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# A Word from the Mayor

## Welcome to the autumn edition of the City Chronicle.

At the time of writing we have just experienced a snap COVID lockdown, and a couple of weeks of mandatory mask wearing. Although it didn't compare to the impact of the longer lockdowns people in other states have endured, it was a stark reminder that we are not bullet proof here in WA, and we need to be ready to respond quickly to anything COVID may throw at us.

Here in our City, the Rockingham Youth Centre is due to open in a few days after the building underwent extensive refurbishment. It looks great and will be a wonderful new asset for the City. The Centre will be presenting a year-round range of activities and events for young people, and will provide a comfortable, welcoming place where they can speak with our Youth Workers, and access support and referrals to services. You can read more about the Centre on page 5.

You may have seen in the news that more people are taking the opportunity to rediscover Rockingham than ever, with domestic day trips increasing from 774,739 in 2018/2019, to 1,027,542 in 2019/2020. It's great to see people coming here to enjoy our unique coastal attractions. But COVID has impacted many of our local businesses, and even a short lockdown can have a long lasting effect, so I encourage everyone to Go Local, Shop Local, Buy Local, because for every \$100 you spend with a local business, \$63.39 stays in Rockingham.

Easter is only a few weeks away so please remember to be the best driver you can be throughout the long weekend, because the roads will be busy (if there is no lockdown over that period). Every driver is responsible for the way traffic flows, and for the safety of themselves and other road users. Please, if you are behind the wheel, make it your sole focus of attention - not the playlist, not the A/C, not the kids arguing in the back seat; just the road, the traffic, and the need to get where you are going safely.

If you want to forget about driving altogether but still want to get out and enjoy some of Rockingham's most popular tourism spots, check out the Rediscover Rockingham Tram before the trial period ends in April. More details on page 6.

I hope you're staying safe and well. Please enjoy this edition of the Chronicle.

City of Rockingham Mayor,  
Barry Samuels



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## Baldivis District Sporting Complex

Work at the Baldivis District Sporting Complex continues. The civil and servicing works are now complete with the Building and Landscaping Construction Tender scheduled to be awarded at the March 2021 Council Meeting.

Turf has been laid on all the ovals, and the complex reticulation system was the subject of an extensive article in one of Australia's leading irrigation magazines. (Yes, there is such a thing as an irrigation magazine so if you're interested in the complexities of getting water efficiently to eight hectares of turf, you'll probably find it a fascinating read - search online for Irrigation Australia and look for the 2020 edition of Overflow magazine).

The City gratefully acknowledges funding support from the State Government, which is a major supporter of community sport and recreation facilities in Western Australia, through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

*\*Front cover photo supplied by Greenacres Turf Group.*

## Koorana Reserve Master Plan

At Council's January meeting a tender submitted by Shelford Constructions was accepted for the construction of new clubrooms and ovals at Koorana Reserve in Warnbro.

The \$5 million Koorana Reserve Master Plan to upgrade the playing fields and clubrooms will be taking place over the next 12 months. Once complete, Koorana Reserve will provide more sporting opportunities for people in Warnbro and surrounding areas. The two main community groups that will be based at the site will be the Port Kennedy Soccer Club and the Hillman Cricket Club.

Key elements of the project include two additional hectares of playing space, two new soccer fields, a cricket oval, expansion of the cricket practice wickets, upgrade of turf and reticulation of the existing playing surface, refurbishment and expansion of existing clubrooms, a new car park with 75 bays, and the installation of new lighting.

The Master Plan also ensures that the facilities will be accessible to everyone, with additions like hardstand connecting paths, and facilities which meet modern 'female-friendly' standards.

Koorana Primary School, which shares the use of the reserve with the City through a joint use agreement, will have access to improved playing and sporting space for students.

This project is supported by the State Government, through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, which is a major supporter of community sport and recreation facilities in Western Australia.



Artist's impression only





## Nairn Drive

The Nairn Drive Duplication project is now complete.

Works on the project involved a cost sharing arrangement with Rockingham Park Pty Ltd for the construction of a four lane district distributor road over a distance of 600 metres, in addition to completing the 190 metre section of City controlled roadway from Echidna Court to the Parkland Heights boundary.

The new roadway provides a link from Furnivall Parade and a secondary access from Arpenteur Drive to provide a better traffic connection with the new Pine View Primary School, which opened in February 2021. The City was very pleased to be able to deliver this project as planned in readiness for the new school year.

It was acknowledged at the outset that the significant commercial, aesthetic and cost benefits gained by constructing the four lanes instead of just two lanes up front, could not be underestimated.

The new roadway delivers a further north/south extension to the district distributor for the Baldivis area creating a central transport link that is primarily designed to facilitate safe regional and local traffic movement generated by the residential development, the shopping centre and the school. Constructing the four lane cross section also minimised the traffic management costs when the future upgrade would have been required, in addition to avoiding any costly drainage modifications in the longer term.

## Secret Harbour Street Lighting Upgrade



The removal and replacement of street lighting within some areas of Secret Harbour is underway, as part of the City's asset renewal plan.

The upgrade will include replacement of the existing poles, and installation of light emitting diode (LED) light fittings which will reduce energy consumption. These light fittings will also reduce the costs of maintenance, and will provide more consistent lighting across the road ways, producing a safer environment for both road users and pedestrians. The project comprises four areas of Secret Harbour, and will be completed over approximately eight months.

During the project sections of roads will be closed for a brief duration to ensure safety, and some roadside verges will be impacted and rectified at no cost to the resident.

For more information about the areas where work will be done, please visit our website [rockingham.wa.gov.au/projects](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/projects)



# Around Our Community



Front row: Veda Orgles (Silver Chain), Alan Leslie West (senior), Mayor Barry Samuels, Karin Gulliver, Brian Williams (Rockingham Op Shop)

Back Row: From Silver Chain - Joy Dobson, Viola Macintyre and Dorothy Kenworth, and Joy Williams (Rockingham Op Shop)

## Community Citizen of the Year Awards

Some very hardworking community groups and local residents have been formally recognised for their outstanding community contributions during the City of Rockingham's 2021 Community Citizen of the Year Awards.

Local resident Karin Gulliver, who has dedicated many years to helping boost literacy across the community through her work with the Read Write Now adult literacy program, was recognised as Community Citizen of the Year.

The Senior Community Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Allan Leslie West for his outstanding advocacy work in support of former defence force personnel.

Meanwhile, the Active Citizenship (Group or Event) award was shared by the Rockingham Uniting Church Opportunity Shop and the Silver Chain Volunteer Fundraiser Group. Both groups were recognised for the support they had provided to the community for more than 50 years.

The Community Citizen of the Year Award winners for 2021 have all brought about positive change to our City, and demonstrated leadership, initiative and active citizenship, which has significantly contributed to the value of community life in Rockingham.

Presentation of the Community Citizen of the Year Awards was held prior to the City's Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony, which saw 70 people officially become Australian citizens at the Gary Holland Community Centre.

The Youth Centre Team with the City of Rockingham CEO Michael Parker, checking out the new premises.



## Rockingham Youth Centre

The refurbishment of 20 McKinnon St, Rockingham is complete, and the building is now ready to open as the Rockingham Youth Centre. The work commenced in June 2020 and was wrapped up in February. The City is grateful to have received funding support from Lotterywest with a grant of \$985,000 to assist with the project.

The Rockingham Youth Centre team is very excited to welcome young people aged 12-24 to visit the new Youth Centre space. It is ideally located in Rockingham, right next to Headspace, close to the bus route, the shopping centre, cinema complex and the Aquatic Centre – all the places young people like to go.

The Youth Centre will offer an ongoing program of activities, workshops and events throughout the year. It is a safe and welcoming space for young people to access support, information and referral to services, or chat to one of our Youth Workers.

The Centre will officially open its doors on Saturday 20 March with a community event for young people, featuring a range of workshops, silent disco, laser tag, food trucks and live music performances. All details regarding the opening event, April School Holiday Program and Term 2 Program can be found on the City's website.





## Rediscover Rockingham Tram

A free hop-on, hop-off Sunday tram service is the newest tourist attraction in Rockingham, shuttling up to 30 passengers on a loop around Rockingham's key coastal sights.

Travelling an 18.2 km circular route, the single carriage replica tram stops at Rockingham Museum, Rockingham Foreshore, Point Peron and the Penguin Island ferry terminal at Mersey Point.

The complete journey takes approximately one hour to complete, with passengers able to enjoy the round trip or use the service as a courtesy shuttle to stunning beaches, historic attractions and aquatic wildlife encounters.

We are trialling the Sunday tram service until the April school holidays as a way to encourage people to get out and about in Rockingham.

Free untimed parking is available for people who choose to board the tram at Tram Stop 1 - Rockingham Museum at the rear carpark on Kent Street.

Rediscover Rockingham Tram timetables can be downloaded from [rockingham.wa.gov.au/tram](http://rockingham.wa.gov.au/tram) or collected from the Rockingham Visitor Centre, Perth Wildlife Encounters and Rockingham Museum. Scheduled departure times are also listed at each tram stop.



## City of Rockingham Art Awards 2021

The City of Rockingham Art Awards return in 2021, exploring the theme Connection.

The Art Awards were cancelled last year due to COVID-19, so accepted 2020 entries will be exhibited this year.

The 2021 exhibition will be held from Saturday 1 May – Sunday 16 May at the Rockingham Arts Centre and Gary Holland Community Centre, with selected artworks on display by emerging and professional artists. Artworks will be available for purchase.

An Awards Ceremony for exhibiting artists will be held on Saturday 1 May at the Gary Holland Community Centre, with a total of \$20,000 worth of acquisitive and non-acquisitive prizes available across eight categories.

Two Twilight Tours will take place throughout the exhibition period, on Wednesday 5 May and Wednesday 12 May, both from 5.30pm - 7.30pm starting at the Rockingham Arts Centre.

The Twilight Tours provide an opportunity for you to experience a guided tour of the exhibition at both venues, facilitated by the 2021 curator Jude van der Merwe and a member of the judging panel.





## Symphony on the Green

A big crowd of music lovers was treated to a night of great music and entertainment from the Perth Symphony Orchestra in our 5th Symphony On the Green, held on Saturday 20 February at the Village Green in Rockingham.

## Art to Life

The City's art has come to life with augmented reality. Interact with, learn from, and connect with art in an entirely new way using your smart phone and the Eyejack app. Experience a piece of history at the Catalpa Memorial, immerse yourself in Aboriginal Culture at the Mooriburdup Mural, and visit the Rockingham Arts Centre - the hub of Rockingham arts and culture. Go to the City's website to find out how to experience Rockingham's Art to Life.



## Community Grants Program

The City's Community Grants program provides funds for incorporated not-for-profit organisations, or those limited by guarantee, to put toward programs, projects, initiatives and events that benefit the Rockingham community. Funding is available within three grant types:

### General Grants:

Up to \$3,000 available throughout the year.

### Major Grants and Events Sponsorship:

Up to \$10,000 for major grants, or up to \$20,000 for major events, assessed within three grant rounds a year.

### Community Infrastructure Grants:

Up to either \$20,000 for infrastructure planning initiatives, or \$50,000 towards capital projects, assessed within three grant rounds a year.

For grant application forms, round closure dates, eligibility criteria and guidelines, please visit [rockingham.wa.gov.au/grants](http://rockingham.wa.gov.au/grants)





## Spotlight on Rockingham

Digital billboards on the Mitchell and Kwinana Freeways and on the side of the Channel 9 building in the Perth CBD put the spotlight on Rockingham during January and February. The outdoor advertising campaign, showcasing iconic images of Rockingham experiences including snorkelling with sea lions and stand up paddle boarding on the ocean, formed part of the City's Rediscover Summer Holidays campaign. The backs of 10 buses travelling through targeted routes in the metropolitan area also featured the iconic Rockingham branding, reminding passengers and motorists of 'where the coast comes to life'.



## Defence Industry Forum for Local Businesses

Following the City of Rockingham's recent workshops focussed on "How to build your business in the defence industry", the City will host a Defence Industry Forum at the Gary Holland Centre on 15 April. This free event will bring together a day of insightful speakers from Defence and Defence industry organisations as well as global and local contractors.

This latest initiative from the City's Economic Development Strategy 2020 – 2025 will give local businesses valuable knowledge and understanding of the Defence industry and Defence sector opportunities within the Rockingham region, where over \$1b will be invested in infrastructure in the next 10 years. Find out more at [rockingham.wa.gov.au/defence](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/defence)

## Subsidy Scheme

The City's Subsidy Scheme aims to help adults and seniors on a low income stay safe and connected at home through providing reimbursements for safety, IT, home modifications and assistive equipment. Up to \$150 per category is available per year.

Download an application form from [rockingham.wa.gov.au/subsidyscheme](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/subsidyscheme) or contact the City to request an application form to be sent out.



## Seniors Newsletter

Did you know the City produces a monthly newsletter for seniors, which includes information about various events and activities relevant to seniors? The newsletter is available by email or post. To register to receive the newsletter by email, select Seniors Newsletter on your Rock Port account. To register to receive the newsletter by post, contact the City.



## Small Business Friendly Approvals



The City of Rockingham has become one of the first local governments in Western Australia to be selected to participate in the Small Business Friendly Approvals Program.

The program, led by the Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC), aims to streamline the process of obtaining business licences and trading permits from local government authorities. It is part of a package of initiatives to support economic recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and will streamline the approvals processes for small business in areas such as health, planning and building. Through the program, an independent facilitator will guide the City in investigating and reviewing a number of its small business application processes, ultimately making it easier to start, operate and grow a business.

With more than 5,600 registered businesses in the City of Rockingham, the City is committed to delivering improved outcomes for the Rockingham business community.

Photo: Mayor Barry Samuels and WA Small Business Commissioner and SBDC CEO, David Eaton



## City Acknowledges State Recovery Funding

The City of Rockingham gratefully acknowledge the receipt of two \$10 million grants provided to the City through the State's WA Recovery Plan.

One grant will be used to fund the new Baldvis Indoor Recreation Centre (BIRC) at the Baldvis District Sporting Complex (BDSC). The BIRC is a key part of the BDSC project on Eighty Road. Once construction of the centre is complete it will include four multi marked indoor courts, change rooms, three multipurpose activity spaces as well as storage for users of the facility and adjoining sporting reserve.

The other grant will be used to help fund the Aqua Jetty Stage Two project, with detailed design expected to commence in March 2021, and construction expected to begin in 2022/2023.

Both projects were identified in the City's Community Infrastructure Plan and largely loan-funded. The grants will reduce the City's debt funding costs.

Image: Artist's impression of Baldvis Indoor Recreation Centre



# What's On Calendar

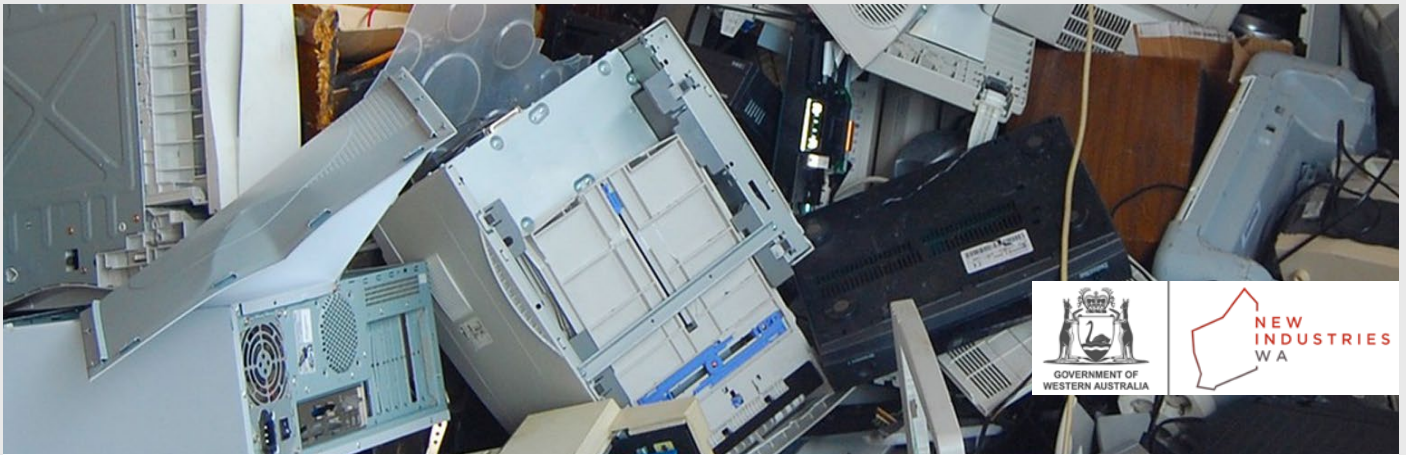
**\*Events subject to change in line with State Government COVID-19 updates. Check the City's website and follow the City on Facebook for event information\***

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>MONDAYS</b> 10am - 11.30am <b>WEDNESDAYS</b> 9am - 10.30am	<b>Seniors Social and Wellbeing Program</b>	Baldivis Recreation Centre, Fifty Road, Baldivis
<b>MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS</b> 9am - 10.30am	<b>Seniors Social and Wellbeing Program</b>	Golden Bay Coastal Community Centre, Tangadee Road, Golden Bay
<b>TUESDAYS</b> 9.30am - 11am <b>THURSDAYS</b> 9am - 10.30am	<b>Seniors Social and Wellbeing Program</b>	Secret Harbour Community Centre, Oasis Drive, Secret Harbour
<b>TUESDAYS</b> 6pm - 7pm	<b>Tai chi</b> Finishes Tuesday 27 April	Churchill Park, Rockingham foreshore
<b>THURSDAYS</b> 6pm-7pm	<b>Yoga</b> Finishes Thursday 29 April	The Lookout, Rockingham Foreshore
<b>FRIDAY 19 MARCH</b> 5pm - 9pm	<b>International Food Festival</b>	Village Green, Flinders Lane, Rockingham
<b>SATURDAY 20 MARCH</b> 2pm - 6pm	<b>Rockingham Youth Centre - Opening Event</b> Ages 12 - 24 years	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 McKinnon St, Rockingham
<b>SUNDAY 21 MARCH</b> 4.30pm - 7.30pm	<b>Entertainment Performance</b>	Rockingham Foreshore, Rockingham Beach Road
<b>SATURDAY 27 MARCH</b> 5.30pm - 8pm	<b>Performance in the Park - Wizard of Oz</b>	Village Green, Flinders Lane, Rockingham
<b>TUESDAY 6 APRIL</b> 10am - 12.30pm	<b>HER Space</b> 14 - 18 years	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon Street, Rockingham
<b>TUESDAY 6 APRIL</b> 2pm - 4pm	<b>Dried Flower Workshop</b> 12 - 18 years	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon Street, Rockingham
<b>WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL</b> 10am - 4pm	<b>Life Skills Retreat</b> 12 - 18 years	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon Street, Rockingham
<b>THURSDAY 8 APRIL</b> 10.30am - 12.30pm	<b>Kokedama Plant Workshop</b> 12 - 18 years	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon Street, Rockingham
<b>THURSDAY 8 APRIL</b> 10am - 12.30pm	<b>HER Space</b> 14 - 18 years	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon Street, Rockingham
<b>THURSDAY 8 APRIL</b> 10am - 4pm	<b>Life Skills Retreat</b> 18 - 24 years	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon Street, Rockingham
<b>FRIDAY 9 APRIL</b> Time TBC	<b>Mental Health First Aid for Young People</b> 16 - 24 years	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon Street, Rockingham

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>FRIDAY 9 APRIL</b> 5pm - 8pm	<b>LGBTQIA+ Movie Night</b> 16 - 24 years	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon Street, Rockingham
<b>SUNDAY 11 APRIL</b> 5pm - 6.30pm	<b>Soulful Sunday - Hart</b>	The Lookout, Rockingham Foreshore
<b>MONDAY 12 APRIL</b> 10am - 12pm	<b>NAILED IT - Bakers Workshop</b> 12 - 18 years	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon Street, Rockingham
<b>MONDAY 12 APRIL</b> 2pm - 4pm	<b>Resin Craft Workshop</b> 12 - 18 years	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon Street, Rockingham
<b>TUESDAY 13 APRIL</b> 10am - 12.30pm	<b>HER Space</b> 14 - 18 years	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon Street, Rockingham
<b>TUESDAY 13 APRIL</b> 1pm - 4pm	<b>Queer Cuts</b> All ages	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon Street, Rockingham
<b>WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL</b> 10.30am - 1pm	<b>Workshop Wednesday</b> 12 - 14 years	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon Street, Rockingham
<b>THURSDAY 15 APRIL</b> 10am - 12.30pm	<b>HER Space</b> 14 - 18 years	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon Street, Rockingham
<b>FRIDAY 16 APRIL</b> All day	<b>Couch surf event</b> 12 - 24 years	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon Street, Rockingham
<b>SUNDAY 18 APRIL</b> 4.30pm - 7.30pm	<b>Entertainment performance by Magic Dale and Human Statues</b>	Rockingham Foreshore, Rockingham Beach Road
<b>SATURDAY 24 APRIL</b> 2pm - 6pm	<b>Nature Community Fun Day</b>	Rockingham Foreshore, Rockingham Beach Road
<b>SATURDAY 1 MAY – SUNDAY 16 MAY</b> 10am - 3pm	<b>2021 City of Rockingham Art Awards</b>	Rockingham Arts Centre and Gary Holland Community Centre
<b>SUNDAY 2 MAY AND MONDAY 3 MAY</b>	<b>Native Plants Giveaway</b>	Rockingham Golf Club, Elanora Drive, Cooloongup
<b>WEDNESDAY 5 MAY</b> 5.30pm - 7.30pm	<b>2021 City of Rockingham Art Awards Twilight Tour</b>	Starting at the Rockingham Arts Centre
<b>WEDNESDAY 12 MAY</b> 5.30pm - 7.30pm	<b>2021 City of Rockingham Art Awards Twilight Tour</b>	Starting at the Rockingham Arts Centre
<b>THURSDAY 20 MAY</b> 6.30pm - 7.30pm	<b>MAN v FAT Soccer Information Night - Season Two</b>	Aqua Jetty, 87 Warnbro Sound Avenue, Warnbro



# Environmental



## Increasing Our e-Waste Recycling

The City of Rockingham has received \$80,000 funding from the WA State Government's WasteSorted e-waste 2020/2021 grant to help increase the amount and range of e-waste collected for recycling.

The funding, provided by the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation through the New Industries Fund, will enable the City to conduct an e-waste Recycling and Reuse Program at the Millar Road Landfill Facility (MRLF).

When the program commences in March 2021, community members will be able to deposit e-waste at the MRLF free of charge. Good quality items will be tested and tagged for resale at the Reuse shop. Damaged items, and items not suitable for resale, will be recycled in Western Australia by secure and certified e-waste recyclers.

Recycling e-waste will ensure precious metals and finite resources are cycled back into the production line, significantly increasing their lifespan. It also prevents environmental damage as many of the metals within the waste can leach into groundwater and soil.

The implementation of the City's e-waste Recycling and Reuse Program is a great step on our ongoing journey towards the realisation of our community's vision to reduce our carbon footprint and reduce the generation of waste.



## Grow It Local

Grow It Local believes that if everyone grew their own food, our communities would be happier and healthier, and we'd be more connected to nature and our neighbours.

Grow It Local is a year-round program where you can get involved in growing food and connect with other local keen gardeners. Sign up for free online, and start connecting with your community by sharing produce and tips, unused space, compost, food waste, seeds and seedlings, experiences and skills.

The City is a Council partner and we have an exciting year ahead full of workshops and activities to learn more about how to Grow It Local. Find out more about the program at [rockingham.wa.gov.au/growitlocal](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/growitlocal)



To help build water sensitive communities and support the establishment of backyard habitat for native wildlife, the City is continuing its Native Plants Giveaway where residents can collect up to 10 free seedlings per household. First launched in 2018, the number of plants available has more than tripled to accommodate the popularity of the program. Plants are given away on a first come, first served basis so get in quick to avoid disappointment. Please bring proof of address (such as a driver's license) to verify that you live in the City of Rockingham.



**Sunday 2 May and Monday 3 May**  
8am - 2pm



**Rockingham Golf Club**  
Elanora Drive, Cooloongup

For more information please contact the City - and please check our website or Facebook page on the day to ensure the event is still on in case of COVID related changes.

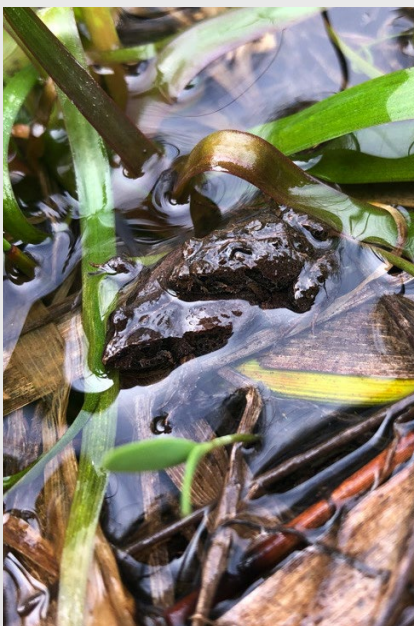
**Hosted by:** Native Plants WA



## Safe Battery Disposal

The modern home depends on lots of gadgets, and all those gadgets - from TV remotes to toothbrushes - need batteries. Those batteries are powered by potentially hazardous and non-renewable materials including mercury, nickel, lithium, cadmium and lead, so when they finally run out of puff, please don't put them in your recycling bin or your household waste bin. They can cause sparks that lead to fires in collection vehicles, landfills or recycling facilities. The hazardous materials can also leach into groundwater supplies.

Through the State Government's Hazardous Household Waste program, City of Rockingham residents can help prevent fires and environmental contamination by dropping their batteries off at the Millar Road Landfill Facility, the City's libraries and at the City's Administration Building on Civic Boulevard free of charge.



## 2020 Frog Population Monitoring

Our climate is drying, with less average annual rainfall and more warm days. Our local frog species are very sensitive to these impacts of climate change, so the City has established an ongoing Frog Monitoring Program to track the numbers of the Squelching Frog (*Crinia insignifera*) across wetland reserves.

The 2020 Frog Population Monitoring Report indicates these frogs have declined slightly since the survey done in 2018, but the decline is not yet significant. Encouragingly, many juvenile frogs were captured during the survey. This shows that the species is still breeding successfully, and indicates that the ecological health of the City's wetlands is not currently being adversely affected by climate change. Another two years of monitoring is required to gain enough data to determine when and how conservation actions might be required.



# Community Safety

## Neighbour Day Big Breakfast

Celebrate Neighbour Day and help create a more connected and safer community. Register on the day as a Neighbours Unite Champion to go in the draw to win prizes! Free bacon and egg rolls and coffee for the first 200 attendees and free children's activities on the day. **Community Safety Starts with You.**



**Saturday 27 March**  
9am - 11am



**The Harbour Playground**  
Palermo Drive Secret Harbour

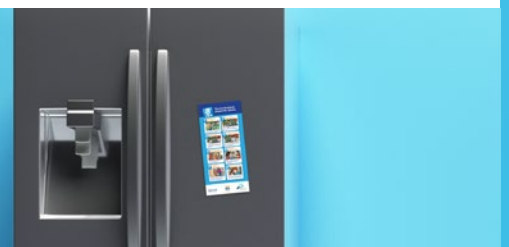
**FREE**



## Storm Preparedness

Every year between May and October storms cause major destruction across Western Australia. Often, the damage can be minimised or even prevented with some storm preparation. The City has developed a handy storm preparedness checklist fridge magnet, which you can get by emailing [customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au)

Remember if a storm has badly damaged your home and you can't safely fix it yourself, please call the State Emergency Services on 132 500.



## ASIST

Virtually anyone aged 16 or older can become an ASIST-trained caregiver. Developed in 1983 and regularly updated to reflect improvements in knowledge and practice, ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) is the world's leading suicide intervention workshop. During the two-day interactive session, participants learn to intervene and help prevent the immediate risk of suicide.



**28 and 29 April (Wednesday and Thursday)**  
9am - 4.30pm



**Gary Holland Community Centre**  
6/19 Kent Street, Rockingham

**FREE**



## Body Worn Cameras

Being a Compliance Officer can be a tough job, especially when people act in a threatening manner towards our Officers when they are simply carrying out their lawful duties. To help deter some of that poor behaviour, a number of City Compliance Officers are now wearing Body Worn Cameras in the course of their duties. This situation is not unique to Rockingham and we are not the first local government to use this technology as a tool to help protect those frontline employees who are required to manage parking, and undertake animal management and pool barrier compliance for the safety of the entire community.



## Mental Health First Aid

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) courses teach strategies to members of the public so they can help someone developing a mental health problem, or in a mental health-related crisis, until appropriate professional treatment is received or the crisis is resolved.



**20 and 21 April (Tuesday and Wednesday)**  
9am - 5pm



**Quest Rockingham**  
22 Flinders Lane, Rockingham



Presented by Brain Ambulance

**FREE**

## Snapshots: An Introduction to Understanding Mental Illness

An uncomplicated introduction to mental health and mental health literacy. It allows a greater understanding of what mental health problems are and how they can affect us all. We encourage interaction and conversation to help with understanding and to make the content 'real'.



**Wednesday 26 May**  
5.30pm - 8.30pm



**Mary Davies Library**  
19 Settlers Avenue, Baldivis

**FREE**

## Beach Emergency Network (BEN) Signs

The City of Rockingham has installed a further 42 Beach Emergency Network signs in addition to the existing 63 signs along the coast and 11 signs on Garden Island.

Thanks to funding from the State Government through the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, the City has installed additional signs at new sites chosen for their level of risk, water use, popularity and proximity to other signs.

In an emergency, quoting the information on the nearest BEN sign will help emergency services accurately pinpoint the location. Whenever you visit the beach, take note of the closest BEN sign location and information.





# Your Councillors

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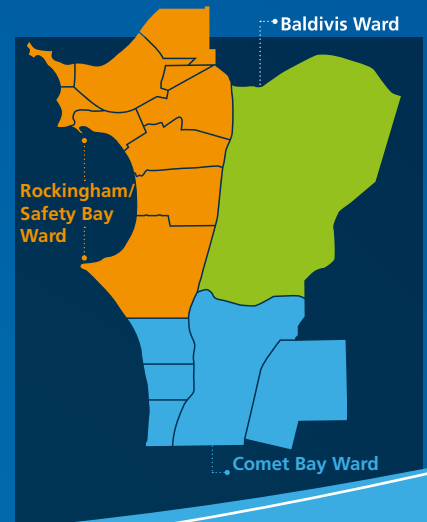


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