

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP

City of Cockburn

Get Connected

6.00pm Tuesday 8 November, 2016

Good evening everyone.

On behalf of the Elected Members and staff of the City of Cockburn I would like to welcome you to tonight's Get Connected event.

I acknowledge the Nyungar people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land on which we are meeting tonight and I pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Nyungar Nation and extend that respect to other Indigenous Australians who may be present.

I acknowledge:

- Cllr Philip Eva, JP;
- My wife Patricia;
- Our guest speaker Jeremy Chetty, Co-founder of Student Edge;
- Panel members Nadine Brazil from Cockburn Ice Arena, Brad Paatsch from the Fremantle Football Club and Matt Read from Landcorp;

- Staff from the City of Cockburn Community Development, Recreation Services and Environmental Services teams.

Get Connected is a special networking event where local businesses and community groups can promote themselves, share ideas and establish connections between community and commerce.

This is an opportunity for you to learn from each other, hear about existing partnerships and make new connections.

It is fantastic to see such a variety of Cockburn businesses and community groups in one room, all focused on promoting their business and exploring mutually beneficial partnerships.

This is a testament of the community mindedness of Cockburn.

We have an exciting program planned for tonight with a professional panel and a speed meeting session.

Our guest speaker for tonight is Mr Jeremy Chetty, Co-Founder of Student Edge.

Student Edge was started in 2003 by four students from Willetton Senior High School who recognised the gap between the school curriculum and essential life skills not taught in classrooms.

A website was built with the sole aim of helping students navigate their way through student life and better prepare them for adulthood.

Student Edge has gone from an idea of four friends to a nationally recognised business catering for the largest member based organisation of students in Australia.

I'm sure you will all be able to take something away from Jeremy's incredible experience and apply it to your own ventures.

Once again, thank you for coming along tonight.

Please make the most of this opportunity to get to know other business people and community group members in our area and the advice from our expert panel.

Thank you.