

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP
Official Opening of the Aldi Store, Spearwood
Wednesday, 28 June, 2017

Good Morning one and all.

I am delighted to be here this morning on the occasion of the official opening of the Spearwood Aldi Store.

I acknowledge the Whadjup People of the Nyungar Nation, the Traditional Custodians of the land we are meeting on today and I pay respect to their Elders both past and present.

I acknowledge the presence of the Aldi and Phoenix Shopping Centre representatives here today and all of the shoppers lined up for an opening day bargain.

With today's store opening, there will be three Aldi stores in Cockburn (Spearwood, South Lake and Success) together with the Aldi Distribution Centre, located in Jandakot City. The aforementioned stores are amongst the 11 stores in Western Australia that have, or are in the process of being opened this year.

Just as the City is growing in population (115,000) people now and reaching around 180,000 by 2030 the Aldi stores will continue to reflect that growth and the demand from shoppers for quality products, at the right price, accompanied with outstanding service.

Importantly, every Aldi Store that opens provides employment opportunities for local people, and where they choose, career paths in the retail industry. At a time when employment across many sectors has declined it is refreshing to see a bold

statement being made by a retail chain to make a difference, to stimulate the local economy, to take on board employees, to create competition and to bring a degree of value for money in what most Australians see as a less than competitive market.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am very pleased to officially declare open the Spearwood Aldi Store.

Thank you.