

**Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP**  
**Cockburn Care Meet & Greet Breakfast**  
**Function Room, Administration Building**  
**Wednesday, 25 July 2018**

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Hello and welcome to the land of the Beeliar People.

On behalf of the elected members and staff of the City of Cockburn I welcome you to today's promotion of Cockburn Care and in particular its' rebranding.

Today also provides a great opportunity to learn more from each other through the networking opportunities following the official part of today's proceedings.

Home and Community Care are the sponsors of today's event and I thank them for foresight and contribution to the event.

I acknowledge the Wadjuk People of the Nyungar Nation, the traditional Custodians of the land we are gathered on this morning and I pay respect to their Elders past & present and extend that respect to Indigenous Australians who are with us today.

I acknowledge:

- Trudy Staynor, Assistant Director of the Commonwealth Home Support Program, Department of Health;
- Jerry Jarvis Grants Officer, Commonwealth Home Support Program;
- City of Cockburn Members of staff:
  - Gail Bowman, Manager Community Development;

- Jill Zumach, Childcare & Senior Manager, Community Development;
  - Paul Hogan, Cockburn Care Manager;
  - Donna Jordan, Home Care Package Co-ordinator;
  - Sue Acquiar, Home Support Services Co-ordinator;
  - Tracey Johnson, Client Liaison Officer;
- Priya Cooper, OAM our guest speaker this morning;
  - Representatives from Aged Care funding bodies;
  - Allied health professionals, social workers and others who have dedicated their careers to this sector;
  - Ladies and gentlemen, one and all.

The City of Cockburn is proud of providing 30 years of service to Seniors and People with disability through Cockburn Care.

The service means a lot to the clients and their families.

This became evident in the distress expressed when Hamilton Hill where the Jean Willis Centre were mooted to be lost by Cockburn in the Local Government reform process that ran from February 2009 through to February 2015; and again when a bid from the Greater Fremantle Group to annexe part of North Coogee and Hamilton Hill to the City of Fremantle arose in 2016 and was dismissed by the State Government in 2017.

Cockburn Care and the services it provides doesn't have the profile it deserves and the staff at the service and the marketing team at the City have been working hard on a rebranding process over the last 12 months.

The name has been changed from Cockburn Community Care to Cockburn Care and the branding has been tied more clearly to the City of Cockburn.

The City rightfully enjoys a great deal of trust in our local community.

This is driven by passionate, caring, dedicated and professional members of staff who work to ensure the delivery of services to meet the needs of its clients.

Today's breakfast is the culmination of:

- the rebranding process;
- a celebration of thirty years;
- a strategy to raise the profile of the service; and
- a chance for you to meet some of the staff.

The Aged Care and Disability services sectors are engaged in once in a lifetime processes of reform, designed in part to give more control and responsibility to people receiving services.

We appreciate how difficult it is for Doctors, Allied health professionals, Social Workers and other caring professionals to keep abreast of the changes and the referral process.

Paul Hogan and his team will try and answer any questions you have over breakfast and will be happy to research for you if they don't have the answers for you.

We are very proud to have Priya Cooper, World Champion Swimmer; the winner of nine Paralympic gold medals as well as world records and world championships.

Priya competed in the Australian swimming team at the 1992, 1996 and 2000 Summer Paralympics with an S8 classification and was twice the co-captain of the Australian Paralympic team, including the 2000 Paralympic Games in Sydney, and carried the Australian flag at the closing ceremonies for the 1992 and 1996 Summer Paralympics.

Some of Priya's other achievements include:

- Being awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in 1993;

- Named the 1995 Paralympian of the Year;
- Named the Young Australian of the Year for Sport in 1999;
- Being awarded an Australian Sports Medal in 2000;
- Inducted into the Western Australian Hall of Champions in 2006; and
- Inducted into the Swimming Western Australia Hall of Fame in 2008.

Priya is a previous Young Australian of the Year and I am delighted to invite her to address you this morning.

An amazing young woman, with a passion for excellence.

Please join me in welcoming Priya.