

Official Launch of the Nyungar Tourist Trail

by

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City of Cockburn

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Thank you Leah

Kaya – Hello

On behalf of the elected members of the City of Cockburn and the City's Aboriginal Reference Group I welcome you to today's launch of the Nyungar Tourist Trail that showcases the Kidogo glass artworks, the beach and the lookout.

We are currently in the Birak Season of the Nyungar calendar, one of the six seasons that more clearly define each part of the year.

I thank the Reverend Sealin Garlett for his interesting and informative Welcome to Country and the continued good work that he and his wife Marilyn do in Cockburn and wider community.

I acknowledge the presence of:

- Hon Lynn MacLaren, MLC South Metropolitan Region;
- Mr Leonard Thorne, Chair of the City of Cockburn Aboriginal Reference Group and other members here today, including Leah Bonson;
- The Reverend Sealin Garlett;
- Maria Taylor, Nyungar Elder;
- Jill Zumach, Acting Manager Community Development;
- Members of the Kwobarup Group;
- Maisy & Darlene representing the One Healthy Community;
- Representatives from the Department for Child Protection & Family Support;
- Representatives from Life Without Barriers;
- Representatives from SMYL, Fremantle;
- Representatives from community & residents groups;
- Nandi Chinna, Representing Save the Beelias Wetlands Group;
- Bev Jowie, representing St Pats;
- Toni Reiss, representing Challenger TAFE;
- Members of the Cockburn Seniors Centre;
- Ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys.

We are here today to officially launch several areas of interest, which make up a Nyungar Tourist Trail here at Pt Coogee – the Kidogo Glass Artworks, Ngarkal Beach, and the Lookout.

It is important that the City continues to adopt the use of Nyungar language in the naming of locations (ie Ngarkal Beach) as well as Aboriginal art, and other ways of promoting Nyungar history and culture. This is all part of the City's Reconciliation Action Plan which has guided us over the past number of years, and will continue to do so into the future.

Leah Bonson, who is here today on behalf of the Aboriginal Reference Group, will provide more information soon on the 3 locations and we hope you will wander around and take a look at this special place at your own leisure.

Welcome and thank you for joining us today on the continuing journey of reconciliation and importantly informing the wider community of our rich Nyungar culture and heritage.

Thank you.