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A Word from the Mayor

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the City Chronicle.

It has been a busy start to the year and across the City there are a number of exciting projects, events and initiatives occurring.

Community sport at the Baldivis Sports Complex is well underway, and there is a stunning new artwork on site titled *Karrikins Dirdong* depicting the six Nyoongar seasons which you can read more about in this edition.

It was a privilege to attend the City's Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony and Community Citizen of the Year Awards. As Mayor I had the honour of conferring citizenship on more than 100 new Australians, and we recognised the outstanding contribution of local residents and community groups in our City.

The major review of the City's Strategic Community Plan is well underway, which will help to shape the future of our City over the next decade. In this edition you'll be able to learn more about the progress we've made so far, and how consultation with the community has been integral to this vitally important planning document.

While our Summer Series of events will wind down soon, we still have some exciting events for you to enjoy. In March we will be hosting our popular Multicultural Festival and Performance in the Park events at the Village Green, and I hope to see you there.

Easter and ANZAC Day are fast approaching, and at this time of year many people take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy some time off with family and friends. Whatever your plans may be, please stay safe on your travels.

**City of Rockingham Mayor,
Deb Hamblin**



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Major Projects



Baldivis Sports Complex

A new unique public artwork has been installed at the Baldivis Sports Complex, with *Karrikins Dirdong* lighting up the area between the Indoor Sports Complex and the Main Pavilion.

The sculpture by artists Jason Hirst and Peter Farmer depicts the six Nyoongar seasons and aims to be both aesthetically pleasing and educational. The intent of the artwork is to depict the connection to the land, new growth and development.

Construction was also recently completed on the Baldivis Indoor Sports Complex (BISC). The BISC features four indoor courts for basketball, netball, badminton, volleyball, indoor soccer and floorball, multipurpose rooms, a café and merchandise.

With the facility now open for community sport, the White Knights Baldivis Cricket Club has enjoyed a full summer season and the Baldivis Brumbies Football Club is busy preparing for the winter AFL season.



Mayor Deb Hamblin with artists Jason Hirst and Peter Farmer

Looking ahead, the next phase of the BSC that the City will deliver includes the Junior Pavilion, Baldivis Outdoor Recreation Space and the outdoor hardcourts.

The Southern Pavilion will service a cricket wicket and senior and junior football ovals, while the outdoor hardcourts will be utilised for netball.

The new Baldivis Outdoor Recreation Space will be an inclusive space that includes a nature playground, skate park, adventure play areas and an activity challenge course.

Upgrades Coming at Stan Twight Reserve

The final concept plan for the Stan Twight Reserve Clubroom Redevelopment has been adopted by Council.

The facility, which is located on Hennessey Way in Rockingham, is home to the Safety Bay Stingers Football Club, Shoalwater Bay Cricket Club and the Rockingham Districts Masters Football Club.

Consultation with the clubs has been central to the design, and the final concept plan for the project will see the City construct a new clubroom and change rooms.

Gender equitable change rooms and umpires change rooms will be part of the design, along with the delivery of a larger car park. Detailed design is now underway on the project.

Additional works which will occur at the reserve include the relocation of two turf cricket wickets, establishing a floodlit main AFL oval, and creating space for two senior size AFL and cricket fields, and an additional synthetic cricket wicket for junior and women's cricket competitions.



Aqua Jetty Stage Two Flythrough

The Aqua Jetty, located on Warnbro Sound Avenue in Warnbro, is the City's premier aquatic and health facility. It will soon undergo an expansion and major refurbishment to cater for the City's population growth and to improve access and amenity for the community.

Design work on stage two of the Aqua Jetty is progressing, and a new flythrough video that highlights some of the major elements of this exciting project is now available on the City's website via rockingham.wa.gov.au/planning-and-building/current-projects-and-works/aqua-jetty-stage-two

Around Our Community

Congratulations to the winners and nominees for the Community Citizen of the Year Awards for 2023.

Australia Day Community Citizen of the Year Award winners

Community Citizen of the Year – Claire Willans

Claire Willans was recognised as the Community Citizen of the Year, with her advocacy and support in the mental health sector highly commended.



Senior Community Citizen of the Year (Over 65 Years of Age) – Laurie Smith OAM

Laurie Smith OAM, who is also a Freeman of the City, was recognised for his sustained contribution to the community through several community organisations.

Young Community Citizen of the Year (Under 25 Years of Age) – Luke Tammen and Lily Tyler

There was a tie for the Young Community Citizen of the Year award, with Luke Tammen's work with the Baldvis Leos and Lily Tyler's positive influence at the Rockingham Youth Centre both acknowledged.



Active Citizenship (Group or Event) – Team Fred

Much loved not-for-profit organisation Team Fred helps families with children who are battling serious illnesses, and the volunteer-run group's dedication saw it receive the Active Citizenship award.



Strategic Community Plan - Major Review

A major review of the City's Strategic Community Plan (SCP) is currently underway and we have been out and about in the community encouraging residents to share their thoughts about the future.

The SCP is a regularly updated 10-year plan to guide our City's development. Through extensive community consultation the plan defines the community's vision for the future in our local government area, including the overarching aspirations and specific service expectations. This information then drives the development of our other plans, resourcing and strategies.

Every four years we undertake a major review of our SCP to ensure you have the opportunity to help shape our City. Community consultation for this review, which began in November 2022, has so far included:



Community focus group workshops



A community survey



Pop-up consultations in local shopping centres, libraries, and facilities, as well as at selected City events



Consultation through surveys and workshops with local schools, businesses and the City's advisory committees.

Adding to that wealth of resident feedback, in February 2023, 15,000 randomly selected households were invited to help us establish the vision and priorities for the 2023-2033 Plan.

Keep an eye out for the draft plan developed from this consultation, which will be presented to Council before being advertised for further community feedback. The final plan for 2023 – 2033 will be adopted by Council in mid-2023.

To stay up to date on the development of the SCP, please subscribe through Rock Port by selecting 'Strategic Community Plan Major Review' at **cityrockport.com.au**

You can learn more about the Strategic Community Plan on our website at **rockingham.wa.gov.au/scp2023**

Consultation with the community has been an integral part of the Strategic Community Plan major review.



A Year of Milestones

2023 is a big year for a number of our community facilities, with several set to celebrate key milestones. We recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Rockingham Aquatic Centre, and later this year in the City Chronicle we will be taking a look back at how these facilities have evolved over the years – stay tuned. Image Credit: Courtesy of the State Library of Western Australia.



Performance in the Park - Cinderella

You're invited to the ball! Join Cinderella, the Prince, and the Fairy Godmother for a magical theatre performance of Cinderella on Saturday 25 March at the Village Green. There will be pre-show stage entertainment from 5.30pm, before Cinderella takes the stage at 6.30pm. Following the performance, there will be photo opportunities with your favourite characters.



City of Rockingham Art Prize

The City of Rockingham Art Prize is back this year, showcasing the works of talented emerging and professional Western Australian artists. The 2023 exhibition will be held from **Saturday 6 May to Sunday 21 May** at the Rockingham Arts Centre.

An Insight Tour of the exhibition will be held on Sunday 14 May from 4pm - 5.30pm. The Insight Tour is a guided tour of the exhibition, with talks from the curator, one of the judges, and a selection of Art Prize winners. Bookings will be available at rockingham.wa.gov.au/artprize





Castaways Sculpture Awards Entries Open

Entries are now open for the 2023 Castaways Sculpture Awards. This includes entries for the Main Exhibition, Maquette and Small Sculpture Exhibition and Schools Competition.

These annual awards offer WA artists, primary and secondary schools the opportunity to develop and showcase their skills by being exhibited in a long-running, high profile event, set against the beautiful backdrop of the Rockingham Foreshore.

Castaways will run from Saturday 21 October to Sunday 29 October, with a total prize pool of \$26,000 (non-acquisitive) up for grabs.

For more information and to enter, go to

rockingham.wa.gov.au/castaways

Entries close midnight Sunday 28 May.

Terms and conditions apply.

Rockingham Volunteer Centre

Have you visited the Rockingham Volunteer Centre? It's located within the Rockingham Library on Dixon Road, so drop in for a chat.

Open Monday and Tuesday 9.30am - 2.30pm, Wednesday and Thursday 1pm - 6pm, and closed Fridays. For more information, go to **rockingham.wa.gov.au/rvc**



Men 'Rockin Goals Together'

The City is developing a new program called "Men Rockin Goals Together" which will be held at the brand new Baldivis Indoor Sports Complex. The program is being co-designed by community members and its focus is to improve men's health outcomes. The program will include an indoor soccer competition, education on nutrition, weight loss and peer support.

The program will start in late April, with Expressions of Interest (EOI) now open for participants to join the program.

To complete an EOI, go to **rockingham.wa.gov.au/rockingoals**

Rockingham Youth Centre Turns Two

Can you believe the Rockingham Youth Centre (RYC) has already been open for two years? If you're aged 12 - 24 and yet to check out the RYC, head down today.

Whether it's helping to improve your ability to land a job, developing leadership skills, or receiving health and wellbeing support, the RYC has got you covered.

Our Term 1 and 2 schedule is packed and there will also be a range of fun programs over the school holidays. The RYC is located at 20 MacKinnon Street in Rockingham.

To learn more visit
rockingham.wa.gov.au/youth



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

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. You can collect a purple flower kit from the Rockingham or Safety Bay Libraries to get involved and help raise awareness.

This year the Purple Road will be on display in various locations around the City in June, along with information about elder abuse and support details. If you are concerned that you or a loved one may be experiencing abuse contact the WA Elder Abuse Helpline on **1300 724 679**, email **rights@advocare.org.au** or visit **advocare.org.au**

Paint Rockingham REaD

Paint Rockingham REaD is part of a national early literacy campaign encouraging the community to read, talk, rhyme and sing with children from birth so they will be ready to learn at school. Keep an eye out around Rockingham for Widi, the Paint Rockingham REaD penguin, and her red book swap boxes in local schools and businesses. Use these swap boxes to discover new stories and share your child's pre-loved books with the whole community. For more information, visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/paintrockinghamread



Calling all Stallholders



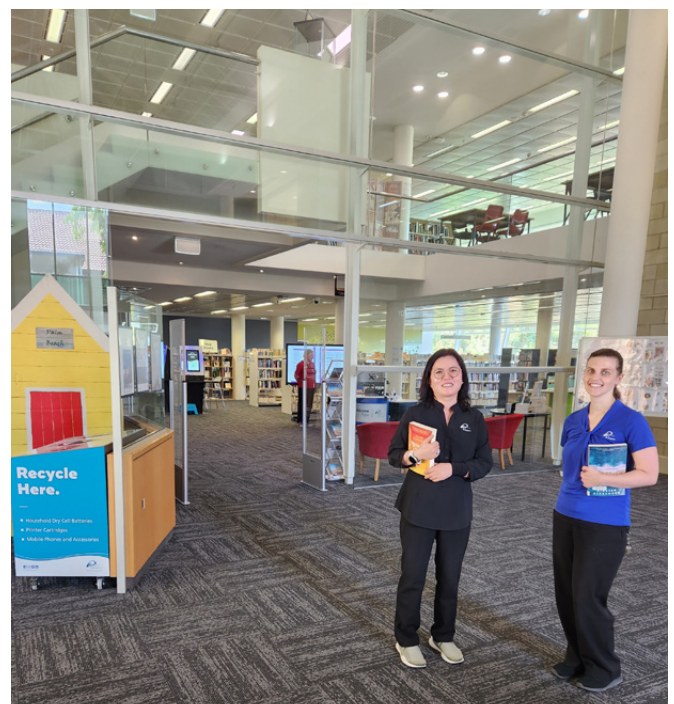
Stallholder and activity opportunities are now open for the 2023 Seniors and Carers Expo, being held on Friday 6 October at the Mike Barnett Sports Complex from 10am - 2pm. The event is the ideal promotional opportunity for organisations and community groups offering support and services to seniors and carers. Stallholder registrations close Friday 14 July. To find out more visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/seniorscarersexpo



Explore the new-look Rockingham Library

The ground floor at Rockingham Library has undergone an exciting transformation. A fresh, bright and spacious customer space is now in place with a wide open foyer and improved outdoor access to the courtyard for all to enjoy. Kids are also loving the bright and inviting new-look Children's Area, which is perfect for family activities.

All of our libraries are a wealth of resources waiting to be explored. Whether it's enjoying a book reading, movie screening or a variety of digital resources, there's something for everyone. Visit rockinghamlibraries.com.au for more information.



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 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

Finishes Tuesday 28 March



Tuesdays
6.30am - 7.30am



Churchill Park,
Rockingham Foreshore

Dance Fitness

Finishes Wednesday 29 March



Wednesdays
6pm - 7pm



The Lookout, Rockingham Foreshore

Yoga

Finishes Thursday 30 March



Thursdays
6pm - 7pm



The Lookout, Rockingham Foreshore

Performance in the Park - Cinderella



Saturday 25 March
5.30pm - 8pm



Village Green, Flinders Lane,
Rockingham



3 Ways To Pass a Gas Pump

by Jared Malton



Wednesday 5 April to Sunday 30 April
10am - 4pm, Wednesday to Sunday



Rockingham Arts Centre,
11 Kent Street, Rockingham

City of Rockingham Art Prize 2023 Exhibition



Saturday 6 May to Sunday 21 May
10am - 4pm daily



Rockingham Arts Centre,
11 Kent Street, Rockingham

City of Rockingham Art Prize 2023 - Insight Tour



Sunday 14 May
4pm - 5.30pm



Rockingham Arts Centre,
11 Kent Street, Rockingham

Everyday Alchemy by Natalie Blom and Lunch Bars by Brett Leigh Dicks



Wednesday 24 May to Sunday 18 June
10am - 4pm, Wednesday to Sunday



Rockingham Arts Centre,
11 Kent Street, Rockingham

Purple Road to Elder Abuse Awareness



Thursday 15 June
10am - 12pm



Gary Holland Community Centre,
19 Kent Street, Rockingham

Environment

COMPOST AT HOME

—
Let's break
it down

Expressions of interest are now open for residents to secure an indoor or outdoor composting bin through the City's Compost at Home program. Composting your food and garden waste is a great way to improve your environmental footprint.

Successful residents will have their bins delivered directly to their door, so in your submission please provide an appropriate street address along with your name, email, and phone number.

You can submit an Expression of Interest form through Rock Port. For more information about the program please contact the City of Rockingham on **9528 0333**.

Grow it Local Awards

Entries are now open for the Grow it Local Awards. There are several award categories including:



Biggest
vegetable



School
garden



Wonkiest
vegetable



Sustainable
gradener



Best
chicken name



Why I love
my patch

To enter simply post your entry on social media with the hashtag **#growitlocalawards** then make sure to tag **@growitlocal** and mention the City of Rockingham. Entries close Thursday 30 March 2023 with winners announced on 14 April 2023.

The City was one of the first local governments involved in Grow it Local, which is a community initiative that encourages people to grow, share and eat locally grown foods.



Keeping our City Clean

Who are you going to call when there's rubbish in the neighbourhood? That's easy - contact LitterBusters.

The City's LitterBusters team is responsible for removing any form of litter and illegal dumping on City property.

They strive to enhance the cleanliness and general appearance of our City, reduce the impact of litter on the environment, monitor illegal dumping and litter hotspots, as well as generally maintaining paths, boardwalks and other areas.

Over the past year LitterBusters responded to more than 2841 reports from the community. In that time they've collected approximately 31.8 tonnes of litter per month, which adds up to about 382 tonnes of litter over the course of the year.

You can report litter, graffiti or illegal dumping via the LitterBusters app or by calling **1800 4 LITTER** (1800 454 883).



Native Plants Giveaway 2023



Sunday
7 May 2023



7am - 3pm



Rockingham Golf Club,
Elanora Drive, Cooloongup

Our annual Native Plants Giveaway is back. Residents will have the chance to collect up to 10 native waterwise seedlings (tubestock).

This is a first-in, first-served basis so get in quick. All you need is proof of address (such as a driver's licence) to verify that you live in the City of Rockingham. Residents are also advised to bring along a bag or box to carry the plants in.



Community Safety and Support



Reporting Graffiti

Graffiti comes in many shapes and forms and is a type of vandalism that impacts property across our region. We understand the impact graffiti can have on the wider community, which is why the City works closely with a variety of stakeholders, including WA Police, to tackle the issue.

Through the City's dedicated Graffiti Removal Program nearly 2,500 incidents of reported graffiti were removed in 2021/2022. This equated to almost 10,600 square metres, and cost the City approximately \$240,000.

You can help to keep our City looking beautiful, clean and safe by reporting graffiti vandalism. You can report graffiti by:

- Visiting goodbyegraffiti.com.au or through the LitterBusters app.
- Calling WA Police on **131 444** or anonymously through Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**.
- Lodging a report through Police Direct via **police.wa.gov.au/Police-Direct/Crime/Report-Graffiti**



Neighbour Day Big Breakfast



**Saturday
25 March 2023**



9am - 11am



Anniversary Park, Rockingham

Celebrate Neighbour Day 2023 with our popular Neighbour Day Big Breakfast. There will be free bacon and egg rolls, coffee and ice cream, as well as a chance to win prizes. This family-friendly event will feature games and activities including an inflatable obstacle course. This is a great opportunity to find out about the City's Neighbours Unite program, which aims to create neighbourhood connections.

Support Workshops

Looking to increase your understanding and skills to support friends, colleagues and family? Are you concerned about loved ones who may be struggling with poor mental health, relationship skills or finances? The City offers community workshops throughout the year for residents and people working and studying in the local community to grow their capacity to support others.

Upcoming workshops include:

- Mental Health First Aid
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
- Respectful Relationships
- Budgeting Skills

To find out more, visit **rockingham.wa.gov.au/communitysupport** or contact **customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au**

Does your storm plan consider your pets?

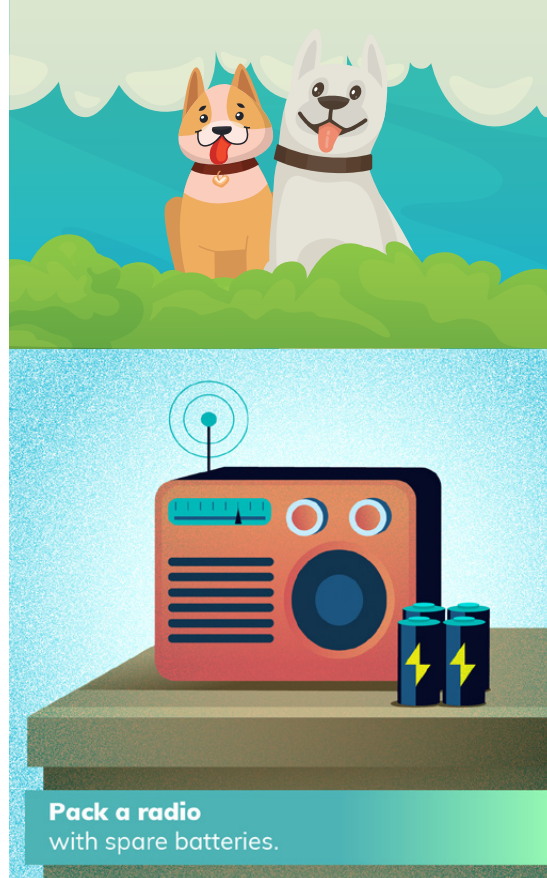
With winter approaching, it is vital you are prepared by having a storm plan.

Consider things such as where your emergency kit is kept, where will you go if you need to leave, what items need to be secured, and where will your pets and animals shelter?

Mobile phones, landline and internet services may not be available, so ensure that you have a portable battery powered radio and a battery pack for your mobile.

To assist you in planning, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services has a helpful Storm Smart Brochure which is available via publications.dfes.wa.gov.au/publications/storm-smart-brochure

State Emergency Services can be contacted on **132 500** for urgent property repairs that you cannot fix yourself. Call **000** for life threatening emergencies.



Creating a Safer City

One of the City's key safety initiatives is SmartWatch, which is a vehicle-based high visibility security patrol service that carries out regular, coordinated patrols across the City to deter criminal and anti-social behaviour.

Community members can contact SmartWatch to report and monitor anti-social behaviour, hooning, neighbourhood disturbances, vandalism and graffiti. In the past year SmartWatch has responded to 1758 requests along with extensive proactive patrols of areas deemed as hot spots due to recent activity.

The service works closely with the local police to ensure that both services are fully informed of what is happening in our community.

Bushfires remain a major threat to our community, so during the summer months the patrols also play an important role in fire watch, focusing on our bushfire prone areas. These rural patrols increase the potential for the identification of early ignition of a bushfire or indeed if anyone is out there lighting fires.

SmartWatch can also keep an eye on your home if you are away for travel or work for more than one night, and over the past 12 months SmartWatch has provided this service for more than 400 families in our community. If you haven't yet used this service it is one that you should certainly consider for the future.

Contact SmartWatch during office hours on 9528 0333 or from 12pm - 4am, seven days a week, on 1300 657 123. Please remember – Residents reporting a life-threatening or emergency situation should contact 000 immediately.



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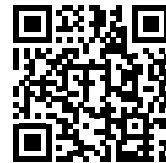
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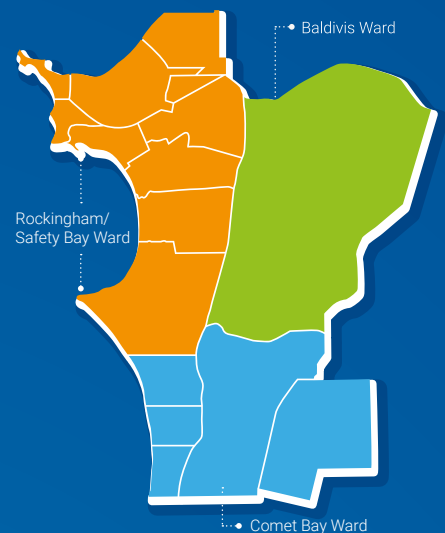
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Important Safety Contacts in an Emergency

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