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# A Word from the Mayor

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

Unbelievably, we are already coming up to the half way point of 2021. The shortest day is just around the corner and we'll soon be seeing a gradual but welcome return of daylight earlier in the mornings and later in the evenings.

It's been a busy time here at the City. Work is now underway on the Koorana Reserve to upgrade the playing spaces and facilities to support the growth of the major clubs which are based there. The Shoalwater Activity Node is proceeding, and a range of work related to the Baldivis District Sporting Complex is continuing.

Our new Youth Centre, located at 20 McKinnon Street, has been open for a couple of months now and is proving to be very popular with our younger people. You can read more about its range of activities and services on page 7.

We have had our third Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) endorsed by Reconciliation Australia. Growing and nurturing community connectedness is a key aspiration in the City's Strategic Community Plan, and Aboriginal heritage and inclusion is vital to achieving this goal, so I encourage you to read the RAP on our website.

We have also released our annual Sustainability Snapshot report. There's a brief story about it on page 12 but the full document is on our website. The Snapshot tracks our progress towards our sustainability goals and identifies areas for further improvement.

I'm really looking forward to the day I can report that COVID is ancient history. But as we saw through April and early May, the virus is still a very real concern for everyone, and we have to continue taking it very seriously. I'd like to thank everyone in the community for your patience and understanding, and your support, whenever we respond to the State Government's health requirements. We understand that some of the things we need to do can be inconvenient for our residents, but when we close facilities or insist on masks or limit the capacity of a venue, we do it because we need to ensure that our response is in step with the broader response being implemented across the entire state. It's only by all of us working together that we can continue to enjoy the relaxed and open lifestyle that makes us the envy of many other parts of the world which are far less fortunate.

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

City of Rockingham Mayor,  
Barry Sammels



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# Major Projects

## Mundijong Road Upgrade

Mundijong Road is a major east-west connection between the Kwinana Freeway and South Western Highway. It carries approximately 6,000 vehicles per day within the City's boundary. Due to a high number of crashes at the curve between Telephone Lane and Duckpond Road, the City will be upgrading this section of the road. Work will be carried out between June 2021 until December 2021.

The works will include constructing a median, installing a crash barrier, providing street lighting and realigning a 750 m section to remove substandard curves. Reconnecting the realigned section will require closing Mundijong Road for up to three months (starting around September). Detours will be in place via Karnup Road to the south and Thomas Road to the north. Electronic message boards will be deployed on Mundijong Road and Kwinana Freeway to advise motorists prior to the road closure.

The City has secured state blackspot funding for the project which provides two thirds of the overall project cost of \$2.9 million.

## Mersey Point Seawall Stage 2 Construction

The existing rock revetment/seawall at Mersey Point, which protects existing infrastructure and the Arcadia Drive road reserve, is in the process of being upgraded.

The City has been conducting coastal monitoring at the site for the past decade, and analysis of this extensive historical data has enabled us to plan for protection of the area in a staged approach. Following the detailed design of Stage One of the Mersey Point seawall in Shoalwater, we have undertaken the concept and detailed design for Stage Two of the project, which considers the structural upgrade of 325 m of the seawall east of Stage One.

The estimated project cost of \$1.81m will be fully funded through the federal government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure funding. The construction of the granite seawall is scheduled to commence in September 2021.







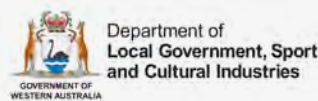
(L-R) from Hillman Hornets Cricket Club's Carl Sanders (President), Mayor Barry Sammels, Port Kennedy Soccer Club's Jon Martin (Club Secretary) and Radmila Popovic (President) at the start of work on Koorana Reserve.

## Koorana Reserve

Work is now underway to expand and enhance the playing space and clubrooms at the Koorana Reserve in Warnbro.

The project is essential to accommodate the continued increase in membership at both the Port Kennedy Soccer Club and the Hillman Cricket Club. Students at the Koorana Primary School will also benefit from access to the improved playing areas.

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.



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

The project is expected to be completed in early 2022. For more information visit Koorana Reserve Upgrade on the City's website.



## Shoalwater Activity Node

Construction is underway on the Shoalwater Reserve Activity Node on Arcadia Drive, Shoalwater. The construction involves:

- Reconstruction of the footpath south of the existing car park.
- Resurfacing of the existing car park.
- Construction of a new beach access ramp.
- Construction of a new play activity node.
- Surrounding landscape works.

The works are scheduled to continue until September 2021. During this time the car park and toilet block will not be accessible. We apologise for any inconvenience that these closures may cause.

The focus of the Shoalwater Activity Node is to enhance the foreshore experience for the local and wider community, and attract more visitors to enjoy its unique features. It is the first part of the Safety Bay Shoalwater Revitalisation Master Plan, which provides a vision for the foreshore over the next 20 - 30 years.

Find out more about this project at [rockingham.wa.gov.au/shoalwateractivitynode](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/shoalwateractivitynode)





## Around Our Community



*"Wetj - Spirit of the Emu"*  
by Theresa Walley



### Reconciliation Action Plan 2021 – 2023

The City of Rockingham's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) 2021 - 2023 was adopted by Council in March this year and has recently been endorsed by Reconciliation Australia.

The RAP is a formal document that encourages the City to look at the changes it can make across the organisation to positively impact the way it works with the local Aboriginal community. Growing and nurturing community connectedness is a key aspiration in the City's Strategic Community Plan.

The RAP's key focus is to foster strong relationships, respect for culture and the development of opportunities that can create meaningful change with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Actions outlined in the RAP include building relationships and respect through celebrating National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week, increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander recruitment, and exploring opportunities to support and develop Aboriginal tourism operators in Rockingham.

You can read the RAP on our website at [rockingham.wa.gov.au/community/aboriginal-community](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/community/aboriginal-community).



### Rockingham Jobs Fair

The City will host a Jobs Fair at the Gary Holland Community Centre on 23 June from 9am - 3pm. This free event is designed to showcase local job opportunities across all sectors for all ages and skill sets. It will feature workshops and live demonstrations as well as a jobs board and representation from training organisations and employers looking to recruit new employees and apprentices.

This latest initiative from the City's Economic Development Strategy 2020 - 2025 will give Rockingham residents of all ages and stages an opportunity to engage with businesses and training organisations active in the local area, and scope out a path towards their next career challenge.

Find out more at [rockingham.wa.gov.au/jobsfair](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/jobsfair)





# Verge Treatments Maintenance Obligations

The City receives many complaints regarding unsafe or unkempt residential verges. All complaints are followed up by an inspection to ensure public safety. Infringements can be issued for non-compliant verges.

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## Owner/Occupier obligations:

1. maintain the verge in a safe and tidy condition
2. keep pedestrian access zones clear of any obstructions, plants or loose materials
3. maintain the height of shrubs and bushes to ensure sight lines are not obstructed for pedestrians and vehicles. The height restrictions depend on how close the verge is to particular layouts:
  - within 2 m of the kerb or road shoulder and vehicle crossings - maximum of 500 mm
  - within 10 m of any road intersection - maximum of 500 mm
  - all other areas - maximum of 750 mm.

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## The City's obligations are to:

1. plant and maintain street trees in a safe condition
2. maintain medians and verges adjacent to public open space.

## Rockingham City Centre

### Review of Planning Framework

In the coming months a review of the planning framework which guides the growth of the Rockingham City Centre will begin and input from the community will be invited.

The City Centre includes the area generally from the Rockingham Station to the Rockingham Beach Foreshore. Adopted plans for this area provide an overarching vision, and identify the elements that will shape the City Centre, such as transport networks, public spaces and the height, scale and use of buildings.

Existing plans are now more than 10 years old, so to ensure that the City Centre reaches its potential and applies contemporary development standards, it's time to review the current planning framework.

Please keep an eye out on the City's website and social media for details about how you can contribute to this important project. To be kept informed, sign up for Rock Port at [cityrockport.com.au](http://cityrockport.com.au) and select Strategic Planning.







## Rockingham Youth Centre

The Rockingham Youth Centre, located at 20 McKinnon Street, held a very successful School Holiday Program throughout April with a range of activities and workshops for young people aged 12 - 24. The Centre facilitated a number of recreational and educational sessions including a two day Mental Health First Aid course, a cake decorating session, dried flower arranging workshop, and a life skills retreat.

The Centre is now delivering a series of structured and drop-in style activities throughout term two. On Mondays, Young Entrepreneurs are welcomed to the Centre to meet like-minded people and discuss ideas for their new start-ups. On Tuesday afternoons the Centre is running Moordibirdup Djoowak, a 10 week program that has been specifically designed for local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people. On Wednesdays, young people aged 15 - 24 are welcome to drop-in and participate in a workshop that can assist with landing their dream job through the Level Up Career Prep program.

For those who enjoy less structured activities, the Centre is also open for Hangout sessions on Thursdays and Fridays from 2.30pm - 5.30pm (during school term). If you're looking for somewhere safe to hang out you can drop-in and enjoy the chill out zone, comfy couches and beanbags, Playstation, Xbox, table tennis, board games and more.

If you know a young person who is looking for somewhere quiet to study, needs support, information, referral to a service or access to a PC or WiFi, Rockingham Youth Centre is open Monday - Friday, 10am - 5.30pm. Young people aged 12 - 24 are encouraged to drop in and chat to one of our team.

Whether it's learning a new skill or just meeting new people, we have something for everyone. Check out the full program at [rockingham.wa.gov.au/youth](http://rockingham.wa.gov.au/youth)

## What's your happy place?

"Playing with my friends at the Baldivis Enclosed Dog Park."



Local governments have an important role in helping create and support the quality of life their residents enjoy. There's a lot more to it than just roads, rates and rubbish - there are many, many services and facilities which provide a wide range of lifestyle benefits to the community.

The City of Rockingham is participating in the Western Australian Local Government Association's My Happy Place campaign featuring images of popular places in communities throughout the state.

We will be sharing our own happy places on Facebook and Instagram accounts with the hashtags **#myhappyplacewa** and **#myrockingham**. We'd love to see your happy places too. Share a photo of your favourite spot or activity in the City of Rockingham online using **#myhappyplacewa**.





# City of Rockingham 2021 Art Awards

The City's annual Art Awards returned in 2021, exploring the theme Connection. The Art Awards exhibition was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19, so successful entries were exhibited this year.

The City would like to express its sincere appreciation to Jude van der Merwe who curated the exhibition, Andy Quilty, who was an independent panellist, and our two judges Susanna Castleden, Lecturer Printmaking Curtin University, and Professor Ted Snell, AM CitWA Senior Research Fellow. The judges had an extremely hard time selecting the winners.

Artworks by 79 local and Western Australian artists were exhibited at the Rockingham Arts Centre and Gary Holland Community Centre. Awards were presented over seven different award categories: Open, Heritage, Aboriginal, Emerging, Local Resident, Youth and 3D. Congratulations to the winners, those who received honourable mentions and all artists involved.

## 3D Award Winner

Hanae Meyer, *Esther (and I)*

## Youth Award Winner

Jacinta Posik, *A Father's Presence*

## Local Resident Award Winner

Nicole Steenhof, *Indelible Mark*

## Emerging Award Winner

Lorraine Defleur, *The Kiss in Turmoil*

## Aboriginal Award Winner

Maitland Hill, *Booladarlung, Trust, Respect, Sharing*

## Heritage Award Winner

Anita Phillips, *These Things, I did not Know...*

## Open Award Winner

Michael Doherty, *Night View - Safety Bay Road*

## Honourable Mentions

Local Resident Award - Ann Hart, *Cultural Fringes*

Emerging Award - Justin Swed, *Venn Diagram Tea and Testament - Figure 3*

Open Award - Ross Potter, *Splitting Rocks (Pilbara WA)*

# Act Belong Commit PhotoVoice Competition

Entries for the Act Belong Commit PhotoVoice Competition can be submitted from Sunday 1 August until Tuesday 31 August 2021. Show us how you 'Act Belong Commit' to being mentally healthy in Rockingham. PhotoVoice participants take a photo based on the Act Belong Commit theme and provide a short description explaining the photo to give it a 'voice'. There are great prizes on offer and you may see your photo on display at the Gary Holland Community Centre. The 2021 competition also has a new category for local community groups and clubs with a first prize of \$500. Read more about the competition at [rockingham.wa.gov.au/photovoice](http://rockingham.wa.gov.au/photovoice)

**Photo credit:** Victoria Caltsounis, *Having fun with friends is the reason I wake up in the mornings*, 2019







Mayor Sammels with winners from 2020 Community Citizen of the Year Awards.



Australia Day  
Council of  
Western Australia

## Community Citizen of the Year Awards: Nominate Now

City of Rockingham residents are encouraged to nominate a group or individual who has made our community a better place, as part of the Australia Day Council WA Community Citizen of the Year Awards 2022.

The Awards recognise organisations and people who have made a notable contribution during the current year and/or those who have given outstanding service over a number of years. They will be presented on 26 January 2022 at the City's Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony.

### There are four Award categories:

- Community Citizen of the Year
- Young Community Citizen of the Year (under 25)
- Senior Community Citizen of the Year (over 65)
- Active Citizenship - Group or Event.

Nominations close on 31 October 2021.

Visit [citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate](https://citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate)

## Community Grants Program Round 2, 2021/2022

The City's Community Grants program provides funds to incorporated not-for-profit organisations and associations, or those limited by guarantee, towards programs, projects, initiatives and events that benefit the Rockingham community.

For grant application forms, round closure dates, eligibility criteria and guidelines, please visit [rockingham.wa.gov.au/grants](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/grants) or contact the City on **9528 0333**.

Round 2 closes 4.30pm Friday 23 July 2021.

### 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 or \$20,000 assessed within three grant rounds per year.
- City Infrastructure Grants: up to either \$20,000 for infrastructure planning initiatives or up to \$50,000 towards capital projects, assessed within three grant rounds per year.

## Tertiary Scholarship Scheme

The City invites applications from Rockingham residents aged 17 - 40 who are experiencing financial hardship for Round 2, 2021 of the Tertiary Scholarship Scheme (TSS).

If you are currently enrolled, or have received an offer to study in semester two, 2021 and meet the eligibility criteria as listed on the City's website, you are encouraged to apply.

Applications are open from Friday 18 June, closing Friday 9 July 2021.

For more information on eligibility and assessment criteria, scholarship categories and to download the application package visit [rockingham.wa.gov.au/tss](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au/tss) or contact the City on **9528 0333**.



# 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 10am - 11.30am</b> <b>Wednesdays 9am - 10.30am</b>	<b>Seniors Social and Wellbeing Program</b>	Baldivis Recreation Centre, Fifty Road, Baldivis
<b>Mondays and Fridays</b> <b>9am - 10.30am</b>	<b>Seniors Social and Wellbeing Program</b>	Golden Bay Coastal Community Centre, Tangadee Road, Golden Bay
<b>Tuesdays</b> <b>9.30am - 11am</b>	<b>Seniors Social and Wellbeing Program</b>	Secret Harbour Community Centre, Oasis Drive, Secret Harbour
<b>Monday 14 June,</b> <b>5pm - 7pm</b>	<b>Brush Lettering - Calligraphy workshop</b>	Warnbro Community Library
<b>Mondays 14 June - 28 June</b> <b>3.30pm - 5.30pm</b>	<b>Young Entrepreneurs League</b>	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon St Rockingham
<b>Wednesdays</b> <b>16 June - 30 June</b> <b>3.30pm - 5.30pm</b>	<b>Level Up Career Prep</b>	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon St Rockingham
<b>Thursday 17 June</b> <b>2pm - 3.30pm</b>	<b>Makers and Creators: Minimalist Embroidery Canvas Art</b>	Golden Bay Pop Up Library
<b>Thursday 17 June</b> <b>5pm - 6.30pm</b>	<b>Rediscovering the Ancient Art of Thrift</b>	Rockingham Central Library
<b>Thursdays and Fridays</b> <b>17 June - 2 July</b> <b>2.30pm - 5.30pm</b>	<b>Hangout</b>	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon St Rockingham
<b>Wednesdays</b> <b>21 July - 8 September</b> <b>3.30pm - 5.30pm</b>	<b>Level Up Career Prep</b>	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon St Rockingham
<b>Tuesday 22 June</b> <b>10am - 11am</b>	<b>English Conversation Group</b>	Mary Davies Library and Community Centre
<b>Wednesday 23 June</b> <b>9am - 3pm</b>	<b>Jobs Fair</b>	Gary Holland Community Centre, 19 Kent Street, Rockingham
<b>Wednesday 23 June</b> <b>4pm - 5.30pm</b>	<b>pridespace</b>	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon St Rockingham
<b>Thursday 24 June</b> <b>5.30pm - 7.30pm</b>	<b>Managing Stress and Self-care</b>	Rockingham Central Library
<b>Friday 25 June</b> <b>2pm - 4pm</b>	<b>Matinee Movie Series</b>	Mary Davies Library and Community Centre
<b>Saturday 26 June</b> <b>10am - 11.30am</b>	<b>The Art of Positive Thinking</b>	Rockingham Central Library



Date	Event	Location
<b>Monday - Friday 5 July - 16 July</b> <i>Various times</i>	<b>July School Holiday Program</b>	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon St Rockingham
<b>Wednesday 8 July</b> <i>2pm - 4pm</i>	<b>Movie screening: The Tracker</b>	the studio, Rockingham Central Library
<b>Friday 9, 16, 23 July</b> <i>9.30am - 12.30pm</i>	<b>Community Arts Program: Study of birds with Vanessa Leibenberg</b>	Mary Davies Library and Community Centre
<b>Thursday 22 July</b> <i>5.30pm - 6.30pm</i>	<b>Writers in Residence: Don Gordon</b>	Rockingham Central Library
<b>Thursdays and Fridays 22 July – 10 September</b> <i>2.30pm - 5.30pm</i>	<b>Hangout</b>	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon St Rockingham
<b>Wednesday 28 July</b> <i>4pm - 5.30pm</i>	<b>pridespace</b>	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon St Rockingham
<b>Friday 30 July</b>	<b>2021 Sports Star Awards - Nominations Close</b>	<a href="http://rockingham.wa.gov.au/sportsstar">rockingham.wa.gov.au/sportsstar</a>
<b>Friday 30 July 2021</b> <i>9.30am - 2.30pm</i>	<b>Community Arts Program: Macrame wall hanging with wooden shelf</b>	Mary Davies Library and Community Centre
<b>Sunday 1 August</b>	<b>Act Belong Commit PhotoVoice entries open</b>	<a href="http://rockingham.wa.gov.au/photovoice">rockingham.wa.gov.au/ photovoice</a>
<b>Friday 6, 13, 20 August</b> <i>9.30am - 12.30pm</i>	<b>Community Arts Program: Abstract needlework on ink painted linen with Vanessa Leibenberg</b>	Mary Davies Library and Community Centre
<b>Thursday 19 August</b> <i>5pm - 6.30pm</i>	<b>Exploring the Bibbulmun Track</b>	Rockingham Central Library
<b>Wednesday 25 August</b> <i>4pm - 5.30pm</i>	<b>pridespace</b>	Rockingham Youth Centre, 20 Mackinnon St Rockingham
<b>Thursday 26 August</b> <i>5.30pm - 6.30pm</i>	<b>Glorious Gluten Free Baking</b>	Rockingham Central Library
<b>Saturday 28 August</b> <i>9.30am - 11.30am</i>	<b>Fabric Feather Wall Art workshop</b>	Safety Bay Library
<b>Tuesday 31 August 2021</b>	<b>Act Belong Commit PhotoVoice entries close</b>	<a href="http://rockingham.wa.gov.au/photovoice">rockingham.wa.gov.au/ photovoice</a>
<b>Friday 3, 10, 17 September</b> <i>9.30am - 12.30pm</i>	<b>Community Arts Program: Pressed flowers in a mixed media workshop</b>	Mary Davies Library and Community Centre

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](http://rockingham.wa.gov.au)

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# Environment

## Sustainability Snapshot Report 2020

The annual Sustainability Snapshot Report for 2020 has now been completed by the City. The report highlights the progress made across a number of areas as the City works towards a sustainable future.

**Highlights include:**

- A continued reduction in community water use
- The City being endorsed as a Gold Waterwise Council by the Water Corporation for the second year running
- The launch of the Compost at Home waste trial initiative
- The planting of 27,000 seedlings across reserves and parks as part of the City's Greening Plan and Sustainability Strategy
- Diverting 2756 tonnes of construction waste away from landfill by selling it to contractors for use in other civil projects
- The production of over 1 million kwh of energy by solar panels across City facilities
- Becoming a partner in the Grow it Local program which encourages residents to harvest and share food grown in their gardens.

The report is available online at the City website, with hard copies at all major City facilities.

The Sustainability Snapshot provides updates for all six of the key focus areas adopted by the City.



The launch of Compost at Home.



## Plastic Free July

Every year, Australians use about 3.5 million tonnes of plastic. Of that, only about 10% is recycled in Australia. Since China stopped accepting Australia's recyclable waste, the remaining 90% is now either burned or buried. That's about the same weight as 22,000 blue whales worth of plastic that isn't captured in our recycling system every year.

With 37 kilometres of spectacular, but vulnerable, coastline supporting a diverse range of plant and animal life, managing plastic pollution in the City of Rockingham is vitally important for the ongoing health of our marine environment. The photo above of a sea lion snared in plastic was photographed at Seal Island in Shoalwater Islands Marine Park.

Clearly, inappropriately discarded plastic products are a major, immediate, and local problem. Fortunately we can all help with the solution, and the perfect time to start is Plastic Free July.

- Avoid products in plastic packaging by making your own snacks and cakes.
- Reduce plastic use by carrying reusable alternatives for items such as shopping bags, drink bottles, coffee cups and eating utensils.
- Refuse any plastics that have the potential to escape as litter.
- Recycle what cannot be avoided.

Join the Plastic Free July challenge a [plasticfreejuly.org](https://plasticfreejuly.org)



## Hydrographic Coastal Survey

In April and May 2021, the City commissioned the Department of Transport (DoT) to undertake a full coverage hydrographic and beach survey along the coastline between Cape Peron and Singleton.

The survey vessel, shown here near the Bent Street navigation channel, used a laser scanner for the land and a multibeam sonar system for the seabed to provide three dimensional imagery and mapping of our nearshore coastal environment.

Data for the remaining stretch of the City's coastline, within Cockburn Sound, will be collected by a separate survey, to be commissioned by the Cockburn Sound Coastal Alliance.

The two combined surveys, partly funded by DoT's Coastal Adaptation and Protection grants, will ensure that the entire coastline from Fremantle to Singleton has been surveyed using the same method. This approach ensures a consistent dataset which significantly improves the accuracy of coastal hazard investigations, and will also provide a baseline dataset for future coastal management decisions.





## Community Safety



### Reporting Graffiti

The WA Police graffiti reporting hotline which has been in place for some time will no longer be used because there has been a significant and sustained reduction in calls.

To report graffiti on City-owned assets and facilities, contact the City's LitterBusters team on **1800 4 LITTER (1800 454 883)** or use the Litterbusters App which you can download for free from Google Play and the App Store.

To report graffiti on all other assets and private property, go to **[goodbye graffiti.wa.gov.au/Report-Graffiti](https://goodbye graffiti.wa.gov.au/Report-Graffiti)**.

Prompt removal of graffiti is one of the best ways to prevent it from spreading and spoiling the amenity of our beautiful city.

### The Purple Road to Elder Abuse Awareness

The Purple Road Project encourages individuals and community groups to knit, crochet, grow, or wear purple flowers to acknowledge World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on 15 June each year. The flowers symbolise inclusiveness, and the colour purple has long been associated with age and wisdom.

The project is a collaborative artwork where thousands of hand-made flowers contributed by community arts, crafts, and social groups are joined together. Every flower touching another on the Purple Road represents a conversation or story of the journey that many seniors may take.

Crafty residents from the City of Rockingham have been working hard in collaboration with Rockingham and Safety Bay libraries to knit or crochet purple flowers to attach to the Purple Road, which will be on display at Rockingham Library until Friday 18 June 2021, along with information about elder abuse and support details.

If you or someone you know needs help, please contact Advocare on **1800 655 566**, **[advocare.org.au](https://advocare.org.au)** or the WA Elder Abuse Helpline on **1300 724 679**. The City thanks Sami Ayre of Cloud Nine Yarns for her support in workshops to produce the purple flowers.





# Emergency Relief and Recovery Resources

If you find yourself struggling, there are many local not-for-profit providers that can assist. To find out more about the types of emergency relief, resources, funding and other opportunities available to City of Rockingham residents as part of the State Government's WA Recovery plan following the impacts of coronavirus, search for 'recovery' on our website.



## A Connected Community is a Safer Community

Residents who know their neighbours and feel connected to their street feel safer in their neighbourhoods. Host a Neighbours Unite activity to get to know your neighbours and you could be eligible for a \$150 rebate for event-related costs.

### It only takes three simple steps:

1. Register your activity through the City's website
2. Host your activity and get to know your neighbours
3. Apply for a \$150 reimbursement following your activity.

Terms and conditions apply. For more information contact the Neighbours Unite team on **9528 0333**.



## Storm Safety

The State Emergency Service's tips for storm season:

- Trim overhanging branches to prevent them falling on your car or home
- Check your roof and gutters for damage or loose material, and replace damaged or loose tiles
- Clear your gutters and downpipes to prevent them overflowing
- Store or tie down any loose items such as trampolines, outdoor furniture and sheds
- Have an emergency kit ready (torch, spare batteries and first aid kit)
- Consider a plan for pets or other animals
- Know how to turn off your gas, electricity and water supplies
- Keep up to date via **bom.gov.au** and **emergency.wa.gov.au**

For emergency assistance call **132 500** (for things like serious damage to your home, if your property is at risk of flooding, or a tree has fallen on your house or car).



## Subsidy Scheme

The City's Subsidy Scheme aims to help adults and seniors on a low income stay safe and connected at home by providing reimbursement 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](https://rockingham.wa.gov.au) or contact the City on **9528 0333**.



# Your Councillors

## Rockingham/Safety Bay Ward



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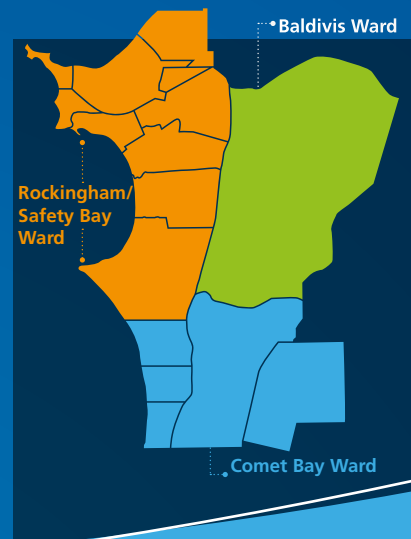
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