

Speech by His Worship the Mayor Logan K. Howlett, JP

Coogee Live 2025

Saturday, 8 March 2025

Good morning, everyone.

Welcome to Coogee Live 2025- I hope you are enjoying yourselves.

I thank Reverend Mitchell Garlett for his Welcome to Country and his sharing of the Nyungar culture, story telling and language as we continue our shared journey of reconciliation.

I acknowledge the Whadjuk people of the Nyungar Nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather today, and I pay my respects to their Elders past and present and I extend that respect to First Nations people here today.

It's a pleasure to welcome you all to the eighth edition of Coogee Live – our free, family-friendly festival right here along the beautiful shores of Coogee Beach.

This event has become a highlight in Cockburn's calendar, and it's easy to see why.

Over the next two days, we'll experience a stellar lineup of free entertainment, workshops, cultural storytelling, and interactive activities across four unique hubs.

There are over 200 activities to enjoy spread over 1.5 kilometres of coastline.

Whether you're here for the Mermaid Migration, the Omeo Kitchen Garden, or the amazing new WA-first performances by Erth Divers, there's truly something for everyone.

One of the highlights this year is the Wisdom Keepers project.

This photo exhibition by acclaimed photographer Nic Duncan celebrates Cockburn's unique spirit through portraits of remarkable residents.

The exhibition offers a glimpse into the lives of those who make Cockburn special, I would encourage you to visit the display in the Community Hub.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that goes into making this event such a success.

A heartfelt thanks to our City's Events team, the performers, artisans, and volunteers who bring this festival to life.

Thank you also to our major sponsor LotteryWest, along with event sponsors Frasers Property Group, BP, Freo Ports, and the Road Safety Commission for their generous support.

Your contributions make Coogee Live the vibrant, inclusive celebration that it is.

This year, we're especially proud of Coogee Live's continued commitment to sustainability.

Last year's WasteWise initiatives saved over 32,000 items from landfill, setting a benchmark for environmentally conscious events.

This year, we aim to do even better, helping to keep our beautiful coastline pristine for generations to come.

So, as you explore everything Coogee Live has to offer, I encourage you to take a moment to connect — with nature, with our community, and with the joy of learning and discovery.

Thank you for being part of this incredible event.

Let's make this weekend one to remember.

Enjoy Coogee Live 2025!

In closing, I acknowledge all the women here today as we celebrate International Women's Day under this year's theme, 'March Forward'.

Also, as Cyclone Alfred has been downgraded, let us keep in mind our fellow Australians who continue to be subjected to strong winds, torrential rain, coastal erosion, and possible flooding.

Thank you!