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# A Word from the Mayor

## Welcome to the spring edition of the City Chronicle magazine.

After a few wet and windy months reminiscent of Perth winters from long ago, it's nice to see the season is beginning to change.

Despite a few rain interruptions work is progressing well on all our projects. The Baldivis District Sporting Complex is moving steadily ahead and construction of the major buildings is now well underway. At the time of writing the Shoalwater Reserve Activity Node is approaching completion and should be ready for use very soon, if not already.

Our annual Castaways Sculpture Awards will be installed on Rockingham Beach soon and I invite everyone to come along and have a look at the amazing pieces in this year's exhibition. Don't forget to cast a vote for your favourite in the People's Choice Award for the chance to win \$500.

The month after Castaways, over the weekend of 13 and 14 November, the Rockingham Beach Cup will be run on our beautiful foreshore. Featuring retired race horses, there's no betting involved and the highest standards of animal welfare are maintained - including a refreshing dip in the ocean for the horses after they've raced. So, please come along and make a day of it (or a weekend) and enjoy the fun and the excitement of this unique event.

About a month ago the City was advised that the majority of Cape Peron will be classified as a 'Class A' reserve. The City has pursued a significant advocacy role throughout this process to ensure alignment with the aspirations of our Strategic Community Plan. The City thanks all stakeholders for working together to ensure the rich environmental and heritage values of this special place are preserved for the entire community to enjoy.

Local government elections are coming up in October and I encourage everyone who is eligible to cast their vote. It's easy to do, only takes a few minutes to fill in the form, and you don't even need your own stamp - just drop the prepaid envelope into a post box and your vote will be cast. As I will not be running as a candidate again I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for giving me the privilege of serving as Mayor for these past 18 years. I wish the City's next Mayor all the very best of luck and I trust that the community gives them their full support as they lead our City into the challenges and the successes of the years ahead.

Please enjoy this edition of the Chronicle. Stay safe, and stay well.

City of Rockingham Mayor,  
Barry Sammels



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# Major Projects

## Baldivis District Sporting Complex

The Baldivis District Sporting Complex (BDSC) is one of the City's largest ever community infrastructure project and will help meet a significant shortage of active reserve space in Baldivis for present and future sporting groups.

Construction on the Baldivis Indoor Recreation Centre, district pavilion, change rooms and maintenance shed is underway.

Once complete, the BDSC will be an important social, recreation and community hub with facilities that appeal to the entire community.

It will play a key role in improving the health and wellbeing of the community for generations to come.

The project is supported by the WA Recovery Plan through the State Government and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, as well as the State Government's Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund.

The City has also received funding support from the WACA and Cricket Australia's Cricket Infrastructure Fund to support the delivery of cricket related infrastructure at the BDSC.



## Koorana Reserve Upgrades



Progress continues to be made on the upgrades to Koorana Reserve with completion expected in early 2022. The eastern side of the site was recently cleared to make way for the new playing fields and the refurbishment of the clubhouse continues.

Additional improvements at the site will benefit both the sporting clubs as well as the wider community such as the installation of two new shade shelters, an expansion to the current cricket practice nets and the inclusion of a drink fountain. The upgrades to Koorana Reserve are essential to accommodate the growth of both Port Kennedy Soccer Club and Hillman Cricket Club.

Students at Koorana Primary School and the local community will also benefit from the works.


The 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 WA.


The City has also received funding from the WACA and Cricket Australia through the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund, which will support the delivery of cricket related infrastructure at Koorana Reserve.


# Shoalwater Reserve Activity Node


Work on the Shoalwater Reserve Activity Node is approaching completion. The project was the first part of the City's Safety Bay Shoalwater Foreshore Master Plan, which provides a vision for the foreshore over the next 20 to 30 years.


Works completed on the Shoalwater Reserve Activity Node include:


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Installation of a new shared use path.
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Construction of a new play activity area.
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Resurfacing of the existing car park.
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Surrounding landscape works.
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Construction of a new beach access ramp.
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Installation of picnic shelters and barbecue facilities.

The project has focused on enhancing the foreshore experience for the local and wider community, while also aiming to attract more visitors to its unique elements.



## Toilet Refurbishments

In early August the City began refurbishing several public toilets across the community to maximise the use of the facilities and increase the lifespan of the buildings. Work will continue throughout spring. The sites scheduled for refurbishment include:

 <b>Bridport Reserve</b> Port Kennedy.	 <b>City Park</b> Rockingham.	 <b>Don Cuthbertson Reserve</b> Cooloongup.
 <b>Fantasy Park</b> Waikiki.	 <b>Harmony Park</b> Singleton.	 <b>Albenga Place</b> Secret Harbour.
 <b>Francis Street</b> Warnbro Beach Foreshore.		

During the works the City will endeavour to ensure at least one cubicle or universal access toilet is available where possible. For the full breakdown of the works visit the City's website.

## Black Spot Funding

Throughout spring the City will be carrying out a number of road safety projects, fully funded by the Australian Government's Black Spot Program:

Council Avenue: At the intersection with Contest Parade and Kitson Street in Rockingham, the right turn pocket on Council Avenue will be extended and the right turn arrow will be removed.

Finished by late October.  
**\$104,000.**

Baldivis Road, between Kerosene Lane and Fifty Road: Installation of median islands, widening of the road carriageway and upgrade of street lighting.

Commencing early November. Finished early 2022.  
**\$975,000.**



## Mersey Point Seawall

The City has commenced construction on the Mersey Point Granite Seawall, with work expected to be completed in November 2021. The new granite seawall will improve coastal protection to existing City infrastructure, including the Arcadia Drive road reserve.

The \$1.94 million project is fully funded by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and will be undertaken in two stages.

The project involves the replacement of the existing limestone seawall and timber beach stairs with a new 325 m granite seawall and steel beach stairs located near Mersey Road.

There will be periods during the work when Arcadia Drive is closed between Mersey Road and Penguin Road. Traffic management will take place when required and the City thanks the community for their patience in advance. Carlisle Street boat ramp will also be closed during the works.

The second stage of construction is planned to be completed in 2022.



## Secret Harbour Street Lighting

The existing light poles and fittings in Secret Harbour have come to the end of their useful life and need replacing. The upgrade will include the installation of light emitting diode (LED) light fittings which will reduce energy consumption and reduce the costs of maintenance. The new lights will provide more consistent lighting, producing a safer environment for drivers and pedestrians. The budget for Stage 1 of this project is \$2.8 million, of which \$500,000 was provided by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. Please note the locations of the new lights may be in different positions. For further information, a list of frequently asked questions or plans with the new locations of the lights, visit the City's website.

# Around Our Community

## Local Government Elections

Candidates for the 2021 Local Government Elections have been announced, and this year, for the first time, you will be able to vote directly for your Mayor.

If you are an elector of the City of Rockingham and are on the roll with your correct address you will get a postal voting package in the mail.

**If you don't receive your package by 28 September 2021 please contact the City.** If snails in your letterbox eat the package, or your dog rips it up, or you just lose it, you can get a replacement at the City of Rockingham Administration Building during office hours.

### How to vote:

Put a tick in the box for the candidate you want to vote for.

- ✓ 1 tick for the Mayor (1 vacancy with a 4 year term)  
- separate ballot paper
- ✓ 1 tick for Baldivis Ward (1 vacancy)
- ✓ 1 tick for Comet Bay Ward (1 vacancy with a 4 year term)
- ✓ 4 ticks for Rockingham/Safety Bay Ward (3 vacancies with a 4 year term, 1 vacancy with a 2 year term)

Sign the front of your voting package and return by post (no stamp required), or put it in the ballot box at the City of Rockingham Administration Building during office hours.

Voting in Local Government elections is not compulsory, but if you want a say in how your community is run, make your voice heard by casting your vote.

Election day is Saturday 16 October 2021 but if you are posting your ballot, make sure it is in the mail before that date so it can arrive in time to be counted. The Administration Building will be open from 8am to 6pm on 16 October to receive your votes, or provide you with a replacement voting package if needed. Counting will start at 6pm at the Gary Holland Community Centre, 19 Kent Street, Rockingham. Members of the public are welcome to watch the votes being counted. Visit [rockingham.wa.gov.au/VotingandElections](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/VotingandElections) for more information.



## Castaways 2021

The City of Rockingham's premier art event, Castaways Sculpture Awards, is back this spring with three distinct exhibitions and a total prize pool of more than \$26,000. The Main Exhibition and Schools Competition will be displayed at the Rockingham Beach Foreshore, and the Maquette and Small Sculptures Exhibition will be at the Rockingham Arts Centre on Kent Street.

All three exhibitions will run from Saturday 23 October to Sunday 31 October 2021. Artists from around WA have created high quality artworks, both small and large scale, predominantly using repurposed materials.

When visiting the Castaways exhibitions don't forget to vote for your favourite artwork in the Castaways People's Choice Awards for the chance to go in the draw for the \$500 Voter's Prize. Visit [rockingham.wa.gov.au/castaways](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/castaways) for more details.

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# Seniors and Carers Expo 2021

The City's popular Seniors and Carers Expo returns on Friday 1 October 2021 at the Mike Barnett Sports Complex (corner of Goddard Street and Dixon Road, Rockingham).

Running across two sessions from 10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm, the expo will feature more than 100 stalls and provides seniors and carers with the opportunity to connect with a range of organisations, community groups, government departments and support services.

This year's edition of the expo will be a free ticketed event. To register for your free ticket or for more information visit [rockingham.wa.gov.au/seniorscarerseppo](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/seniorscarerseppo) or call 9524 5386.

## Channel 7 Rockingham Beach Cup



The Channel 7 Rockingham Beach Cup is back on Saturday 13 November and Sunday 14 November 2021. This fun and exciting two day festival culminates with a series of horse races along the Rockingham Beach Foreshore. No betting takes place on the races, and the horses get to cool off after their run with a dip in the sparkling waters of Cockburn Sound.

The Channel 7 Rockingham Beach Cup is a distinctly unique event on the WA tourism calendar. The last one attracted 16,000 visitors and injected \$1.3 million into the Rockingham economy. It aligns with both the City's Tourist Destination Strategy and Economic Development Strategy, and the City encourages the community to support the event.

The City of Rockingham Council has supported the event by allocating \$175,000 of Iconic Event Sponsorship funding to assist the Rotary Club of Palm Beach WA deliver the event, which also includes a free community fair.



## Taking Care of Your Verge

Verges are the shared areas between a property boundary and a road. These areas are where the utility providers install the services connected to each property. Verges are also used for pedestrian access.

Follow these simple steps to comply with the City's Verge Development Policy:

- Plant lawn, low growing shrubs (which meet the visibility requirements in the City's verge development guidelines), or cover with organic mulch.
- Keep your verge tidy and weeds under control.
- Allow sufficient drainage from your property by not exceeding the allowable coverage of acceptable hard surfaces.
- Keep your verge free from protruding objects.
- Be environmentally friendly by using organic plant based mulches that will not spill on to the road or footpath.



## Moordibirdup Djoowak

The Rockingham Youth Centre's Moordibirdup Djoowak program has been giving local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people the opportunity to learn from role models and elders in the community. 'Moordibirdup' means 'strong leaders' and 'Djoowak' means 'future/next generation'.

The 10 week program provides participants with the chance to learn and connect with culture through art, traditional Aboriginal games, storytelling, dance, cooking, Nyoongar language and a cultural tour of Cape Peron.

The program runs twice a year and is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people aged 12 - 17. For more information contact the Rockingham Youth Centre on 9591 0836 or [youthcentre@rockingham.wa.gov.au](mailto:youthcentre@rockingham.wa.gov.au)

# Strategic Community Plan (2019 - 2029)

Our Strategic Community Plan is the City's road map for the next 10 years. It shows the direction and actions we need to take to meet the needs of our community. Here are some highlights from these actions, and the percentage of participants from our 2020 Customer Satisfaction Survey who rated the City's performance as Very Well or Well.



## In our community

From playgrounds, gazebos and barbecues at your nearest reserve, to roads, streetlights, and community buildings and facilities, the City is responsible for the delivery and maintenance of more than 71,000 assets estimated to be worth \$1.2 billion.

# 71,000 ASSETS

estimated to be worth **\$1.2 billion**



## In our libraries

In the past year our four libraries have had over 500,000 visitors, averaged 450,000 loans of physical items, and 350,000 ebooks. Importantly, our libraries are about much more than books and offer around 1,600 programs and events for people of all ages every year.

# 500,000

Visitors in the past year

# 1,600

Programs and events

79%

**Customer satisfaction score** - Libraries



## In our parks

Through all seasons our hardworking maintenance teams regularly maintain more than 430 local parks, sports fields, and conservation spaces in our community, covering almost 1,500 hectares of reserve space.

# 430 LOCAL PARKS\*

covering almost 1,500 hectares of reserve space.

\*Also includes sports fields and conservation spaces.

82%

**Customer satisfaction score** - Parks, gardens and picnic areas (including foreshores)



## In your bin

Waste collection is a core function of our operations. Over the past year our Waste Services team carried out approximately 2.3 million bin lifts. That's more than 53,000 tonnes of waste being collected, including recycling, green waste and general waste.

# 53,000 TONNES

of waste being collected

85%

**Customer satisfaction score** - Rubbish collection and recycling



## On our roads

Our City contains more than 1,100 km of roads connecting people with places. Over the next 12 months we will be carrying out over 35 different road projects across this network.

# 1,100 KILOMETRES

of roads connecting people with places

68%

**Customer satisfaction score** - Local roads

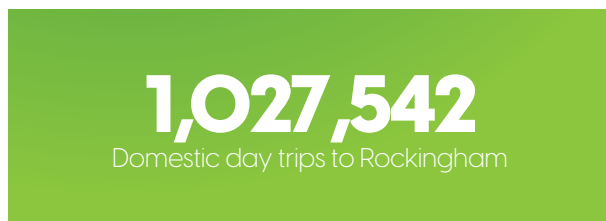
## At your local café

We're spoilt for choice for dining options in the City of Rockingham and it's our job to ensure local businesses are maintaining safe food handling practices. Last year we carried out 1,657 food premises inspections, 135 public building inspections and 1,166 health complaint investigations across the City.



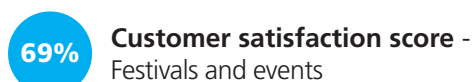
## At our tourist attractions

Domestic day trips to Rockingham increased by 33% in the 2019/2020 financial year, from 774,739 to 1,027,542.



## At our events

Every year thousands of people in our community get the chance to enjoy a wide variety of City events. In the past year we've hosted major events including Castaways, the Rockingham Art Awards, Christmas Festival, Australia Day at the Foreshore, Symphony on the Green, and the delicious International Food Festival.



# Rockingham Strategic Metropolitan Centre

The City is currently reviewing the local planning framework for the Rockingham City Centre which includes the area generally from the Rockingham train station to the Rockingham Beach Foreshore.

The City manages the growth and development of the City Centre through its local planning framework, including an 'Activity Centre Plan', which has been developed in stages since 2009. It is now time for the City to review the planning framework to allow for more contemporary planning guidance to be prepared.

The review will consider how the current plan responds to the challenges and opportunities of new development, infill development and redevelopment within the City Centre and improvements to the current planning framework. It will look at ways to better reflect the views and aspirations of the community, and also align with the current State planning framework.

Earlier this year the City provided an opportunity for the community to get involved by inviting early input into the review of the plan. This included feedback on the online interactive map, a community workshop and a business workshop. A survey was also launched on the City's website and included questions which built on feedback received during early consultation.

### What's happening next?

The project has progressed to the preparation of draft concept designs and the associated draft Precinct Structure Plan report. These documents will build on the comments received during the workshops and from comments submitted in the survey. There will be opportunities for interested parties to inspect the proposed changes to the planning framework and provide feedback.

You can keep up to date with what's happening with the project by registering your interest on the 'Share your Thoughts' page on the City's website.



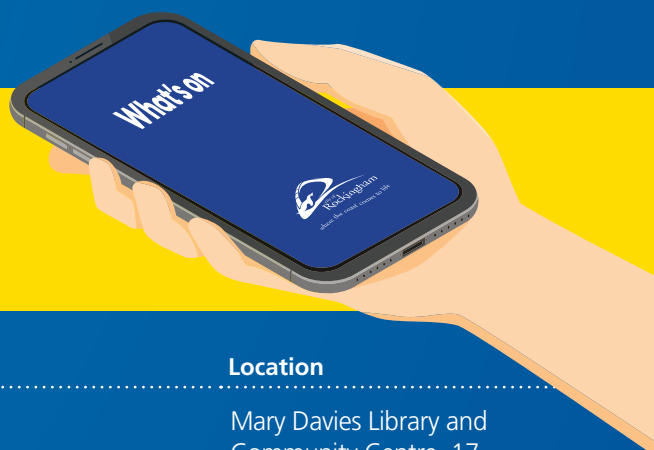
# What's On Calendar

**\*Events subject to change according to State Government COVID-19 requirements.  
Check the City's website and follow us on Facebook for up-to-date 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>Friday 1 October - Tuesday 12 October</b> <b>Monday to Friday</b> 9am - 5pm <b>Saturday and Sunday</b> 9am - 4pm	<b>Act Belong Commit PhotoVoice Competition Exhibition</b>	Gary Holland Community Centre, 19 Kent Street, Rockingham
<b>Monday 4 October and Tuesday 5 October</b> 8.30am - 4.30pm (both days)	<b>Mental Health First Aid</b>	Secret Harbour Community Centre, Multipurpose Room, 4 Oasis Drive, Secret Harbour
<b>Friday 1 October</b> 10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm	<b>Seniors and Carers Expo</b>	Mike Barnett Sports Complex, Cnr Goddard Street and Dixon Road, Rockingham
<b>Saturday 23 October - Sunday 31 October</b> 9am - 5pm	<b>Castaways Sculpture Exhibition</b>	Rockingham Foreshore
<b>Saturday 23 October - Sunday 31 October</b> 9am - 5pm	<b>Maquette and Small Sculpture Exhibition</b>	Rockingham Arts Centre, 11 Kent Street, Rockingham
<b>Sunday 24 October</b> 9am - 12pm	<b>Rockingham Pet Pop Up</b>	Rockingham Enclosed Dog Park, Bayview Reserve, Rockingham
<b>Tuesday 26 and Thursday 28 October</b> 8.30am - 4.30pm (both days)	<b>Mental Health First Aid (Youth)</b>	Quest Rockingham, Meeting Room, 22 Flinders Lane, Rockingham
<b>Tuesdays</b> 6pm - 7pm Starts Tuesday 2 November	<b>Weekly tai chi class</b>	Churchill Park, Rockingham Foreshore



Scan the QR code to see  
what's happening in the City.



Date	Event	Location
<b>Wednesday 3 November</b> 1pm - 3pm	<b>Grants Information Session</b>	Mary Davies Library and Community Centre, 17 Settlers Avenue, Baldivis
<b>Wednesdays</b> 6pm - 7pm <i>Starts Wednesday 3 November</i>	<b>Weekly Zumba class</b>	Churchill Park, Rockingham Foreshore
<b>Thursdays</b> 6pm - 7pm <i>Starts Thursday 4 November</i>	<b>Weekly yoga class</b>	The Lookout, Rockingham Foreshore
<b>Saturday 6 November</b> 9am - 10.30am	<b>Public Art Tour</b>	Starting at Catalpa Memorial, Esplanade, Rockingham
<b>Sunday 7 November</b> 5pm - 6.30pm	<b>Soulful Sunday</b>	The Lookout, Rockingham Foreshore
<b>Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 November</b> 9am - 5pm (both days)	<b>Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)</b>	Gary Holland Community Centre, Multipurpose Room, 19 Kent Street, Rockingham
<b>Friday 12 November</b> 10.30am	<b>Safe-Tea Seniors Event</b>	Gary Holland Community Centre, Main Hall, 19 Kent Street, Rockingham
<b>Sunday 14 November</b> 12pm	<b>Baldivis Pet Pop Up</b>	Baldivis Enclosed Dog Park - Acrasia Reserve, Baldivis
<b>Sunday 28 November</b> 3.30pm - 5.30pm	<b>Pop-up Performance</b>	Rockingham Foreshore
<b>Saturday 4 December</b> 5pm - 8.30pm <i>Street Parade starts at 5.30pm</i>	<b>Christmas Festival</b>	Churchill Park, Rockingham Foreshore Parade starts at Village Green, Flinders Lane, Rockingham
<b>Friday 10 December</b> 5pm activities begin, 8pm movie starts	<b>Summer Series Outdoor Cinema (Christmas themed movie)</b>	Rockingham Central Library, Dixon Road, Rockingham
<b>Sunday 12 December</b> 5pm - 6.30pm	<b>Soulful Sunday</b>	The Lookout, Rockingham Foreshore

Follow the City on Facebook for up-to-date event  
information or visit the What's On page of the City's  
website: [rockingham.wa.gov.au/whatson](http://rockingham.wa.gov.au/whatson)

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as changes may be made after the publication date.

## Boosting the City's Green Canopy

The City is continuing to deliver on the targets outlined in its Greening Plan, with thousands of trees planted throughout the community.

The Greening Plan is a long term approach to managing green space in the community. It is delivered in line with the City's Natural Area Conservation Community Plan Strategy, which is focused on protecting and enhancing the City's natural capital.

Since the plan was established in 2017 we have planted more than 11,000 trees. By the end of 2022, we will have met the plan action of planting more than 15,000 trees in a five year period. This level of tree planting will assist to improve the long term trajectory of the City's green cover.

In a further boost to these efforts, we also recently secured funding through the State Government's Urban Canopy Grant Program to plant an additional 600 trees in 2021/2022.

The Urban Canopy Grant Program is delivered by the City with support from Water Corporation and WALGA.



## Environmental Advisory Committee

In May 2021 Council resolved to approve the establishment of an Environmental Advisory Committee. It will sit for the first time after the Local Government elections in October.

The committee will provide strategic, non-operational input into the development of Community Plan Strategies, policies, City-led development projects and other environmental matters which are not addressed in the terms of reference for existing advisory groups.

It will comprise eight members including:

- Two Councillors;
- Two community members;
- Two community members with qualifications and experience in environmental management; and
- Two expert members from specialist environmental agencies.

City staff will also provide executive support to the Committee.

The City will start distributing application forms for the community positions in the coming months, so keep an eye out for updates if you are interested in contributing towards the protection and management of our wonderful natural environment.

# Cape Peron Class A Reserve

The City recently welcomed the announcement from the State Government that the majority of Cape Peron will be classified as a 'Class A' reserve.

This decision means Cape Peron will be provided the highest degree of protection as an area with significant conservation and community value.

Following the State Government's decision not to proceed with the Mangles Bay Marina proposal in 2018, the City of Rockingham Council supported approaching the State to establish a transparent and

collaborative consultation process to determine the best and most sustainable long term use of Cape Peron. Council also supported Cape Peron Reserve being transferred to Class A.

A working group was later formed by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to consider these issues, with the City included as a key stakeholder alongside several State departments. A community reference group was also formed and included representation from several local community groups and organisations.



## Coastal Monitoring

The Peron-Naturaliste Partnership (PNP) is a collective of nine Local Governments located between Point Peron and Cape Naturaliste. The City joined the PNP in 2011, recognising the importance of taking a regional and collaborative approach to coastal management.

As part of the PNP, City officers have been performing monthly beach monitoring at 16 locations along the City's coastline since 2017. This includes beach width measurements and on-ground photo monitoring. The data obtained provides valuable information about how our beaches are changing seasonally and how vulnerable they are to storm-based erosion and sea level rise.

In order to ensure the methods used remain current and in line with best practice, the PNP recently engaged expert coastal engineers to conduct a review of the monitoring program. The experts offered a number of recommendations to improve and expand the monitoring program.

As per the recommendations, all PNP members will continue to monitor the same locations monthly with the goal of establishing a baseline of at least five years of data, in which significant trends can be seen. This data will inform future management of our coastline.

## Magpie Nesting Season

Magpie nesting season occurs between August and October each year and while studies show that only nine per cent of magpies swoop people, the ones that do are usually doing it to protect their young.

Try to avoid areas where magpies are swooping. If that is not possible:

- Walk, don't run
- Don't act aggressively (e.g. shouting, waving arms etc.)
- Wear a hat and sunglasses
- If you are riding a bike, hop off and walk.

Magpies will occupy the same territory for their entire life, which can be up to 20 years.



## Firebreak Inspections

Firebreak inspections will begin on 1 December 2021. Owners/occupiers of developed and vacant land need to comply with the City's Fire Control Notice requirements prior to this date.

Failure to comply with the City's Fire Control Notice may result in a penalty of up to \$5,000, with additional contractor and administration costs to carry out fire prevention works on your property. The City's Fire Control Notice can be found at [rockingham.wa.gov.au/firecontrol](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/firecontrol).

## Prepare your property

Spring is a great time to get ahead with preparing and maintaining your property against the threat of bush fires.

- Cut the grass around your property to 10 cm or less.
- Prune shrubs so they are not dense.
- Create a minimum two metre gap between your house and tree branches.
- Clean gutters.
- Remove wood, mulch or any flammable material against or near the house.
- Create a firebreak along the boundary of your property.

## Permit to Burn

All owners/occupiers wishing to undertake a hazard reduction burn on their land will require a 'Permit to Burn' from 1 October 2021 through to 30 November 2021. Applications can be made online at [rockingham.wa.gov.au/firecontrol](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/firecontrol).

Burning is strictly prohibited on all land from 1 December 2021 through to 30 March 2022. The City's Fire Control Notice can be found at [rockingham.wa.gov.au/firecontrol](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/firecontrol) or call **9528 0333** if you would like to speak with a Fire Prevention Officer.

## Pet Registrations

The new pet registration year starts on 1 November 2021. If your pet ever goes missing, your chances of being reunited will be massively improved if you have maintained their registration. If you have changed address let us know so the microchipping database can be updated.

A sterilised dog or cat can be registered for their lifetime for only \$100. Seniors receive a 50% discount if a valid Pensioner Concession Card, or WA Seniors Card with a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card is presented.

Pet registrations can be renewed online at [rockingham.com.au/petrego](https://rockingham.com.au/petrego) or email [customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au)



# Bin Collection Safety

We know it's an exciting moment to see your bin being emptied, but please watch from a distance. The machinery that does the lifting is very powerful, and could cause serious injury, so it's really important to stay well clear. Our drivers are under strict instructions not to empty the bin if anyone is any closer than four metres. Please don't try to retrieve your bin until the truck has moved away.

## Stay Safe

Stay 4m away from the bin until the truck leaves.



## SmartWatch Holiday Patrols

Planning a trip away? Why not book the City's free SmartWatch Holiday service. The service provides random patrols of your property while you are away, letting you or your key holder know if something doesn't look right. To find out more, call SmartWatch on **1300 657 123**.

Please note that SmartWatch are not the police. For emergency situations contact **000**.

## Neighbours Unite

Are you thinking of hosting a Halloween or festive event for your street? Register your event as a Neighbours Unite Activity and you could be eligible for a reimbursement of up to \$150 for event-related costs. As the host, you will also receive a host pack full of goodies and information. Terms and Conditions apply. Remember, a connected community is a safer community.



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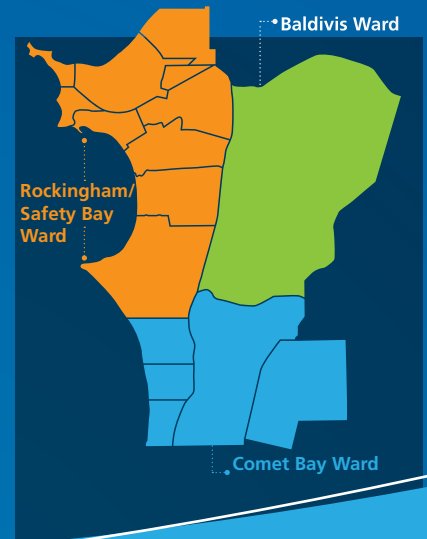
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## Important Safety Contacts in an Emergency

In an emergency call	000
(for hearing impaired)	106
For non-emergency Police assistance call	131 444
Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000
Rockingham SmartWatch	1300 657 123
State Emergency Service (SES)	132 500