

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP
on the occasion of the
Filipino Australian Club, Cockburn Inc.
7th Anniversary Ball
held at the
St Jerome's Parish Hall, Spearwood
on
Saturday 21 June 2016

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys

My wife Patricia and I are delighted to be here once again in celebration of the Filipino Australian Club's 7th Anniversary Ball.

I acknowledge the Nyungar people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land we are meeting on tonight and I pay my respects to the Elders, past and present of the Nyungar Nation.

I acknowledge:

- Ms Myrna Carrello, Founder and President of the Filipino Australian Club, Cockburn and the committee members;
- Presidents and members of other Filipino Associations in Perth;
- Ladies and gentlemen;
- girls and boys.

The strength and resilience of any community can be found in the volunteering efforts of its members as they work to build a future for themselves, their families and all who will follow in their footsteps.

Filipino's who have sought to call Australia home over the last few decades, in particular, have strived to establish themselves in communities through this great land. They have gone on to become community leaders, business leaders, educators, trades people, in fact, they have found opportunities in most activities.

The Filipino community in Western Australia continues to make a strong contribution to the growth and development of the cultural diversity we see in Australia through the sharing and promotion of their music, song and dance, food and other cultural and business activities.

Each year hundreds of people from across the world choose to call Cockburn their home. In fact, there is an average of 75 people making their pledge to become an

Australian Citizen. Cockburn's multi-cultural diversity is enriched by each and every one of these people as they share their life experiences.

I acknowledge the volunteering done by the Association's members under the guidance of your Committee as you plan various events throughout the year to bring your members together to ensure that family, cultural and community values are maintained.

It is pleasing to see the funds that you raise are used for local projects and also to assist the Filipino community in The Philippines itself where many people eke out a village lifestyle.

Pat & I look forward to tonight's cultural entertainment and to sharing in the opportunity to celebrate with you.

Thank you and may God bless all you do in your local community and in The Philippines?