

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP

Sod Turning Ceremony

Cockburn Career Fire Station

870 North Lake Road, Cockburn Central

Friday, 6 March 2020

Good morning ladies and gentlemen.

I am delighted to be here this morning with Councillor Philip Eva JP and Mr Daniel Arndt, Director Planning & Development for the sod turning ceremony for the Cockburn Career Fire Station.

I acknowledge the Wadjuk people of the Nyungar nation who are the traditional custodians of the land on which we are gathered today and I pay respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging and extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who are present.

I know the Honourable Francis Logan MLA, Minister for Emergency Services and Corrective Services and Commissioner Darren Klemm AFSM have been eager to see this milestone reached given the temporary arrangements for the Success Fire & Rescue firefighters based just over the road at the Cockburn Volunteer Emergency Services Facility.

Of course many others have also been waiting for this moment in time and I acknowledge the strength of the partnership between the State Government, DFES and the City of Cockburn.

From the closure of the Success Fire Station in late 2014 accommodation space at the Cockburn Volunteer Emergency Services Facility has been at a premium.

Initially built to house the Cockburn State Emergency Services and the South Coogee Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade and opened on 23 September 2012 it has become home of the DFES Career firefighters from the former Success Station and also housed the Jandakot Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade during the construction of their new facility at Banjup which opened on the 16 January 2020.

This new fire station will be welcomed by the Cockburn and wider communities and is located in a prominent and strategic site on North Lake Road.

The opening of the Armadale/North Lake Road Bridge will provide a rapid response to incidents as they occur to the east and in the Cockburn Central area where apartments dominate the landscape, it will bring a greater assurance to those living in such accommodation.

I thank the State Government, and in particular DFES, for the strength of the partnership that continues to provide benefits for all of those involved in the delivery of emergency services and of course the wider community.

I look forward to the opening ceremony in due course. Thank you.