

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP

City of Cockburn

Cockburn Volunteer Emergency Services Gala Dinner

Friday 4 November, 6.30pm

Good evening ladies and gentleman and thank you for being here tonight for the Cockburn Volunteer Emergency Services Gala.

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.

I would also like to acknowledge guests including:
From the DFES:

- Mr Darren Klemm, Assistant Commissioner, and his wife Lisa
- Mr Greg Feeney, Superintendent, Metropolitan South Coastal, and his wife Penny
- Mr Terry Wegwermer, District Officer – Metropolitan South Coast – Bush Fire Service, and his wife Tenille
- Mr Paul Maddern, Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, and his wife Kim

Elected Members:

- Deputy Mayor Carol Reeve-Fowkes and husband Martin
- Cllr Kevin Allen and wife Debra
- Cllr Philip Eva and wife Michele
- Cllr Stephen Pratt and wife Elena
- Cllr Steve Portelli and partner Sharon Puglia
- Cllr Lyndsey Sweetman and husband Nicholas
- Cllr Chamonix Terblanche and husband Carl
- Cllr Lee-Anne Smith
- Cllr Bart Houwen and wife Wilhelmina

CoC Staff:

- Rob Avard, Manager Recreation & Community Safety, and partner Louise O'Byrne
- Mike Emery, Emergency Management Project Coordinator, and partner Jenna Bowler

Volunteering in Cockburn continues to grow in strength with people from all walks of life giving their time to build a better community.

Tonight provides the City of Cockburn an opportunity to thank you, as members of our local emergency services, for your extremely valuable contributions and tireless efforts.

It is also a chance for us to acknowledge your spouses, partners and families. Thank you for your

invaluable support, acceptance and at times tolerance of the interruption to life that can occur in these roles.

We would also like to thank the many employers who support you in your emergency service roles.

And to those of you who are self-employed thank you for the countless hours you spend away from your business.

[PAUSE]

A community where volunteers freely give their time is one where people, lifestyles and businesses thrive.

Your contribution not only plays a vital role in a crisis but has an impact throughout the year.

You help maintain and support the wellbeing and quality of life our community relies upon.

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You all come from various backgrounds, bringing different skills, interests and experiences.

You are united by the sole purpose of supporting communities in times of need, and this

commitment is priceless to the people who live, work and visit Cockburn.

The City works hard to ensure your efforts are acknowledged and we hope you know how valued your contributions are.

Know that the entire community is grateful that we have people like yourselves at the forefront.

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Tonight we would like to acknowledge those who have achieved important service milestones.

I would like to call forward Deputy Mayor Carol Reeve-Fowkes to assist in the presentation.

[SERVICE PIN PRESENTATION]

Thank you Deputy Mayor Reeve-Fowkes.

Once again I would like to thank you all on behalf of the Cockburn community and those further afield.

Ladies and gentlemen, that is the end of the formal proceedings for tonight.

There are several prizes available tonight and it's time to draw the lucky winners.

- DRAW WINNER HAMPER 1
 - DRAW WINNER HAMPER 2
 - DRAW WINNER HAMPER 3
 - DRAW WINNER HAMPER 4
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- DRAW MAJOR DOOR PRIZE WINNER

Congratulations to all the winners.

I hope that you enjoy the rest of the evening.

May your passion, commitment and tireless efforts for the community continue for many years to come.

Thank you.