

**Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP**  
**on the occasion of the official opening of the**  
**South Lake Bicycle Pump Track**  
**Friday 20th July, 2018**

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Wonju Wonju Beeliam Boodjar

Hello and welcome to the land of the Beeliam People.

I thank Marie Taylor for her 'Welcome to Country' and the storylines used to paint a wonderful picture of Mother Earth and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples links to this land dating back over 60,000 years.

Marie it is always wonderful to see you and I acknowledge that the 2018 NAIDOC Week theme is: 'Because of Her We Can'.

Marie you are an outstanding example of this year's theme and I thank you for joining us today.

I acknowledge the Whadjup People of the Nyungar Nation the traditional Custodians of the land on which we are gathered today and I pay my respect to their Elders both past and present and extend that respect to indigenous Australians who are with us today.

I acknowledge the presence of:

- Mr Yaz Mubarakai, MLA, Member for Jandakot;
- Deputy Mayor Lee-Anne Smith OAM;
- Councillor Philip Eva JP;
- Councillor Chontelle Sands;
- My wife Patricia;

- Members of the Executive team and other staff members including:
- Mr Don Green, Director Governance & Community Services;
- Mr Charles Sullivan, Director Engineering & Works;
- Ms Gail Bowman, Manager Community Development;
- Mr Steve Atherton, Youth Services Officer;
- Mr John Rich, Manager, South Lake Ottey Family Centre;
- Mr Alan Brown, Principal, Lakeland Senior High School;
- Eilidh, Common Ground Trail Design (design works);
- Bruce & Tim, Three Chilli's Trails (construction works) ;
- Steve Mangan, Bizlink Disability;
- Representatives from our Local BMX Club Pro;
- Representatives from Basketball WA;
- Ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys

Noting we have received apologies from:

The Honourable Francis Logan MLA Minister for Emergency Services: Corrective Services and the Member for Cockburn; and

The Honourable Peter Tinley, AM MLA, Minister for Housing; Veterans Issues; Youth and the Member for Willagee.

Wow - here we go again - the opening of another bicycle pump track in the City of Cockburn.

It was only on Friday 15 June, 2018 that the Yangebup Bicycle Pump Track was officially opened and we are only a few weeks away from the opening of the new Bibra Lake Skate Park.

Things are really humming in Cockburn as the number of community projects unfold in line with the City's Strategic Community Plan, its long term Financial Plan and the large number of strategies, plans, policies, and position statements that underpin them.

This track has been funded by an Election Commitment from the Honourable Peter Tinley.

The Ottey Centre received \$110,000 in grant funding that was provided through the Local Projects/ Local Jobs grant which is administered by the Department of Local Government & Communities.

This funding helped upgrade the outside surrounds of the Ottey Centre and build the pump track and basketball court.

The pump track and basketball court funds were managed by the city with \$45,000 going towards the pump track and \$15,000 for the basketball court.

It is the Centres hope that the new track and street ball court will be more inviting for young people to use the centre and area.

The work has been completed in conjunction with two companies:

- Common Ground trails creating the design; and
- Three Chillis trails completing the build on the track.

A bit later on we are going to see demonstrations by local BMX pro riders on the pump track and Basketball WA representatives will be holding a skills and drills workshop on the new basketball area.

In closing, I take this opportunity to thank the State Government for their funding contribution and Mr Yaz Mubarkai MLA Member for Jandakot for his presence here today.

Thank you.

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I know that those who have come along here today are eager to get out on the track - I'll ask a few of them to join Mr Yaz Mubarakia, Mr John Rich and myself in cutting the ribbon to officially open the South Lake Bicycle Pump Track.

Thank you.

FULL ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS (update as required)

2-4pm	Set up event
<b>4pm</b>	Guests arrive
<b>4.05 pm</b>	MC Gail Bowman opens event
<b>4:10- 4.15 pm</b>	Welcome to Country – Marie Taylor
<b>4:15-4:20pm</b>	Speech by Mayor Logan Howlett JP
<b>4:20- 4:25pm</b>	Speech by Yaz Mubarakai MLA Member for Jandakot for MR Peter Tinley's office
<b>4:25- 4:30pm</b>	John Rich – South Lake Ottey Centre
<b>4:30- 4:35pm</b>	Demonstration by Local BMX ( pro riders) Basketball WA to hold skills and drills workshop on new basketball area
<b>4:35-5:30pm</b>	Refreshments. Open riding by community and Local BMX riders
	Other instructions
<b>4:45-5pm</b>	Photographs – advise Elected Members if there is an opportunity for a group photograph

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