

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP
WA Portuguese Multicultural Association
Australian Bushfire Appeal
Saturday, 22 February 2020

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys.

I am delighted to be here this evening with my wife Patricia to join with the WA Portuguese Multicultural Association to acknowledge the valued work being done by our emergency services career and volunteers and to raise funds for the Australian Bushfire Appeal.

I acknowledge the Whadjup people of the Nyungar nation the traditional custodians of the land on which we are gathered tonight and I pay respect to their Elders; past, present and emerging.

I acknowledge:

- The Chairperson - Mr Mario Da Silva Antonio and members of the Committee;
- Other Members of the Association;
- The President, Spearwood Dalmatinac Sport & Community Club – Mr Ivo Radinich and his wife Alenka and other members of the Club;
- The entertainers for tonight;
- Ladies and gentlemen, one and all.

It is always a pleasure to see so many families at these types of events enjoying the opportunity to come together and share the richness of our multicultural society and all it has to offer to the growth and development of our great country.

From the early explorers of the World to holding the Secretary General of the United Nations position (Antonio Guterres) the people of Portugal have excelled on the world stage in diplomacy, sport, the arts and much more.

I look forward to the music, song and dance together with the food and refreshments that reflect the Portuguese community as they bring the vibrancy of their culture to tonight's event.

The local Portuguese entertainers being showcased this evening will bring the heart and soul of Portugal alive and pull at the heart strings of all present.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity for my wife Patricia and I to join you on this very auspicious occasion.

Thank you.