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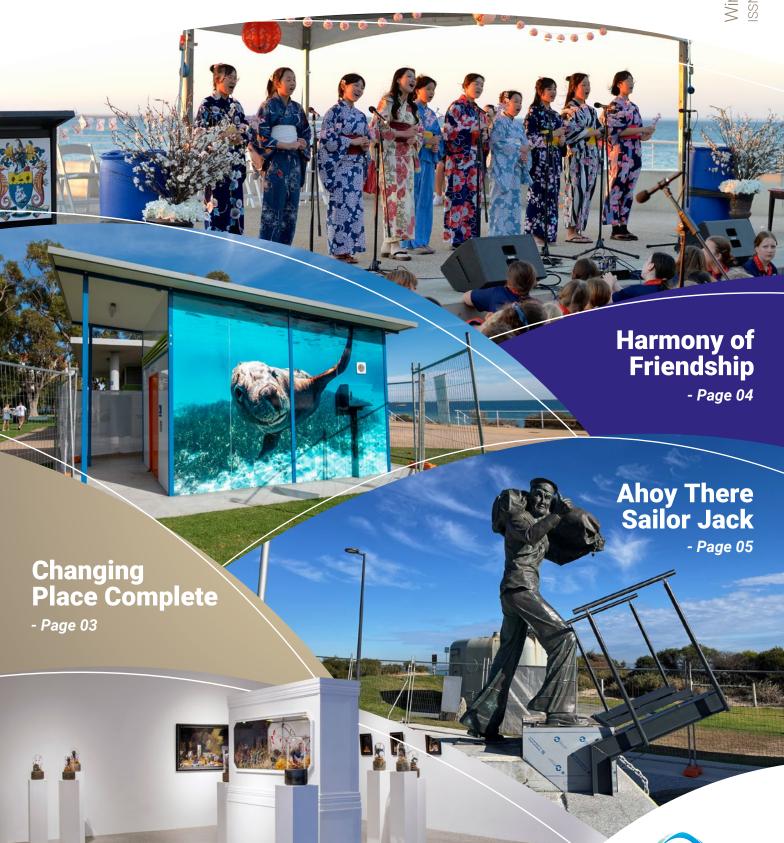
**Art Prize** 

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Rockingham

where the coast comes to life



## A Word from the Mayor

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

One of the highlights of the end of our long, long summer was a visit from the Ako Children's Choir, culminating in a delightful performance at the foreshore. It's always a pleasure to welcome our friends from our sister city in Japan to our own beautiful City and to see the interaction with our local schools.

Now that the weather is changing we are getting into storm season, and the potential for damaging winds and rain. If you haven't already prepared, there are some tips on preparing a storm plan on page 14.

The City's first Changing Place has been finished, the neighbourhood-level pump-and-jump track at June Road reserve is expected to be completed soon, and work is underway on upgrading the Mike Barnett Sports Complex.

If you appreciate art, you must come along to the City of Rockingham Art Prize exhibition at the Rockingham Arts Centre from 15 June to 30 June. It will feature work from Western Australian artists in a variety of mediums, including 2D, sculpture and photography. If you are a community group in need of some helping hands, the City runs a Corporate Volunteer Program in which City staff volunteer to roll up their sleeves and help out on eligible projects. Find out more on page 7.

And finally, a reminder that the City's free LitterBusters app is available in the App Store and Play Store, so if you haven't got it on your phone yet, grab it and start reporting any litter or graffiti that you see around our community.

Please enjoy this edition of the Chronicle.

City of Rockingham Mayor, Deb Hamblin



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## **Major Projects**

## **Changing Place Complete**

The City's first Changing Place facility has been completed. Located in Churchill Park at the Rockingham Beach Foreshore, this much-needed facility meets the needs of people who require a bathroom with additional accessibility features. It includes a height-adjustable adult-sized change table, a ceiling track hoist system, shower, toilet and additional circulation space for people with complex disability. A Master Locksmiths Access Key (MLAK) is required to enter the facility. Most people who need to use a Changing Place will have their own MLAK key but if you need to loan one, please contact the City.

The Changing Place is a key element of the access and inclusion upgrades at the foreshore designed to help more people enjoy this beautiful part of our City.



## Safety Bay Pump and Jump Track

Design of the Safety Bay Pump and Jump Track has now been finalised. Works started on the neighbourhood level track at June Road Reserve in Safety Bay in mid-May, and are expected to be complete by early July.

There are two riding lines on the track: a lower line that works as a pump track, and the jumps line that includes four jumps, up to 1.6 m high.

This final design has incorporated the feedback from local youth, gained through various engagement opportunities, including in-person workshops with the design and construction contractor.

Keep up to date on this project by visiting **rockingham.wa.gov.au/pumpandjumptrack** 



# Mike Barnett Sports Complex Upgrade

As anyone north of 40 knows, there's nothing like a bit of TLC to make you feel good about yourself. After turning the big Four-Oh last year, the Mike Barnett Sports Complex in Rockingham is now getting some much-needed attention, particularly on the original part the building.

The exterior is being repainted entirely, internal wall panelling has been added to courts 4 – 7, some really big fans have been installed on the ceilings and walls, and modifications are being made to the roof to allow better airflow, reducing the overall temperature inside the building. A range of other minor refurbishments will also be undertaken.

The Complex is one of the City's leading leisure facilities and is used by thousands of people, as well as a variety of user groups every year.





## **Around Our Community**

## Harmony of Friendship

This year, the City of Rockingham was delighted to celebrate 27 years of friendship with our sister city, Ako, in Japan, marked by a visit from the Ako Children's Choir. The highlight of their trip was a "Harmony of Friendship" performance at Rockingham Beach Foreshore where they were joined by over 100 local school students to perform a combination of Australian and Japanese songs in front of family, friends and the local community. It was a great event and a wonderful demonstration of the cultural and social benefits of our sister city relationship with Ako.



## Ahoy There Sailor Jack

Rockingham Naval Memorial Park has a new resident, with thanks to the Australian Sailor Pty Ltd.

Sailor Jack, a 3.6 metre-high bronze statue by award-winning artists Charles Smith and Joan Walsh-Smith, pays homage to all Australian sailors. Jack is being installed in his new foreshore location and is expected to be complete by early July. Come on down and say ahoy!





# East Rockingham Pioneer Cemetery

Following recent changes endorsed by Council, burials and the interment of ashes at the East Rockingham Pioneer Cemetery are now only allowed for people with a valid Grant of Right of Burial. The Grant applies to only those named on the Grant and does not extend to relatives. If you think you might be affected by these changes or would like further information, visit **rockingham.wa.gov.au/cemetery** 

# Stallholder Applications Open

The annual Seniors and Carers Expo is returning

## **Update**

The Seniors and Carers Expo has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. To find out more, visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/seniorexpo

chance to get involved. Stallholder and/or sponsorship applications are now open, and close on Friday 28 June.



## 2024 Art Prize – Exhibition Open

The City of Rockingham Art Prize returns from **Saturday 15 June to Sunday 30 June**. The free exhibition showcases works of talented emerging and professional Western Australian artists in a variety of mediums, including 2D, sculpture and photography, and has a \$20,000 cash prize pool across six award categories.

The 2024 Art Prize features 82 artworks selected from 421 total entries. Of the finalists, 24 are Rockingham residents vying for the Local Resident Award.

See the exhibition at the Rockingham Arts Centre, open from Wednesday – Sunday, 10am to 4pm.

When visiting, be sure to cast your vote for the **People's Choice Award**. Eligible voters will enter the draw for a chance to win the **\$200 Voter's Prize**.

An **Artists' Floor Talk** will also be held on Saturday 29 June at 2pm, with talks from the Art Prize Curator Sandra Murray, judges, and a selection of artists. The event is free, but registration is encouraged.

Christopher Hummel, NSW TrainLink V-set Intercity Train, 2024, acrylic on canvas, 61 x 91 cm. Image credit: DADAA



For more information, visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/artprize



# **Coming Up at the Rockingham Arts Centre**

There's lots on offer at the Rockingham Arts Centre (RAC) this winter.

The exhibition program continues, showcasing works by Western Australian artists and local community groups, including:

- Dirty Laundry by Deborah Worthy-Collins and Leuca Jane Ziemons, 24 July to 11 August
- Leeuwin Current by Warrick Palmateer, 14 August to 8 September.

Don't miss the professional development program supporting artists to learn practical skills and information on a range of topics, including artist insurance and artwork pricing.

The RAC also hosts workshops for people of all abilities and experience across various styles and mediums, including linocut printing, illustration, oil painting, watercolours, textiles and more.

For more information, visit

rockingham.wa.gov.au/rockinghamartscentre

## Children's Book Week 2024

Reading is X Magic

#ReadingIsMagic

Each year since 1945 the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) has brought children and books together across Australia through CBCA Book Week.

During this time schools and public libraries spend one glorious week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators. This year's theme is "Reading is Magic".

Our libraries are getting involved with something happening every day from Saturday 17 August to Friday 23 August. Check the What's On Calendar on page 8 for key details, and visit **rockinghamlibraries.com.au** for more information about each day's activity.



## Corporate Volunteer Program

Does your community group need help to get some work done?

The City of Rockingham's Corporate Volunteer Program will support a team of up to 24 City staff members (or two teams of 12) to assist local community groups, sporting clubs or not-for-profit organisations in delivering their services to the community.

To discuss this opportunity further, please contact the City on **9528 0333** or **customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au** 



### **What's On Calendar**



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

#### **Seniors Safety Morning Tea**



Thursday 13 June 2024 10am - 12pm



Gary Holland Community Centre

#### **City of Rockingham Art Prize** 2024 Exhibition



Saturday 15 June to Sunday 30 June 10am – 4pm, Wednesday to Sunday



Rockingham Arts Centre

#### Glow - Enchanted Forest Pride Event for ages 14 - 24



Friday 28 June 2024 5pm - 8pm



Rockingham Youth Centre

#### City of Rockingham Art Prize 2024 Artists' Floor Talk



Saturday 29 June 2pm – 3pm



Rockingham Arts Centre

#### Dirty Laundry Exhibition by Deborah **Worthy-Collins and Leuca Jane Ziemons**



Wednesday 24 July to Sunday 11 August 10am – 4pm, Wednesday to Sunday



Rockingham Arts Centre

#### Leeuwin Current Exhibition by Warrick Palmateer



Wednesday 14 August to Sunday 8 September 10am – 4pm



Rockingham Arts Centre

### **Book Week Events**

#### **Book Week: Creative Writing Workshop** with AJ Betts



Friday 16 August 3.30pm – 4.30pm



Rockingham Youth Centre

#### Book Week Bonanza: Reading is Magic!



Saturday 17 August 10am - 12pm



Rockingham Library



#### Book Week Dress-up: Story Time Special Ages 2 – 5

Tuesday 20 August 10am - 10.45am

Warnbro Community Library

Tuesday 20 August 10.30am - 11.15am

Safety Bay Library

Wednesday 21 August 11am - 11.45am

Rockingham Library

Friday 23 August 10am - 10.45am

Mary Davies Library and Community Centre

#### **Disclaimer:**

Information is accurate at time of printing but details may be subject to change. Please check the City's website or Facebook page prior to attending any event.

### **Environment**



#### **Green Award - Nominate Now**

Are you a local community group, business, school or individual who has been involved in an innovative waste reduction project? We are looking to recognise local action with our first-ever Green Award. If you've completed a project in the 2023/2024 financial year focused on eliminating waste and improving sustainable practices, we want to hear all about it. Search 'Green Award' on the City's website for all the details.

Submissions close **5pm Monday 12 August 2024**.

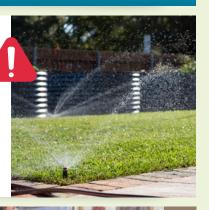


#### **Turn the Tide on Plastics**

We have plenty on in July to get you started on your sustainable living journey. Focusing on waste reduction activities, come along to one of our library workshops on making beeswax wraps, seed bombs, hear tips on living plastic free and much more. Find out more by searching 'Turn the Tide on Plastic' on our website.

## **Winter Sprinkler Switch-off**

Reminder – the Winter Sprinkler Switch-off is from 1 June to 31 August for all residents in Perth, Peel and parts of the South-West and Great Southern. Your irrigation (both scheme and bore water) can take a break while your garden captures the winter rain.



# Re-usable Nappies Workshops

Babies are messy, and they get a free pass on that (because they are just so cute). But your recyclables shouldn't be. If they are contaminated with dirty items they can't be recycled and all those potentially re-usable materials are wasted forever.

Single-use nappies are one of the main contaminants in yellow-lidded recycle bins. They can't be recycled, and they pose a health risk to people working in the recycling facility.

Re-usable nappies are much better for our environment, so the City of Rockingham is offering four re-usable nappies workshops for our residents in June and July 2024. Be part of positive change. Come to a workshop and take home a fantastic re-usable nappy starter pack. Find out more on the What's On Calendar on the City's website.

| Re-usable Na                    | ppies Workshops                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mary Davies                     | Tuesday 25 June                 |
| Library                         | 10am – 11am                     |
| Rockingham                      | Tuesday 2 July                  |
| Library                         | 10am – 11am                     |
| Warnbro<br>Community<br>Library | Wednesday 3 July<br>10am – 11am |
| Safety Bay                      | Saturday 20 July                |
| Library                         | 10am – 11am                     |

#### E-waste to Landfill Ban in WA

An e-waste ban to landfill for businesses will commence in Western Australia from 1 July 2024. E-waste is one of the fastest growing waste streams in WA, so this is an opportunity to ensure e-waste is recycled and doesn't end up in landfill.

By increasing the circular economy in WA, we can reduce the health and environmental risks posed by hazardous materials in e-waste when they aren't disposed of properly, and also recover materials that are often high in value.

#### Banned items will include:

- batteries, including lead acid batteries
- TVs, computers, laptops, IT accessories
- mobile phones, pagers
- · light globes

- large household appliances, large battery-powered toys and exercise equipment
- fridges, freezers, air conditioners
- professional medical devices



Visit **rockingham.wa.gov.au/hazardouswaste** for more information on e-waste disposal in the City of Rockingham or find your nearest drop-off point at **recycleright.wa.gov.au/find-my-nearest** 



Be a **GREAT** sort and become waste sorted!

Join the growing number of Western Australians making landfill the last resort by correctly sorting waste at home or at school.

- G Gift to charity, swap or sell
- R Recycle
- Earth-Cycle food scraps and garden waste into compost
- A Avoid excess processing
- T Take special waste to drop-off points

To find your nearest drop-off point, visit recycleright.wa.gov.au/find-my-nearest

To learn more about waste education opportunities the City offers to residents and schools, visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/wasteeducation

# **Caring for Our Little Penguins**

The little penguins are a unique feature of Rockingham's coastline. With the population on Penguin Island being affected by the impacts of climate change, there are things we can all do to help.



#### Respect their breeding season.

Please note that the island is closed during the winter to protect the penguins from human disturbance during their breeding season.



#### Don't speed.

Maintain responsible boat speed – the speed limit in the Restricted Zone is 8 knots.



#### Say no to overfishing.

Overfishing can pose a threat to the penguin population, so please be aware of fishing restrictions in marine park zones.



#### **LitterBusters**

If you've spotted some litter or graffiti on City-owned land or facilities, contact our LitterBusters team to sweep in and clean it up.

Use the LitterBusters app (available on the App Store and Play Store) or call **1800 4 LITTER** (1800 454 883) to make your report. The team is out and about every day helping to keep our City clean.







Connect. Anywhere. Anytime.

## Have you noticed a tree on City land that needs pruning? Do you need to find out your rates balance?

The City's online self-service portal, Rock Port, has a range of functions and features to make reporting issues or finding out information a breeze.

Explore the range of services and register for your free account today by visiting **cityrockport.com.au** 

### 1000 Hearts Project

We need your help to change the world, one heart at a time this World Suicide Prevention Day. Join us and be part of the 1000 Hearts kindness project.

Each year the City works in collaboration with the Peel, Rockingham and Kwinana Suicide Prevention Collaborative to highlight World Suicide Prevention Day and the support available in the community for individuals and families.

This year the Collaborative will mark the event with a community forum on Saturday 7 September at Gary Holland Community Centre to provide the opportunity to connect, hear about services available and chat about prevention in our community.

Care packs, including messages of hope and handmade felt hearts, will be distributed as part of the event. If your group would like the opportunity to create hearts and notes for these packs in the lead up to the event, we would love to hear from you.

Register your organisation for a 1000 Hearts kit via customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au



If you or anyone you know needs help, there is always someone to listen.

- Lifeline 13 11 14
- Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467. suicidecallbackservice.org.au

## **Free Mental Health Training**

Mark your calendar so you don't miss out on these free training opportunities:

#### **Calm Care Community Workshop**



📥 Friday 21 June 8.30am - 12.30pm



Mary Davies Library and Community Centre, Carnaby Room 1

The Calm Care suicide safety and awareness workshop teaches you to be suicide aware and recognise when someone may be thinking about ending their life.

This course will help you recognise the warning signs that are often missed or overlooked, how to approach them, make a connection and know what to say. Above all, it will equip you to confidently raise your hand when someone is signalling they are in crisis.

#### Older Persons Mental Health First Aid



Tuesday 25 June and Wednesday 26 June 9am – 4.30pm both days



Gary Holland Community Centre,
Multipurpose Room

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is in June, so this evidence-based two-day workshop is very timely. You'll learn the skills to help in a mental health crisis until treatment is received or the crisis is resolved with a specific focus on the experience of older people.

Register for these workshops via customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au or find further details at rockingham.wa.gov.au/whatson

## **Homelessness Week Community Event**

The City is continuing to partner with local organisations through the Mandurah, Kwinana and Rockingham Homelessness Improvement Team to deliver our annual Homelessness Week Event.



Come along to enjoy some free lunch and refreshments while chatting with local services about where you can find help.

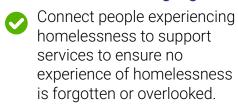


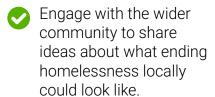
Tuesday 6 August 9am - 1pm



Rockingham Salvation Army, cnr of Willmott Drive and Read Street

#### The event aims to bring together local services and the community to:









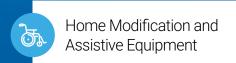
Find out full details by visiting the What's On calendar at rockingham.wa.gov.au/whatson You can also visit **rockingham.wa.gov.au/lookingforhelp** for support services and emergency relief providers.

## Subsidy Scheme - Up to \$150 Available

Did you know that eligible Rockingham residents can claim reimbursements for purchases to help them stay safe, and connected, in their own home?

There are three Subsidy Scheme categories available to support residents making specific improvements. Up to \$150 is available from each category, every financial year.







## **Emergency Preparedness**

## **Are You Storm Ready?**

Prepare your storm plan now, because it's better to have it and not need it, than need it and not have it:

- Check your emergency kit, replace any expired items and make sure everyone in the household knows where it is kept.
- · What outdoor items need to be stored away or secured?
- If you need to leave for a safer place, when will you leave and where will you go?
- Who will turn off the electricity, gas and water? Do they know how?
- Where will your pets and animals shelter? When would you relocate them?



## **Know the Storm Alerts and Warnings**

| Prepare      | Severe weather is more than 24 hours away.<br>You need to start preparing for a storm. |
|--------------|--|
| Get Ready    | Severe weather is six to 24 hours away.<br>You need to prepare now for the storm.      |
| Take Action  | Severe weather is less than six hours away. Stay indoors.                              |
| Cancellation | The severe weather has passed.   |

For more information about being storm ready, visit

**dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/storm/prepare**. Stay updated with current warnings and alerts via the Emergency WA website **emergency.wa.gov.au** 

## **New Compliance Date for the 2024/2025 Fire Control Notice**

In response to the prolonged dry periods we're experiencing and to further reduce the risk of bushfire in our community, we are trialling a change to the Fire Control Notice compliance period for the 2024/2025 bushfire season. Properties will now need to be maintained from **1 November 2024** to 31 May 2025 (previously the annual compliance period was 1 December to 31 May).

Fire Control Notices are issued annually in July to all property owners.

For further information, contact the City's Fire Control Officer on **9528 0333** or visit **rockingham.wa.gov.au/firecontrol** 





## **SMS Alert Service for Rural Property Owners**

The City of Rockingham is offering owners/occupiers of rural properties the opportunity to opt-in to a free text messaging service to receive information about Total Fire Bans, Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans and Permits to Burn.

The SMS service will assist residents living on rural properties to stay informed about fire prevention notifications affecting the Rockingham community.

To sign-up for the SMS alert service, go to rockingham.wa.gov.au/firecontrol

The SMS service **will not** be used for emergency messaging. Residents are reminded to visit **emergency.wa.gov.au** for current alerts and warnings.

## **Is Your Dog Scared of Thunder?**

Thunderstorm anxiety is one of the most common fears in animals. Dogs often run away when they are frightened by thunderstorms which can result in them getting lost or even injured.

Our Ranger Services respond to an increase in reports of dogs that have escaped the yard during a winter storm due to damaged or defective fencing.

Remember to keep your property well maintained during the year and ensure your fencing is secure.

Don't forget to make sure your pet is microchipped and wearing their identification tag so you can be reunited if they escape.



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In an emergency call (for hearing impaired)

000 106

For non-emergency Police

assistance call 131 444

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000 Rockingham SmartWatch 1300 657 123

State Emergency Service (SES) 132 500

