

**Welcome Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP
on the occasion of the
South Metropolitan WA Police District Forum
held at the City of Cockburn Administration Building
on Tuesday, 8 March 2016**

Good morning and welcome to the City of Cockburn on this wonderful autumn day.

I acknowledge the Wadjuk People of the Nyungar Nation and pay respect to their Elders both past and present and extend that respect to Indigenous Australians who are with us today.

I acknowledge the presence of:

- Superintendent Russell, District Superintendent;
- Officers in Charge:
- Snr. Sgt Bradley, Cockburn Police Station;
- Snr. Sgt Glen Swannell;
- Detective Sgt Ray Horne, Fremantle Detectives;
- Snr Sgt Ross Eastman, SMD Response North; and
- other Members of WA Police.

The City of Cockburn covers an area of 165 square kilometres, has a population of approximately 110,000 people and continues to work towards establishing Cockburn as a place of choice for new residents, small business owners, Industrial development and the offering of passive and active recreation choices for people of all ages and abilities.

Our partnership with WA Police continues to add value to the dynamics of a rapidly growing population within Cockburn and in the south west metropolitan area.

The partnership is underpinned with:

- The strength of our relationship at a Council and Administrative level; The Memorandum of Understanding we have both committed to;
- The robust nature of our CoSafe Security Service and relationship with WA Police;
- Our active Neighbourhood Watch Committee and the practical aspects each member brings to the table
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- Community Safety & Crime Prevention Reference Group;

- The continuing rollout of the City's CCTV network and moveable cameras (over 150 cameras);
- Our Local Emergency Management Committee and the practical aspects of the responsibility of the members;
- The positive relationship of our volunteer emergency service volunteers with WA Police;
- The work done by the City's Aboriginal Reference Group;
- The City's Reconciliation Action Plan, one of the first in Australia (2011);
- Funding and support for our community groups, residents groups, sporting groups, cultural groups and service organisations;
- The provision of a ongoing capital works program that seeks to provide new facilities and upgrades existing facilities ie Integrated Health and Community Facility; Cockburn Volunteer Emergency Services Facility; Success Sport & Community Facility; CCW Regional Aquatic & Recreational Facility & the new home for the Dockers;
- Ongoing engagement with our community in terms of strategic planning and determination of
- Engagement with School communities
- Youth Centre at Success with various outreach programs;
- Seniors Centres and various activities;
- Free community events throughout the year ie Jebediah concert, Mental as Anything concert; food festivals, Coogee Beach Festival, Australia Day Big Aussie Breakfast; activities in libraries etc;
- Working closely with developers to design new estates that incorporate passive surveillance; and a myriad of other activities.

CoSafe statistics include:

- New 3 year contract with Wilson Security from 1 July 2015;
- 5 cars now up from 4 patrolling 24/7;
- Patrols, holiday watch requests, security alerts from residents, target alerts requested by WA Police and internal departmental requests
- Attend community meetings and events
- Over 7,000 jobs and over 700 call-outs per month

The City is also looking forward to the opening of the Police Hub at Cockburn Central within a short distance of the Department of Fire & Emergency Services facility.

In closing, there is more that we can all do to improve the health, well-being, connectivity, safety and security of the communities that we live in.

The loss of life that occurred on our roads over the Labor Day Weekend will long impact on the families, friends and communities where those people came from both here and overseas.

So to the impact of alcohol and drugs that seems to permeate our neighbourhoods and that leave lifelong scars - add to the growing number of domestic violence incidents and forever change the lives of those who experience such trauma.

The City will continue to build and strengthen its partnerships with other local governments, state government departments and other key stakeholders

As International Women's Day unfolds we have the opportunity to embrace the achievement of women in our society.

- To celebrate their social, economic, cultural and political achievements;
- To promote and foster gender equality; and
- To do more than we expect to do to break down those barriers that create artificial stop points

We can all do more and I encourage you to do so.

A big thank you to Valerie Viljoen from the City and Nicole Ford - WA Police for organising today's event.

Thank you.

At 10:00am we welcome the Mayor and CEO to join us for the Medal Presentation to SC BELCHER (by the Commissioner of Police)..