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A Word from the Mayor

Hello and welcome to the summer edition of the City Chronicle magazine.

I would like to begin by thanking our outgoing Mayor, Barry Sammels, and outgoing Councillors, Joy Stewart and Matthew Whitfield, for their significant contributions to our community during their many years of service. I would also like to warmly welcome our newly elected Councillors - Caroline Hume, Dawn Jecks, Robert Schmidt and Brett Wormald and acknowledge our re-elected Councillors Leigh Liley and Mark Jones. I know I speak on behalf of all Council Members when I say we are committed to doing our best to continue advancing the City of Rockingham for the betterment of all our residents.

As always, the past few months have been a busy time at the City of Rockingham, as projects gather pace and we prepare for the summer season of community activities. The Baldivis District Sporting Complex is moving steadily ahead and the construction and fit-out of the major buildings is now well underway. Work on the Koorana Reserve Upgrade and the Mersey Point Seawall is progressing steadily. Our annual Castaways Sculpture Awards was another huge success with thousands of people coming to the foreshore to enjoy this wonderful event. You can see some of the artworks on pages 6 and 7.

Our New Year's Eve event is back. Bring the family to the foreshore to say ta' ta' to 2021 and hello to 2022 with loads of great live entertainment, headlined by Eskimo Joe, and spectacular fireworks at 9pm and midnight. Then, come back for our Australia Day Celebration on 26 January. We have a whole program of events lined up in our Summer Series this season. Please remember to check the City's website and Facebook before you set out to attend any of our events to make sure the details haven't changed.

While we've probably all been waiting patiently (or impatiently in my case) for the warmer weather to finally arrive, summer brings with it a few of its own risks. Please read the information on page 14 about fire bans, firebreaks and emergency preparedness. And stay safe whenever you are in, on or near the water.

While 2021 has been a challenging year in many ways, we are still very lucky to be living here. I hope you get some time to relax during summer and get outside to rediscover Rockingham and enjoy our beautiful part of the world where the coast comes to life. Keep safe, and be well.

City of Rockingham Mayor,
Deb Hamblin



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Major Projects

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Baldivis District Sporting Complex

Work has forged ahead on the Baldivis District Sporting Complex (BDSC) over recent months. Although the accompanying photos show the buildings as they were at the end of October, the District Pavilion and Change Room are now in the advanced stages of internal fit out (including electrical and plumbing works, wall and window frame installation, and air conditioning duct work installation).

The Indoor Recreation Centre structure is in progress. Work on the cricket practice nets is underway, and the landscaping along Eighty Road is taking shape.

Black Spot Road Safety Projects

Construction of the following Black Spot funded road safety projects has been scheduled to commence by March 2022:

Mundijong Road (Telephone Lane to Duckpond Road), Baldivis

- 💰 Budget - \$2,940,000.
- ⚠️ Realign a section of Mundijong Road and install new street lighting and crash barriers.
- 🚧 Construction January - May.

Read Street/Malibu Road, Waikiki

- 💰 Budget - \$420,000.
- ⚠️ Install pre-deflections on both Read Street approaches to the roundabout.
- 🚧 Construction January - April.

Read St/Chalgrove Ave/Centaurus St, Rockingham

- 💰 Budget - \$339,000.
- ⚠️ Extension of the right turn pockets on Read Street (both approaches) and install overhead mast arms.
- 🚧 Construction February - April.

Read St/Council Ave/Cygnus St, Rockingham

- 💰 Budget - \$405,000.
- ⚠️ Extension of the right turn pockets on Read Street (both approaches) and install overhead mast arms.
- 🚧 Construction February - April.

Safety Bay Rd/Settlers Ave, Baldivis

- 💰 Budget - \$435,000.
- ⚠️ Extension of the right turn pocket on Safety Bay Road (westbound) and install overhead mast arms.
- 🚧 Construction February - April.

These projects are funded by the Australian Government's and State Government's Black Spot programs.

To keep up-to-date with the progress of these projects, please check out the "Planning and Building/Current Projects and Works" page on the City's website.



Infrastructure Upgrade at Mike Barnett Sports Complex

The City of Rockingham was successful in receiving funding from the WA Government as part of the election commitment grant program.

These funds are contributing to the Mike Barnett Sports Complex outdoor netball courts upgrades and includes the resurfacing of the five northern netball courts and installation of floodlighting for training and competition level.

The project has commenced with three new shelters manufactured and installed, and four new floodlights now operational with LEDs.

The next phase of the project includes:

1

Extension works to be completed to allow new run-off court dimensions

2

Resurfacing works of five northern courts

3

Removal of old existing fencing

4

Installation of fencing around outdoor courts

5

Installation of court furniture which includes adjustable netball posts for both senior and junior participation

6

Line marking for netball, coaches' boxes, and lines and court numbering.



Ennis Ave Shared Use Path

Work on the Ennis Avenue Shared Path Project is continuing. When complete, the path will deliver better safety and accessibility outcomes for pedestrians and cyclists by providing a north/south cycling link along Ennis Avenue from Rockingham Train Station to Patterson Road, as well as an east/west cycling route along Dixon Road between Patterson Road and Goddard Street.

The path will cost \$830,000, with the City securing \$400,000 worth of grants from the State Government's WA Bike Network Grants Program to help deliver the project.

Around Our Community



Meet Our New Council

On 16 October almost 29% of eligible electors in the City of Rockingham cast their vote in the local government elections. For the first time, electors were able to vote directly for the Mayor, resulting in the appointment of former Deputy Mayor Deb Hamblin to the role, becoming the City's first ever female Mayor.

In addition, six candidates were elected to represent the community across three wards.

Baldivis Ward: Brett Wormall

Comet Bay Ward: Robert Schmidt

Rockingham/Safety Bay Ward: Caroline Hume, Dawn Jecks, Mark Jones (2 year term) and Leigh Liley.

The new Councillors were sworn in at a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday 26 October, at which Councillor Hayley Edwards was voted to serve as Deputy Mayor for a two year term, and all Councillor positions on committees were also filled.

Front Row (L-R): Cr Rae Cottam, Cr Dawn Jecks, Cr Mark Jones, Mayor Deb Hamblin, Cr Leigh Liley, Cr Sally Davies, Cr Brett Wormall

Back row (L-R): Cr Craig Buchanan, Cr Caroline Hume, Deputy Mayor Hayley Edwards, Cr Robert Schmidt, Cr Lorna Buchan

New Year's Eve

This year's New Year's Eve celebrations will feature Eskimo Joe, PUMP, VHS Pirates, AbbaFab, and local acts.

Keep the kids entertained with amusement rides and gaming trailers before the 9pm fireworks. Eskimo Joe will countdown to the midnight fireworks. Friday 31 December at Churchill Park from 5pm.



This year, our Castaways Sculpture Awards Exhibition displayed a total of 88 artworks from artists and schools across WA. Artworks were exhibited at the Rockingham foreshore and at the nearby Rockingham Arts Centre on Kent Street. Thousands of visitors experienced all Castaways had to offer over the nine day exhibition, including artist talks, tactile tours, a photo competition, and voting in the Fremantle Ports People's Choice Awards.

An awards presentation was held on the opening weekend, with awards presented to artists and schools in select award categories. Congratulations to the following winners, and those who were highly commended, and to all the schools and artists involved.



Alcoa Major Award
Whale
by Mark Thompson

City of Rockingham Local Resident Award
Respect for the Echinoderm
by Carol Clitheroe



Innovation Award
Rag Doll
by Jill Smith



Secondary Schools Competition
A Plastic Coast Creature
by Rockingham Senior High School Education Support Centre

Alcoa Primary Schools Competition
Oh, oh Omeo... underwater hOmeo
by Oakwood Primary School



Waste Authority Maquette and Small Sculpture Award
Conglomeration
by Margaret Dillon



Water Corporation Sustainability Award
Pathogen
by Heloise Roberts and Moira Craig



**\$1,000 Fremantle Ports
People's Choice Award
– Main Exhibition**

*Carbonature Metamorphosis
'A Quest for Balance'.
by Kim Perrier*



**\$500 Councillors Choice
Award**

*Penguin
by Andrew Willmot*



**\$500 Fremantle Ports
People's Choice Award
– Maquette and Small
Sculpture Exhibition**

*Casting with Nature –
Termites 3, Coral of the
Jarrah Forest
by Paul Fontanini's*



**Highly
Commended:**

*Kitchen Scope
by Lisa Dymond*



**The Fremantle Ports
People's Choice Award Trophy
for the Schools Competition**

*Rocket Ram
Rockingham Beach Primary School*

Some to enjoy one more time.





Australia Day

Spend this Australia Day by the ocean at our Australia Day event on Wednesday 26 January at Churchill Park. From 5pm, sit back and watch amazing local talent on stage, get crafty with free children's activities and treat yourself at one of the food vans. Fireworks will end the evening at 8.30pm.



Multicultural Food Festival

It will be a foodie's delight on Friday 18 March, with over 30 food vans taking over the Village Green from 5.30pm for the Multicultural Food Festival. There will be multicultural stage performances, international cuisine, market stalls, roving entertainment, activities for children and youth, and much more.



Symphony on the Green

Join us and Perth Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Craig Dalton and featuring special guests, as the much loved Symphony on the Green returns to Rockingham on Saturday 19 February, from 5.30pm - 9pm at the Village Green. This year, Perth Festival commissions a new work from Richard Walley alongside the Perth Symphony Orchestra - one that weaves together Nyoongar and Celtic stories and signs of connection to Country both near and far. There will be children's pre-show entertainment at 5.30pm, with the full symphony concert starting at 7pm.



Performance in the Park – Cinderella

Bring a picnic down to the Village Green on Saturday 26 March and follow Cinderella from rags to riches with an enchanted theatre performance in the park. Enjoy free, family entertainment before the show starts, including roving entertainers and pre-show stage performances from 5.30pm. Cinderella performance starts 6.30pm. Auslan Interpreter and wheelchair access available. Following the Cinderella performance, there will be photo opportunities with your favourite characters.

Happy 100th

Congratulations to long term member of the Autumn Centre John Toft on reaching his 100th birthday.

John has been a member at the Autumn Centre since it opened in October 1993. He enjoys the social atmosphere at the Centre, and his favourite activity is ballroom dancing.



Summer at Rockingham Youth Centre

Rockingham Youth Centre (RYC) has lots on offer this summer.

This January the RYC will once again host a range of exciting free activities for young people over the school holidays. Young people aged 12-24 years can learn a new skill, meet new people or just come and hang out.

In Term One young people can come along to the RYC for Hangout, where they'll find a safe and chilled out space to meet other young people aged 12-17. Here they can battle it out on the PS5 or Nintendo Switch, try some new crafts or just relax on our beanbags.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people can come along to the exciting Mooriboordap Djoowak (Strong Leaders – Future Generations) to learn more about culture and the local area.

Young people aged 12-17 who are part of the LGBTIQA+ community can come to Pridespace, a safe place to hang out with other young people.

Know a young person interested in finding a job? RYC can help! We have a professional resume writer and career coach on board to help them level up. Whether applying for their first ever job or trying to find something new, young people can book in for a one on one Level Up appointment.

There are heaps of other great programs on offer at Rockingham Youth Centre so be sure to check out the What's On section of the City's website for more information and register to secure a spot.



Economic Development



Business Newsletter

The City of Rockingham will be launching a regular Business Newsletter in January 2022, with news and information on local events and training opportunities to keep you up to date with tips and resources to assist your business. Local business owners and managers can sign up now at rockingham.wa.gov.au/subscribe to go into the draw to win a valuable three-hour business advisory package with Business Foundations, valued at \$550. The winner will be announced in the first edition in January 2022.



Key Leaders in Business Breakfast event

The City presents four Key Leaders in Business Breakfast events per year, with the first one for 2022 taking place in February. This free event, hosted by the Rockingham Kwinana Chamber of Commerce (RKCC), provides local business owners and managers with an opportunity to connect and network over a cooked breakfast, while listening to a key speaker present on a topic of interest. Seats go fast for these events, so keep an eye on the RKCC events page (rkcc.org.au/events) and City of Rockingham What's on Calendar (rockingham.wa.gov.au/whatson) closer to the date for more details.



Rates Incentive Scheme

Congratulations to the winners of the 2021/2022 Rates Incentive Scheme. 20,863 ratepayers chose Option 1 and paid their rates in full by 20 August 2021.

Each winner won a \$500 prize thanks to our sponsor nab:

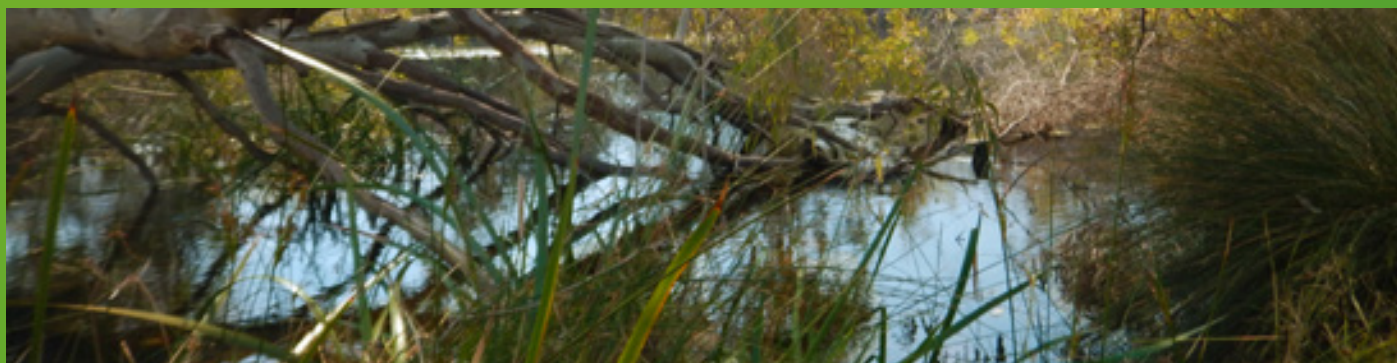
- **Mr M A Craig & Ms K Mackay**
- **Mr S R Smith & Miss J C Keeping**
- **Mr S G & J Watson**
- **Mr RS & Ms FP Elliott**
- **W R Wijekoon**
- **Mr R C & C D Crawford**
- **Mr F J & Mrs P E Marsh**
- **Mrs H D Colclough**
- **Mr J S & Mrs C S Nunn**
- **Mrs B M Elliott**

The City gratefully acknowledges the support from nab for this incentive.

Tamworth Hill Swamp Rehab

During winter over 30,000 native tubestock seedlings were planted at Tamworth Hill Swamp in Baldivis, bringing the total to over 115,000 plants installed at the reserve since the City began rehabilitation works in 2014.

Tamworth Hill Swamp is an important refuge for native fauna. The rehabilitation works are progressively improving the vegetation cover and biodiversity across 15 hectares of previously degraded land on the eastern and southern sides of the reserve. The ongoing works aim to restore habitat for conservation-significant fauna including threatened black cockatoos. This year's planting was undertaken with support from the Commonwealth Government's Community Environment Program.



Be Groundwater Wise

Groundwater is crucial to the ongoing health of ecosystems within our local wetlands and lakes. Wetland vegetation provides habitat, filters nutrients and stabilises soils. But Perth's climate is becoming drier and hotter. With a 15% decline in average annual rainfall in the last few decades, there is less water replenishing our aquifers.

Groundwater is a very valuable resource, so we all need to help conserve it, particularly if you have a garden bore. While a licence isn't required to take groundwater from the shallow water table aquifer for irrigating small lawns and gardens, it may be required for larger properties or commercial uses (contact the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation for further information).

You can be groundwater wise and still maintain a healthy garden this summer:

- Use waterwise plants and create hydrozones of plants with similar water needs.
- Improve your soil and use mulch to create water savings of up to 20%.
- Choose warm-season and drought-tolerant lawn species.
- Improve and maintain your lawn's health – apply a soil wetting agent at least three times a year, aerate your lawn in spring, and apply a slow-release fertiliser every two months during the warmer months and once in winter.
- Using an automatic irrigation controller can help adjust for the change in season without over-watering.

Search 'waterwise' on the City's website to see how we are improving water efficiency as a Gold Waterwise Council.

What's On Calendar

Seniors Social and Wellbeing Program



Mondays 10am - 11.30am
Wednesdays 9am - 10.30am



Baldivis Recreation Centre,
Fifty Road, Baldivis

Seniors Social and Wellbeing Program



Mondays and Fridays
9am - 10.30am



Golden Bay Coastal Community Centre,
Tangadee Road, Golden Bay

Seniors Social and Wellbeing Program



Tuesdays 9.30am - 11am
Thursdays 9am - 10.30am



Secret Harbour Community Centre,
Oasis Drive, Secret Harbour

Tai Chi class



Tuesdays 6am - 7am
(No classes 21 December and 28 December)



Churchill Park, Rockingham foreshore

Zumba class



Wednesdays 6pm - 7pm (No classes 22
December, 29 December and 26 January)



The Lookout, Rockingham foreshore

Yoga class



Thursdays 6pm - 7pm
(No classes 23 December and 30 December)



The Lookout, Rockingham foreshore

Chalk Art Pop Up Entertainment



Sunday 19 December
3.30pm - 5.30pm



Rockingham foreshore

New Year's Eve



Friday 31 December
5pm - 12.30am



Churchill Park, Rockingham foreshore



Pop Up Entertainment



Sunday 2 January
3.30pm - 5.30pm



Rockingham foreshore

Soulful Sunday – The Healys



Sunday 9 January
5pm - 6.30pm



The Lookout, Rockingham foreshore

Under the Sea Community Fun Day



Sunday 16 January
2pm - 5pm



Churchill Park, Rockingham foreshore

Soulful Sunday – Boogie Lover Band



Sunday 23 January
5pm - 6.30pm




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

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Australia Day

 Wednesday 26 January
5pm - 8.45pm

 Churchill Park, Rockingham foreshore





Public Art Tour

 Saturday 5 February
9am - 10.30am

 Starts at the Catalpa Memorial


Soulful Sunday – Summer Club Band

 Sunday 6 February
5pm - 6.30pm

 The Lookout, Rockingham foreshore




Valentine's Pop Up Entertainment

 Sunday 13 February
3.30pm - 5.30pm


 Rockingham foreshore

Symphony on the Green

 Saturday 19 February
5.30pm - 9.15pm


 Village Green, Flinders Lane,
Rockingham

Sports Community Fun Day

 Sunday 27 February
2pm - 5pm


 Rockingham foreshore

Soulful Sunday – Proof

 Sunday 6 March
5pm - 6.30pm


 The Lookout, Rockingham foreshore

Akwaaba African Drumming Pop Up Entertainment

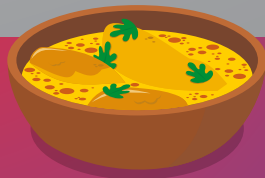
 Sunday 13 March
3.30pm - 5.30pm

 Rockingham foreshore


Multicultural Food Festival

 Friday 18 March
5.30pm - 9pm

 Village Green, Flinders Lane, Rockingham




Mooreeburdup Koober Biratj

 Sunday 20 March
2pm - 5pm

 Rockingham foreshore

Performance in the Park – Cinderella

 Saturday 26 March
5.30pm - 8pm

 Village Green, Flinders Lane, Rockingham



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see what's
happening
in the City.



Community Safety

Firebreak Inspections

The City commenced firebreak inspections on all properties on 1 December 2021. If your property is found to be non-compliant, you may receive an infringement. Full details can be found in the Fire Control Notice available on the City's website: rockingham.wa.gov.au/firecontrol

A prohibited burning period commenced on 1 December 2021 and is in place until 30 March 2022. No burning is allowed at any time during this period. Information is available on the daily fire danger rating, incidents and hazard updates through emergency.wa.gov.au



What Is a Total Fire Ban?

Total Fire Bans are declared on a day when a fire is most likely to spread rapidly (due to extreme weather) or if DFES resources are already combatting bushfires and there are not enough additional resources to fight more fires.

During a Total Fire Ban DO NOT:

- light a campfire
- burn leaves, garden waste or grass cuttings
- use a grinder, welder or undertake any other 'hot work'
- use fireworks
- operate a hot air balloon
- operate a BBQ that uses solid fuel
- use an outdoor wood fired pizza oven or stove
- use lawn mowers, chainsaws, bulldozers, excavators or bobcats
- engage in any off-road vehicular activity (cars, motorbikes, dune buggies etc.).

Emergency Preparedness Presentations



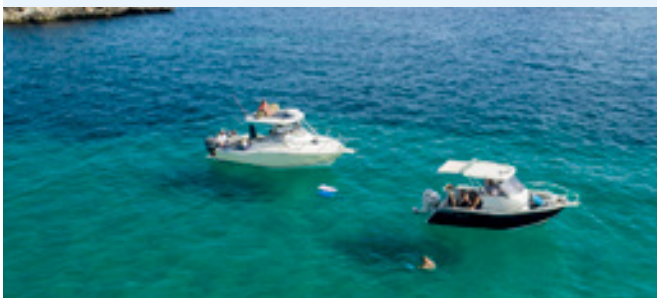
Do you belong to, or run, a community group representing at risk and/or vulnerable residents living in Baldivis, Golden Bay, Karnup or Singleton? The City is offering free local emergency preparedness presentation sessions to assist community members in preparing for emergencies. Topics will include:

- Understanding the fire danger ratings
- Bushfire warning systems
- What is a total fire ban?
- Where to get information in an emergency?
- Preparing a bushfire plan, and top tips for packing an emergency kit.

For further details please email customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au

Safety on the Water

Warm weather. Cool water. It's a match made in heaven. But it also poses risks. Before heading out, boat owners are reminded to check their safety gear, including batteries, flares, life jackets and radios. Due to boats being dormant during the winter months battery and fuel related breakdowns occur regularly, so pay particular attention to these essential items. And remember to always "LOG ON/LOG OFF" with VN6KC.



REGISTER FOR A LIFETIME



Pet Registrations

Have you renewed your pet registration? For as little as \$100 (sterilised rate) you can register your pet for its entire lifetime. For further details visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/petrego



Beach Emergency Network Signs (BEN)

Beach users are reminded to take note of their local Beach Emergency Network Sign number located at the beach access point. In the event of an emergency or a shark sighting you can call **000** quoting the number on the sign. This will enable emergency services to pinpoint your exact location as quickly as possible. For further information and locations of BEN signs visit sharksmart.com.au

Smartwatch Holiday Watch

If you are planning to get away for a break over summer, don't forget our Smartwatch service can keep an eye on your home if you are away for more than one night

Bookings can be made online at rockingham.wa.gov.au/holidaywatch or by calling **1300 657 123**.



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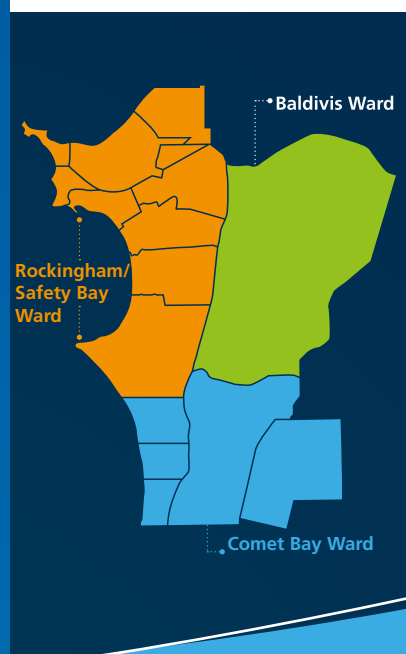
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Important Safety Contacts in an Emergency

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

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