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Mayoral Message

Dear Residents



You're probably familiar with the quote: *Reach for the stars!*

With that in mind it was appropriate that the theme of Council's recent major business event, *CBEvolve – The Sky's the Limit*, would aim high.

The event, which was held inside a hangar at Bankstown airport, brought together a number of businesses that are driving innovation, jobs and investment in our City.

As the third busiest airport in Australia, the precinct and surrounding area supports more than 160 businesses, 6,500 jobs and contributes over **\$1.6 billion** to the economy.

And the potential to double the number of jobs and investment in our City is not a 'pie in the sky' vision – it's a reality!

It is no surprise that our commitment to providing opportunities to connect, share knowledge and ideas, and form partnerships or collaborations

has led us to become one of the most innovative cities in Australia.

One of the features of the event was a briefing and update by a local company behind the technology to manufacture Australia's first flying car.

Amazing technology created right here in Bankstown.

The airport is also home to state emergency service aircraft, helicopter training facilities and Little Wings, a non-for-profit organisation ferrying sick children and their families around the state.

So many wonderful things are happening in our City that we should all be very proud of. And it's events like this that help create more local jobs so we can live and work close to home.

Regards



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