;
- Mr Colin Gibb, President and other members of the Southern Districts Softball Association & Yangebup Knights T-Ball Clubs;
- Mr Brad Forest, President and other members of the Jandakot Eagles Softball Club;

- Messrs Terry Holton, Peter Pacak and Michael Connor - Holton Connor Architects;
- Mr Terry Cain, President and other representatives of the Aubin Grove Residents Association;
- Other consultants and contractors who contributed to the building design, construction, artwork and landscaping; and
- Other invited guests, one and all.

Well another milestone has been achieved in terms of the City's Plan for the District - a plan that provides for the orderly and sustainable development of our City.

This facility certainly meets the growing expectation from our community and stands alongside the recently opened Success Regional Sport & Community Centre as another 'state of the art' facility in our growing community.

This locality was previously known as Banjup before it emerged as a new suburb named Aubin Grove in December 2003, having been named after Henry John Aubin who leased agricultural land in the area in the late 1890's. It is amazing what has happened in this locality in just 120 short years since that time.

The facility will compliment the new Auburn Grove Primary School that is currently under construction and provide another example shared resources with the Department of Education.

Aubin Grove has joined newly named suburbs such as Hammond Park, Cockburn Central and North Coogee and reflects the emerging nature of our City – one that offers a diverse range of lifestyle, employment and recreational opportunities for young families and those not so young.

The City's population is rapidly approaching 90,000 and is expected to reach 130,000 by 2031. You will have seen the flurry of residential development occurring when you drove here tonight. Indeed, Aubin Grove/Banjup will see its population grow from 1800 to over 7,000 in the space of the next twenty years.

By way of background the project:

- started as a Greenfield site of 3.2 ha site that was cleared by Stockland, the developer;
- the cost of the building was just over \$2m;
- the building was designed by Holton Conner Architects; and
- The building works completed by Duwal Construction.

We acknowledge and thank the Department of Sport and Recreation for their contribution of \$807,000 to assist with the construction of the clubrooms and the reserve development.

For those of you who have had an opportunity to view the layout of this new facility I'm sure you'll agree that it represents a magnificent investment for our community.

The building has been designed to accommodate sporting clubs and community groups.

The design itself is now the preferred design for future local facilities in our community.

The clubrooms and community room will be managed by the City of Cockburn with the clubroom being able to cater for 110 people and the Community Room for up to 90 people.

There are 'home and away' change rooms, umpire and first aid rooms, a commercial kitchen and internal and external storage areas.

The playing fields are 3.2 Ha in size and will house Softball, T-Ball and Soccer.

The Jandakot Eagles Softball Club is currently using the facilities and the building has a separate community space for local community groups to meet and carry out various activities.

May I add that the City has already received many expressions of interest to date for the use of this facility?

The reserve is ready for use and will also have floodlights erected shortly to cater for night training.

Other facilities to be added include:

- a further playground with shade sails for older children to complement the playground attached to the new fenced community centre that is intended for younger children; and
- seats and benches.

Before closing, I would like to acknowledge the City of Cockburn project managers who were Shane Harris (now with the West Australian Football Commission) and Adrian Lacquiere, Recreation Services Coordinator. Again they have done a great job in managing this project.

Ladies and Gentlemen - would you please join me in thanking them and all other contributors for their hard work and diligence to ensure the success of this project.

I would also like to extend the best wishes of the Elected Members and staff of the City of Cockburn to the users of the facility and wish them well in their new 'home'.

Without further adieu I now declare the **Aubin Grove Sport and Community Facility** officially open.

Thank you!