

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP

On the occasion of the

Public Health Advocacy Institute of Western Australia

Children's Environment & Health Local Government Policy Awards

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Good morning ladies and gentlemen.

I am delighted to be here today with members of the City of Cockburn staff;

- Gail Bowman, Manager Community Development;
- Joan De Castro, Children's Development Officer;
- Barbara Freeman, Family and Children Development
- Jillian Woolmar, TravelSmart Officer;
- Kevin Stripe, Parks Projects Officer;
- Gloria Askander, Health Promotion Officer; and
- Ruth Aspinall, Health Promotions Officer – South Metro Health Service.

I acknowledge the Wadjuk People of the Nyungar Nation the Custodians of the land on which we are gathered today and I pay respect to their Elders both past and present and extend that respect to other indigenous Australians with us today.

I acknowledge:

- The Hon. David Templeman MLA Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts;
- Councillor Lynne Craigie, President, Shire of East Pilbara and President of WALGA;
- Mayor Tracey Roberts, City of Wanneroo and Vice President of WALGA;
- Local government elected members and staff from across Western Australia;
- Professor Mike Daube, AO, Professor of Health Policy at Curtin University & Director Public Health Advocacy Institute and the McCusker Centre for Action on Alcohol and Youth;
- Dr Melissa Stoneham, Director Public Health Advocacy Institute of Western Australia;
- Ms Ros Natalotto, Project Director, Public Health Advocacy Institute of Western Australia;
- Ladies and gentlemen, one and all.

I have a short power point presentation from which I will highlight a few salient points.

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- 20% of our population are aged 0-14 years (20,000 plus) ;
- The City has 32 dedicated children/youth staff +10 who do some child/youth related work;
- and includes the following full time positions:
 - Cockburn Parenting Service Staff
 - Community Development Officers for children, Aboriginal & CaLD communities.

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What we offer:

- 19 free children's programs per week;
- 12 youth services programs per week, some free;
- 14 + free annual community events for families with children/youth;
- A large range of children/youth holiday activities;
- Regular parent programs, talks, events & support.

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Our Local Government Report Card 2018 highlights include:

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Aboriginal Child Health

- Launch of our 3rd Reconciliation Action Plan 2018 – 2021 (a Stretch RAP with measurable targets);
- Helping local childcare centres to develop a RAP;

- 72% uptake by Cockburn schools of an optional graduation award for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

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Shade in Public Places

- Additional shade sails at Botany Park as part of playground upgrades;
- Street Tree Masterplan 2016 & Playground Shade Sail Strategy 2013 – 2023 to guide the provision of shade to the community;
- Bibra Lake Primary School used a City grant to install new shade sails at a playground on a shared – use Council reserve.

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Travel and Active Road Safety

- Cockburn Bike and Walk Plan 2016 – 2021 developed and being implemented;
- ‘Comment on Cockburn’ used to consult residents online about proposed safety projects;
- Held Balance Bike Clinics to help families teach their children to ride safely.

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Smoke Free Environment

- New Positive Message – ‘Proud to be Smoke Free signs erected at 6 clubs in May 2018;
- Club Development Officer consulted with sports clubs;
- Plan to roll this out to all sports clubs/reserves next year.

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Children & Youth Services guided by:

- Children & Family Strategy 2016 – 2021;
- Youth Services Strategy 2017 – 2022; and
- Both strategies encourage applying for awards like this one.

In closing, I acknowledge and congratulate all the nominees from the metropolitan and regional local governments – together we continue to respond to the needs of our respective communities and achieve outcomes that contribute to the health and well-being and mental health of those who choose to live in and visit our communities.

Congratulations to all the category winners and the regional winner - the value of what we have seen here today is truly amazing

Thank you.