

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP
Clubs and Volunteers Thank You Sundowner
Function Room, City of Cockburn Administration Building
Friday, 14 May 2021

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the elected members and staff of the City of Cockburn I welcome you to tonight's Clubs and Volunteer Thank You Sundowner.

I acknowledge the Whadjup People of the Nyungar Nation the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet tonight and I pay respect to their Elders past, present and future and extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are with us tonight.

I acknowledge:

- My wife Patricia;
- Cr Kevin Allen;
- Cr Phil Eva, JP;
- Cr Chontelle Stone;
- Cr Phoebe Corke;

- Mr Tony Brun, CEO
- Tracey Radcliffe, Volunteer Resource Centre Co-ordinator;
- Simone Sieber, Community Development Co-ordinator;
- Alex Green, Volunteer Resource Centre Officer;
- Representatives from sporting clubs, community groups, environmental groups, recreational groups, service clubs, faith groups and special interest groups.

Tonight provides everyone with the opportunity to network and build partnerships across our community and for the City to show our appreciation for the valuable contribution, you, as volunteers make to enrich and enliven all that is good in our community.

As we know last year's event was cancelled due to the COVID – 19 pandemic however if anything our regular volunteers stepped up to the task and a wave of new volunteers descended on most communities across Australia to clearly demonstrate the pride and respect we have for each other and the good old Aussie spirit of mate ship.

It's great to be celebrating Cockburn's volunteers in the run up to National Volunteer Week (17 – 23 May) Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers and their important contribution to our communities.

This years' theme is Recognise, Reconnect, Reimagine

Recognise: celebrate and thank volunteers for the vital role they play in our lives,

Reconnect: to what is important by giving our time to help others and ourselves,

Reimagine: how we better support volunteers and communities they help

Ladies and gentlemen, enjoy mingling, playing networking games and the delicious food and drink provided.

Can you please join with me in thanking the City of Cockburn staff for bringing tonight's event to you and to recognise their contribution to the volunteering community within Cockburn?

Thank you Trace, Alex and Simone – a job well done!

In closing, a big thank you to all our volunteers for all that you do.

I will hand you back to Trace.

Thank you.