

**Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP
Multicultural Connect Australia
2nd Anniversary Event
Cockburn Youth Centre
Sunday 26 May 2024**

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen girls and boys.

I am delighted to be here this afternoon representing the City of Cockburn in celebration of the 2nd anniversary of Multicultural Connect Australia (WA) with my wife Patricia and Councillor Phoebe Corke.

I acknowledge the Whadjup people of the Nyungar Nation who are the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet and I pay respect to their Elders past and present and I extend that respect to first nation people here today.

I acknowledge:

- Sherry Deacon, President Multicultural connect Australia and her Committee Members;
- Invited guests;
- The performers who will be entertaining us today;
- Ladies and gentlemen, girls, and boys.

Congratulations to Multicultural Connect as you celebrate your 2nd anniversary; a very special occasion that reflects upon the hard work of Sherry Deacon and her committee leading up to the formation of the organisation and its continued success.

Volunteers help make the world go around and contribute to the growth and development of our communities.

Multicultural Connect Australia has a strong and passionate base of volunteers who have led to the successful outcomes over the last two years.

I am always impressed with the children that attend these events with their parents and grandparents thereby creating a wonderful family atmosphere.

As the afternoon unfolds we will be presented with an amazing number of performances with each one choreographed for our enjoyment.

Again, Sherry thank you and your committee for your volunteering efforts and showcasing the diversity of our community.

Thank you.