

Good Evening

I thank Mr Ben Stukey, the Licensee of the Telstra Shop at the Cockburn Gateway Shopping City for the opportunity to officially open the Success store tonight and the Melville Cockburn Chamber of Commerce for promoting the event to members and potential members.

I acknowledge the presence of:

- Cllr Tony Romano, City of Cockburn and Chair of the MCCC and other Board Members;
- Ms. Louise Towler, Executive Officer, MCCC;
- Mr Ben Stukey, the Licensee of the Telstra Shop at Success;
- Other distinguished guests, one and all.

It's always exciting to be in a locality that is buzzing from the moment you enter it. A place where lots of families come to do their shopping and take time to relax at the many food outlets in the Cockburn Gateways Shopping City.

Pat and I were privileged to be here for the official opening of the Centre by the Honourable Richard Court, MLA in the early 90's.

We all know that the Centre has changed considerably since then along with the huge growth in residential, commercial and retail.

And there's more to come – in five years time this locality will be unrecognisable in terms of expansion, job and career opportunities and of course families enjoying the ambience of a vibrant and inclusive community.

Pat and I have lived in Cockburn for 40 years, we've also be Telstra customers for 40 years and throughout the whole of 2012 we are celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary.

We've stuck with Telstra through thick and thin, we've seen the many changes in technology as you have all seen over the years. We've been told to look for different service providers over the years by our children but we've stuck with Telstra.

The Success Telstra store has been presented with a new face, well trained and committed staff who know their job, and who are motivated to sell customers the best possible options for their telecommunication needs.

So let's go into the store and see what's on offer.

Ladies and gentlemen I have great pleasure in officially declaring open the Telstra Store, Success and in so doing wish Ben and his team all the best as they continue their journey in the ever changing telecommunications world.

Thank you!