

**Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP**  
**Presentation of Heritage Council of Western Australia Award by**  
**Mr Yaz Mubarakai MLA, Member for Jandakot**  
**Function Room, Administration**  
**Monday, 5 October 2020**

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Good morning ladies and gentlemen

I welcome you to today's presentation of a Heritage Council of Western Australia commendation for the library services history project that has digitised Cockburn's fascinating history for generations to come.

I acknowledge the Whadjup people of the Nyungar Nation who are the traditional custodians of the land on which we have gathered today and I pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

I acknowledge the presence of:

- Mr Yaz Mubarakai, MLA, Member for Jandakot;
- Deputy Mayor Lara Kirkwood;
- Mr Daniel Arndt, A/Chief Executive Officer;
- Mr Stuart Downing, Director Finance & Corporate Services;
- Mr Don Green, Director Governance & Community Services;
- Mr Charles Sullivan, Director Engineering & Works;
- Ms Rachel Pleasant, A/Director Planning & Development;  
(tentative)
- Ms Cassandra Cooper, Cultural Development Co-ordinator;
- Ms Linda Seymour, Manager Library Services;
- Ms Jenni Dans, Library Technician;
- Mr Adrian Chester, Library Technical Support; and
- Mrs Helen Greer, President Historical Society of Cockburn.

The identification, protection and promotion of our State's heritage is of critical importance for today's generations and for those going forward.

On 19 February 2019 the City launched its history website after much research and the development of the overarching themes in order to present a rich and diverse tapestry of the Cockburn district.

It was a collective effort by a number of people at that time including:

Ms Linda Seymour, Manager Library Services;

Ms Leah Napier, the Reader Services Librarian at Spearwood Library

Ms Jenni Dans, Library Technician;

Mr Adrian Chester, Library Technical Support;

Ms Cassandra Cooper, Cultural Development Co-ordinator;

Ms Christine Elaine, Museum/History Officer;

Mrs Helen Greer, President Historical Society of Cockburn and their members; and

Many other people from across our community who contributed, and continue to contribute valuable information to enhance the value of the project.

I commend the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and the Heritage Council of Western Australia for these prestigious awards; and in particular the individuals and organisations in both the public and private sector who nominated their particular project.

Without further ado I invite Mr Yaz Mubarakai, MLA Member for Jandakot to come forward and say a few words and then make a presentation to the City.

Thank you.