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# A Word from the Mayor

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

The warmer weather has finally arrived and with that comes the start of our exciting events calendar for 2023/2024. The fun begins in October with the City's annual Castaways Sculpture Awards, which will take place at the Rockingham Foreshore and Rockingham Arts Centre.

A few weeks later the iconic Channel 7 Rockingham Beach Cup will gallop along the foreshore, and in early December we hope you can join us as at Churchill Park for the popular Christmas Lights Launch. There's also plenty more events coming up, which are outlined in this edition.

Recently the City's new Strategic Community Plan (SCP) 2023-2033 was endorsed by Council. The SCP is the principal planning document that will guide our development over the next 10 years. When developing the SCP we received more than 4,600 contributions from the community, and I'd like to thank everyone who took the time to be involved in this process.

Not only can you learn more about the new SCP in this edition, but you'll also be able to see how things are progressing with our new Local Planning Strategy, as well as the Karnup District Structure Plan.

Coming up in October are the 2023 Local Government Elections and I strongly encourage everyone who is eligible to cast their vote. Voting is easy and it only takes a few minutes to fill out the form.

**City of Rockingham Mayor,  
Deb Hamblin**



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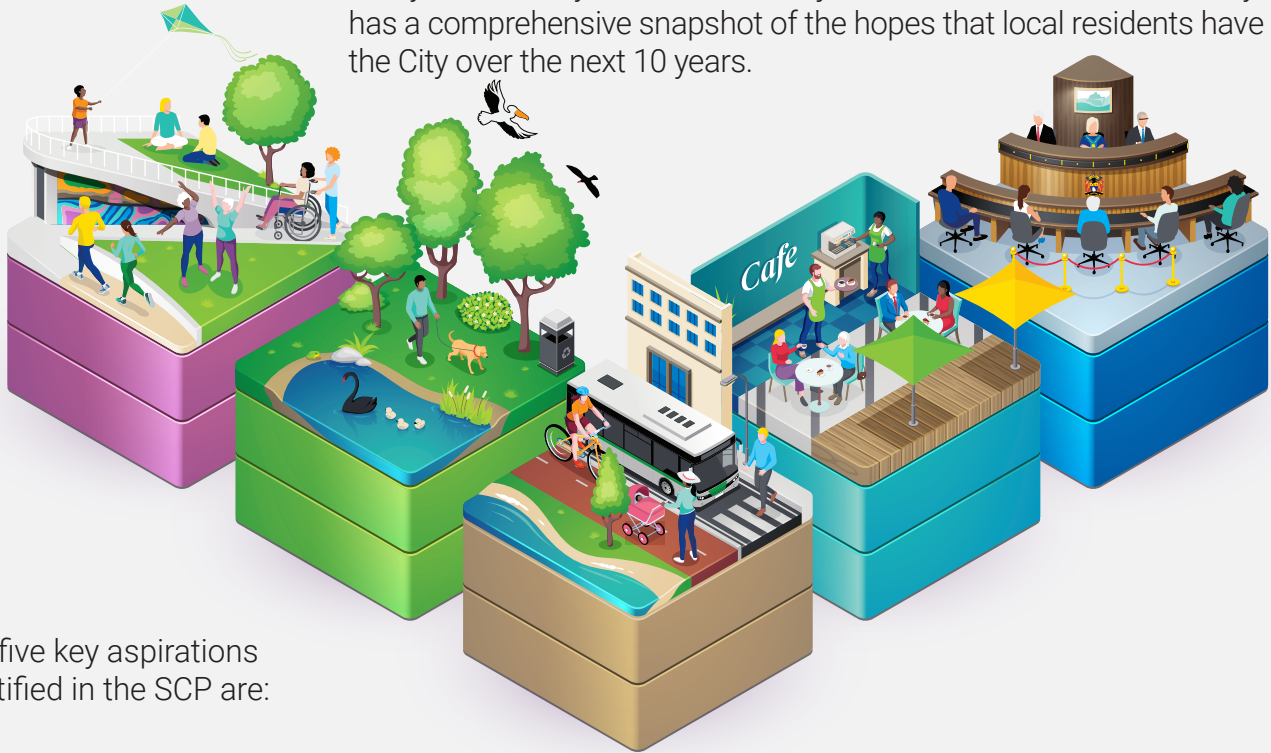
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# Planning Our Future

## Strategic Community Plan

**A quality lifestyle. A sustainable future.** That's the clear message the City has received from the community when developing the new Strategic Community Plan (SCP) 2023-2033.

The SCP guides the City's development over the next decade and has been informed by the feedback of more than 4,600 community members. Every four years the City undertakes a major review of the SCP, and the City now has a comprehensive snapshot of the hopes that local residents have for the City over the next 10 years.



The five key aspirations identified in the SCP are:

### 1. Social:

A family-friendly, safe and connected community.

### 2. Natural Environment:

A place of natural beauty where the environment is respected.

### 3. Built Environment:

A built environment carefully planned for today and tomorrow.

### 4. Economic:

A vibrant economy creating opportunities.

### 5. Leadership:

Transparent and accountable leadership and governance.

As we move forward with the new SCP, the City is proud to look back on the long list of achievements that resulted from the previous plan including delivering the Rockingham Beach Foreshore Revitalisation, construction of the Baldivis Sports Complex and Rockingham Youth Centre, as well as several Rediscover Rockingham destination marketing campaigns. Highlights from the past year also include:

### ROADS

1,138 km of roads, 56 resurfacing projects, 10 road improvement projects and eight path projects.

### SMARTWATCH

577,209 km travelled with 756 requests for attendance.

### PARKS

Managing 446 parks and reserves totalling 1,529 hectares.

### LIBRARIES

649,426 loans, 282,638 visits and hosted nearly 1,200 events.

### ROCKINGHAM YOUTH CENTRE

133 term and school holiday programs, 1,283 hours of activities which were enjoyed by 6,818 young people.

To view the Strategic Community Plan visit [rockingham.wa.gov.au/scp](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/scp)



# Local Planning Strategy

The City is progressing with its Local Planning Strategy (LPS) and new Local Planning Scheme which will guide the growth and development of the City for the next 20 years and beyond.

The LPS has the potential to change the look and feel of the City and has a vision of providing a thriving and connected community. The LPS will be implemented through various policies and laws.

Earlier this year the draft LPS was endorsed by Council following extensive research and community engagement, and forwarded to the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) for its endorsement. The City is seeking your views as further community engagement is planned in late 2023.

You can stay up to date on the LPS by visiting [rockingham.wa.gov.au/lps](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/lps) or via Rock Port.



## Karnup District Structure Plan

Work on the Karnup District Structure Plan (DSP) has begun, with consultant CDP Town Planning and Urban Design appointed to lead its preparation, in close liaison with the City.

The plan will guide the future urban development of Karnup, including where future housing, shops, schools, employment and open space are located. It will also coordinate the provision of future services and infrastructure such as major roads, water reticulation and wastewater infrastructure.

The DSP area is around 2,000 hectares of land bounded by Stakehill Road to Paganoni Road, and from Mandurah Road/Fletcher Road to Kwinana Freeway. The need for a DSP is identified in the State Government's Planning Framework and will require approval by the WA Planning Commission prior to land being rezoned and developed.

Community engagement on the plan is expected to occur in early 2024. For more information visit [rockingham.wa.gov.au/kdsp](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/kdsp)

You can also register on Rock Port for updates.



# Major Projects

## Progress Continues at Stan Twight Reserve

The City is delivering a multimillion dollar redevelopment of infrastructure at Stan Twight Reserve, which will boost sporting opportunities for the Safety Bay Stingers Football Club, Shoalwater Bay Cricket Club and Rockingham Masters AFL Club.

The redevelopment is progressing, with the new car park and turf wicket realignment complete. In spring the City will install a new synthetic cricket wicket and it's anticipated the tender for construction of the new clubrooms will be considered by Council in late 2023.



## Enhancing Accessibility at the Foreshore

You may have noticed some changes down at Churchill Park and Bell Park on the Rockingham Foreshore throughout winter - these upgrades are part of the City's commitment to improve accessibility for all community members and support the vision of our Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2022-2026.

So far the City has installed new centralised footpaths and new accessible barbecues. Upgraded shelters, picnic furniture, and the installation of a new nature play area are still to come in 2024. Next year the first Changing Place will also be built at Churchill Park, which is a purpose-built toilet and change facility that allows people with disability and high support needs to access a safe and private bathroom facility.





# Stage One of Rae Road Shared Path Complete

The City has finished the first stage of the Rae Road Shared Path project, with a new 1.25 km asphalt path built between Mataitai Loop near Rockingham Train Station and Read Street.

Long term, the Rae Road Shared Path will be approximately 7 km long and will be delivered in several stages.

The project is part of the City's Long Term Cycle Network Plan.

Stay up to date on the latest works in the City by visiting [rockingham.wa.gov.au/projects](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/projects)



## Get Excited for the New Baldvis Outdoor Recreation Space

The Baldvis Outdoor Recreation Space is part of the next phase of works at the Baldvis Sports Complex. A key part of this new space will be a new skate park. Design work on this exciting new facility is currently being finalised.

The skate park will be a multilevel facility that caters to all skill levels, and the City has worked closely with its Skate Reference Group (SRG) to fine tune the design. The skate park will include a skate bowl, skateable rails and purpose-built landings at the bottom of stairs for advanced skills.

"The inclusion of both a good size bowl and diverse street components ensures that the park will provide countless hours of enjoyment for local skaters, BMX and scooter riders," SRG member Tony Edwards said.

Fellow SRG member Darcy Kavanagh thanked the City for engaging with skaters, stating this consultation would benefit the next generation of action sports in Baldvis. Visit [rockingham.wa.gov.au/bsc](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/bsc) to stay up to date on the project.



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# Around Our Community



## Local Government Elections

Candidates for the 2023 Local Government Elections have been announced, with six Councillor positions to be contested across all three of the City's wards.

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

If you don't receive your package you can get a replacement at the City's Administration Building.

Election Day is Saturday 21 October 2023 but if you are posting your ballot, make sure it's in the mail well before that date so it can arrive in time.

The Administration Building will be open from 8am - 6pm on 21 October to receive your votes, or provide you with a replacement voting package if needed.

Counting will start at 6pm at the Administration Building Reception Room. Members of the public are welcome to watch the votes being counted.

For more information on the election and candidates in your ward visit **[rockingham.wa.gov.au/votingandelections](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/votingandelections)**

How to Vote: At the 2023 Election optional preferential voting will be used, similar to State and Federal elections, which is a change from the first past the post system.

## General Waste Verge Collection Dates Finalised

Following acceptance of a tender for the new verge collection contract, the City is happy to confirm the dates for the 2023/2024 general waste verge collections have been finalised.

Collections will take place across the community from November 2023 to February 2024 (with a five-week break between December 2023 and January 2024).

Suburbs across the community are split into 10 different collection areas. To find out the exact dates for your collection visit **[rockingham.wa.gov.au/vergecollections](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/vergecollections)** and enter your address into the 'Near Me' tool.





## Castaways Sculpture Awards

This spring the City's signature arts and culture event, Castaways Sculpture Awards, returns for its 15th year. Castaways celebrates creativity and innovation through recycled sculptures.

The Main Exhibition and the Schools Exhibition will be displayed at the Rockingham Foreshore from Saturday 21 October - Sunday 29 October 2023. The Maquette and Small Sculpture Exhibition will be displayed concurrently at the Rockingham Arts Centre on Kent Street.

When visiting the Castaways exhibitions, don't forget to vote for your favourite artwork in the Fremantle Ports People's Choice Awards to go in the draw to win the \$500 Fremantle Ports Voter's Prize. Visit [rockingham.wa.gov.au/castaways](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/castaways) for more details. With thanks to our 2023 sponsors: Alcoa and Fremantle Ports.

## Christmas Lights Launch

Come along to Churchill Park on Friday 8 December 2023 from 5pm - 8.30pm as the City lights up Rockingham Foreshore with the official launch of the Christmas lights display. There will be lots of festive fun for the whole family, including roaming entertainment, children's activities, food vans and an ice rink. Visit [rockingham.wa.gov.au/majorevents](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/majorevents) for more information on the City's Major annual events.







## Channel 7 Rockingham Beach Cup

It's one of the most iconic events in Western Australia, and in 2023 the Channel 7 Rockingham Beach Cup (RBC) will return to the Rockingham Foreshore on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 November 2023.

The RBC is highlighted by a community festival and a series of horse races that take place on the sand at the foreshore. Last year it attracted approximately 22,000 people across the two days, and injected \$1.5 million into the local economy.

Given the significant economic and tourism benefits, the City of Rockingham Council has supported it once again by providing \$177,500 of Iconic Event funding.

The City looks forward to seeing community members and visitors from across Western Australia support this iconic event.

## Seniors and Carers Expo

This year's Seniors and Carers Expo will take place on Friday 6 October 2023, from 10am - 2pm at Mike Barnett Sports Complex. The Seniors and Carers Expo is one of the City's most popular annual events and will feature more than 100 free stalls and activities from a range of groups, organisations, government departments, and businesses – helping to connect older people and carers with support and services that are available across the community. Registrations are required and you can register for free online at [rockingham.wa.gov.au/seniorsexpo](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/seniorsexpo) or phone **9524 5386**.





## Seniors Week

Join in on a range of free Seniors Week events and activities from Sunday 12 - Sunday 19 November 2023. Seniors Week is an annual event that encourages people of all ages to recognise and celebrate older people's active participation in community life. Bookings are essential. View the free events guide at [rockingham.wa.gov.au/seniorsweek](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/seniorsweek)



## Breakthrough Music Competition

Get behind Rockingham's brightest up and coming musical talent in the 2023 Breakthrough Music Competition. Breakthrough provides talented individuals and groups who can sing or play an instrument with the chance to experience performing in a public place in front of a live audience.

Heats will be held throughout November before the final takes place at Rockingham Youth Centre on Sunday 26 November 2023 from 11am - 2pm. With thanks to competition sponsors including Street Hassle Events, Chop Street Music Productions, Palm Beach Rotary, Stockland Baldivis and Guitar World.



## Celebrate Kambarang

Join us on Saturday 18 November 2023 from 3pm - 7pm at Shipwreck Cove, Golden Bay to Celebrate Kambarang, the Nyoongar season of birth and transformation. Celebrate Kambarang is one of the City's Community Fun Days, and part of the City's free family-friendly Summer Series of events.

There will be activities for all ages to learn about Nyoongar culture, seasons, language, bush tucker and medicines, a traditional Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony, and live music. For more information visit [rockingham.wa.gov.au/whatson](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/whatson)





# What's On Calendar

Information is accurate at time of printing.  
Accuracy cannot be guaranteed as changes  
may be made after the publication date.

## Seniors and Carers Expo



Friday 6 October  
10am - 2pm



Mike Barnett Sports Complex,  
Cr Dixon Rd and Goddard Street

## Volunteering Information Session



Tuesday 10 October  
10am - 1pm



Rockingham Library,  
Dixon Road

## Castaways Sculpture Awards



Saturday 21 - Sunday 29 October



Rockingham Foreshore and  
Rockingham Arts Centre

## Teddy Bears' Picnic



Wednesday 25 October  
9.30am - 12pm



Fantasy Park,  
Rand Avenue, Waikiki

## Tai Chi



Tuesday 7 November 2023 - Tuesday  
26 March 2024, 6.30am - 7.30am  
(No classes 19 or 26 December)



Churchill Park,  
Rockingham Foreshore

## Dance Fitness



Wednesday 8 November 2023 -  
Wednesday 27 March 2024, 6pm - 7pm  
(No classes 20 or 27 December)



The Lookout, Rockingham Foreshore

## Yoga (on the Foreshore)



Thursday 9 November 2023 -  
Thursday 28 March 2024, 6pm - 7pm  
(No classes 21 or 28 December)



The Lookout,  
Rockingham Foreshore

## Channel 7 Rockingham Beach Cup and Community Festival



Saturday 11 - Sunday 12 November  
(RBC)



Rockingham Foreshore

## Celebrate Kambarang - Community Fun Day



Saturday 18 November  
3pm - 7pm



Shipwreck Cove,  
Solstice Grove, Golden Bay

## Sensory Santa



Saturday 2 December  
9am - 4pm



Rockingham Library,  
Dixon Road, Rockingham

## Soulful Sunday



Sunday 3 December,  
5pm - 6.30pm



The Lookout, Rockingham Foreshore

## Christmas Lights Launch



Friday 8 December  
5pm - 8.30pm



Churchill Park,  
Rockingham Foreshore

# Environment

## Little Penguin Research

The City has provided \$37,000 in funding to support an important research project, conducted by the University of Western Australia (UWA), to monitor the population of the Little Penguin colony on Penguin Island, which will provide an indication as to the health of the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park. Led by UWA experts and volunteers, the study involves a series of night-time population counts on Penguin Island and will finish in late 2023. The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions is a partner with the City for this project.



## National Recycling Week (13 – 19 November)

By recycling correctly you can stop the wrong materials from entering landfill and help the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Here are a few tips for simple recycling:



Never bag recyclables - keep recyclables loose and free from food residue.



Receive 10c back through Containers for Change – visit your local refund point to get cash back on eligible containers.



Drop off recyclables – the City offers recycling stations where you can dispose of household batteries, mobile phones and printer cartridges for free.



Responsibly dispose hazardous waste – we offer free drop-off for eligible items under the Household Hazardous Waste program at Millar Road Landfill and Recycling Facility.



Soft plastics – dispose of soft plastics in your red-lidded kerbside general waste bin.



For more information search **'Waste and recycling'** on the City's website.



# Plastics Ban

Enforcement of the State's 'Plan for Plastics' phase two came into place from 1 September 2023. Single-use plastics banned include cotton buds with plastic stems, personal care products, cosmetic and cleaning products containing microbeads, loose expanded polystyrene packaging, expanded polystyrene cups and trays for raw meat and seafood. Search '**Turn the Tide on Plastics**' on the City's website for more info.

## Targeting the Brazilian Pepper

The City is working on eradicating a noxious weed in the City, the Brazilian pepper tree (*Schinus terebinthifolius*), and we need your help. It was once considered an ornamental garden tree but due to its ability to rapidly spread, the Brazilian Pepper Tree has become a significant threat to bushland and wetland reserves.

In a residential yard, self-seeded plants may go unnoticed for years until they become a problem and start outcompeting other plants. They form dense thickets and can cause damage to property such as paving, fences and other infrastructure.

The longer the weeds are left to establish, the harder they are to remove. The City appreciates your support and encourage you to remove this weed from your property. For further information visit '**Verges and gardens**' on the City's website.



## Rehabilitating our Coast

The City manages 37 km of coastline and collaborates with Perth Natural Resource Management (Perth NRM) to facilitate school, corporate, resident and community involvement in rehabilitation activities such as the planting of native seedlings, weeding and beach clean-ups.

Throughout winter the City collaborated with Perth NRM to plant nearly 23,000 native tubestock across 10 sites, along with collecting 218 kg of marine debris from local beaches. Thanks to all 810 volunteers who assisted these activities.

# Fire Control and Emergency Preparedness



## Permit to Burn

Owners of Rural or Special Rural zoned properties wishing to undertake a hazard reduction burn on their land will require a 'Permit to Burn' from 1 October 2023 - 30 November 2023. Applications can be made via [rockingham.wa.gov.au/firecontrol](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/firecontrol). Burning is strictly prohibited on all land from 1 December 2023 - 31 March 2024. Residential properties are not permitted to burn green waste or refuse at any time. To view the City's Fire Control Notice, visit [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.

## Emergency Preparedness

Disasters can occur at any time. Take the time to make an emergency plan with your family to help protect yourself, the people you love and the things you value most.

Remember to include your animals when planning for an emergency. Visit [rockingham.wa.gov.au/getreadyrockingham](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/getreadyrockingham) for more information.

## Firewise Landscaping

Reduce the risk of fire on your property by installing a firewise landscape. The Forever Project will host a workshop at the Rockingham Regional Environment Centre's Community Day on Saturday 28 October 2023. Contact the centre for more information on **9591 3077**.

## Firebreak Inspections

Firebreak inspections begin on 1 December 2023. Owners/occupiers of developed and vacant land need to comply with the City's Fire Control Notice requirements prior to this date.

All requests for variations to firebreaks need to be submitted to the City before 31 October 2023. All approvals expire on 31 May each year, therefore, a new application to vary is now required.

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.



# Community Safety and Support

## Community Safety Starts with You



## Keep the Reports Coming

Reporting incidents matters and you can help build the big picture of what's happening in our community. For a life-threatening situation where police attendance is required, call **000**. For police assistance or attendance when it is not an emergency, call **131 444**. For information about any crime or to report suspicious activity, call Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**. The City's SmartWatch service is a vehicle security patrol service and safety initiative that can be contacted on **1300 657 123**.

## Supporting Mental Health

In September the City proudly partnered with local organisations including StandBy, Roses in the Ocean, Neami National and Rockingham Anglicare WA to host a community event at Baldivis Shopping Centre in support of R U OK? Day. Service providers and volunteers were able to offer a listening ear to community members seeking mental health support.

Each year in September the City collaborates with local organisations to support World Suicide Prevention Day and R U OK? Day. For more information on support services in the community visit [rockingham.wa.gov.au/communitysupport](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/communitysupport)



## Neighbours Unite

Neighbours Unite is a City initiative supporting the development of stronger, safer and more resilient neighbourhoods by encouraging residents to connect with each other.

Connect with your neighbours by registering to host an activity in your street, local park or reserve. You can claim up to \$150 to host the activity and be reimbursed for the purchase of food, non-alcoholic drinks and party supplies. Visit [rockingham.wa.gov.au/neighboursunite](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/neighboursunite) for more information.

## 16 Days in WA

Community members are invited to the City's **16 Days in WA** remembrance event on Thursday 30 November from 10am – 1pm at Baldivis Shopping Centre to raise awareness of violence against women and children.

If you or someone you know needs help contact Crisis Care on **1800 199 008** or **1800 Respect (1800 737 732)**.

## Safety Talks

Would you like the City's Community Safety team to visit your street, activity, community group or event?

The team and its volunteers can attend to promote ways that we can be a connected, safer community. This could include speaking with a community group or providing community safety information at an event. Get in touch with the City today on **9528 0333** to organise a safety talk.

# Your Council Members

## Mayor

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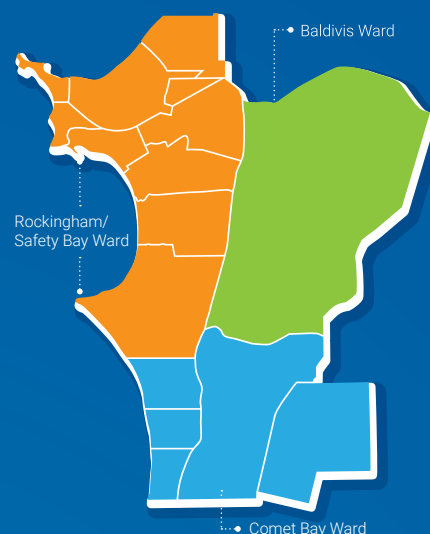
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In an emergency call 000  
(for hearing impaired) 106

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