

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP

Hello Baby Event

Manning Park

Wednesday 29 March 2017

Kaya, Wanju Wanju Beeliar Boodjar.

(Hello, Welcome to the land of the Beeliar people).

On behalf of Elected Members and staff of the City of Cockburn I welcome you to the 10th Hello Baby event on this magnificent Autumn Day.

I acknowledge the Wadjuk People of the Nyungar Nation who are the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today.

I pay respect to their Elders both past and present and extend that respect to Indigenous Australians who are with us.

I acknowledge:

- The Honourable Simone McGurk, MLA; Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services;
- Ms. Jennifer Matthews, Director General, Department of Local Government & Communities;
- Mayor Carol Adams, City of Kwinana and member of the Joint Commissioning Committee - Connecting Community for Kids;
- Other members of the Joint Commissioning Committee - Connecting Community for Kids;
- Councillor Chamonix Terblanche;
- My wife Patricia and granddaughter, Brooke;
- Mums, Dads, grandparents, carers, toddlers and of course our new born babies;
- Service providers here today including information on parenting, health, childcare and Cockburn Parenting Services;
- Gail Bowman, Manager Community Development;

- other City of Cockburn staff, and in particular, Joan de Castro, Children's Development Officer, City of Cockburn and staff from our libraries and other sections;
- The members of the Historical Society of Cockburn who have opened up the Azelia Ley Homestead Museum for viewing;
- The Friends of the Community, a group of volunteers doing great things across our community through their volunteering efforts and returning the dollars they raise into worthwhile community projects. So support their sausage sizzle and the \$2.50 subsidised lunch packs for the children.

We hope you are enjoying the entertainment including:

- pony and cart rides; the animal farm;
- the photo-booth; our roving musicians;
- free tea and coffee on the Azelia Ley Homestead Museum verandah; and the various service provider stalls.

You can also collect a welcome certificate for your baby at the City of Cockburn Certificate table and make sure to get a copy of the parenting calendar if you do not have one.

Hopefully you have also registered for the raffle – a great variety of prizes to be won and that you have collected your baby book vouchers to celebrate our 10th year.

We also have a 'Welcome Baby to Country' stall for the first time where you can get a special blessing/welcome for your baby and talk about baby's totem with members of the Aboriginal community.

On behalf of the City of Cockburn I would like to warmly welcome all new babies into the Cockburn community. We are happy to help you celebrate this special time in your life.

I'll now hand you back to Gail Bowman.

And now let's cut our 10th anniversary cake followed by the raffle draw. Thank you.