

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP

Coogee Beach Surf Life Saving Club Annual Awards Dinner

Saturday, 25 May, 2019

Good evening ladies and gentlemen.

I am delighted to be here this evening with my wife Patricia, Deputy Mayor Lee-Anne Smith OAM, Councillor Carol Reeve-Fowkes and her husband Martin and Councillor Michael Separovich representing the City of Cockburn.

Its' been another year of amazing achievements for the Club both on the water and administratively, as we have witnessed tonight. I congratulate all of the award nominees and the recipients that have been announced this evening – your contribution to the Club and your representation at a local, national and international level fills oneself with pride.

I acknowledge the Wadjuk people of the Nyungar Nation who are the traditional custodians of the land on which we are meeting tonight and I pay respect to the Elders both past, present and emerging.

May 20 to 26 is National Volunteer Week and provides me with a great opportunity to congratulate the volunteers at the Club for all that you do to contribute to the Club itself and the wider community.

Cockburn is blessed with thousands of volunteers who day in, day out pursue their passion for volunteering in a multitude of different areas – some in more than one field of endeavour.

The City hosted an event at the Club on Wednesday of this week to thank volunteers from across Cockburn and as usual it was an amazing evening and a great opportunity to hear about volunteering at the 'grass roots' level.

The 'health' of a community and what it is able to achieve can be measured on the input of its volunteers – so again congratulations to each and every one of you.

For me it is great to see the nippers down on the beach full of excitement and energy – giggling and laughing while at the same time learning life skills and making friendships that will last a lifetime. That alone fills me with such a heart-warming feeling as it would do with almost anyone. So keep up the good work.

In closing, the City looks forward to continuing its partnership with the Club and we wish you all the best in the coming years.

Thank you.