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A Word from the Mayor

Welcome to the autumn edition of the City Chronicle.

In January I attended the City's Community Citizen of the Year Awards and Citizenship Ceremony. It was my privilege to confer citizenship on 99 new Australians, and announce the recipients of our annual Community Citizen of the Year Awards for the outstanding contributions made by local people and groups to our community. You can meet our Community Citizens of the Year on page 6.

Since our last edition we have continued to progress the development of some major projects. At the Baldivis Sports Complex design work has been completed on the southern pavilion, outdoor recreation space and outdoor courts. Design work has also been completed on the new pavilion at Stan Twight Reserve in Rockingham, and will be put out to tender soon. Work has commenced on the City's first Changing Place as part of the access and inclusion upgrades at Rockingham Beach Foreshore.

Our always-popular native plants giveaway is on again in May. Save the date (5 May) and come down to the Rockingham Golf Club in Cooloongup to get some free waterwise native plant seedlings for your garden (details on page 12).

With Easter only a few weeks away, please remember to drive carefully. The roads will be busy, so let's all do our part in keeping the holiday break safe for everyone by slowing down, staying alert, ignoring that phone, and being patient with other drivers. Life really is precious, so please take care.

Please enjoy this edition of the Chronicle.

**City of Rockingham Mayor,
Deb Hamblin**



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Major Projects

Stan Twight Reserve Clubroom Redevelopment



In late 2022 Council approved the final concept plan for the Stan Twight Reserve Clubroom Redevelopment, and associated works to the ovals on Hennessy Way in Rockingham.

During 2023 the site layout was reconfigured to maximise the active open space available. Two turf cricket wickets were relocated to allow for an improved reserve layout for two AFL and two cricket fields. A new synthetic wicket has been installed to support additional junior and women's cricket competitions.

Detailed designs for the new pavilion have now been completed and will be put out to tender soon. The new pavilion will help support the growth in female, junior and senior participation in cricket and football, and provide the local community with a contemporary sporting facility for many years to come.

The reserve is home to the Shoalwater Bay Cricket Club, the Safety Bay Stingers Football Club, and the Rockingham Districts AFL Masters Football Club. All three clubs have been heavily involved in this project since 2016 when the Master Plan was developed.

The City of Rockingham gratefully acknowledges \$1 million in grant funding from the State Government's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF), which will be put towards the pavilion and floodlighting, and \$50,000 from the Australian Football Facilities Fund.

Artist impression by SITE Architecture Studio



Design of the Baldivis Sports Complex Southern Pavilion and Outdoor Courts, and Outdoor Recreation Space is Now Complete



Key elements include



A nature play space and an outdoor recreation space located adjacent to the indoor sports complex.



Eight outdoor hard courts with floodlighting to accommodate netball.



A southern pavilion to service users of the southern grassed playing fields and new courts.

The project will be put out to tender soon.

The City gratefully acknowledges \$1 million in grant funding from Lotterywest for the outdoor recreation space.



City's First Changing Place

As part of access and inclusion upgrades at the Rockingham Foreshore work commenced on the City's first Changing Place toilet in March to provide suitable facilities for people who cannot use standard accessible toilets.

It includes a height-adjustable adult-sized change table, a ceiling track hoist system, shower, toilet and additional circulation space for people with complex disabilities, and caregivers.

The vinyl wraps on the external walls feature iconic images from our coast.

The facility is expected to be completed by June 2024.

Point Peron Jetties Upgrade Starts Soon

Thanks to funding provided by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Infrastructure (LRICI) program, works are planned during late autumn for the removal and replacement of the steel piles that support the northern and southern floating boat jetties at Point Peron.

The existing steel piles are badly corroded and will be replaced with adequately sealed high density polyethylene sleeved steel piles which will help reduce the corrosive effects of sea water. The new piles will be longer than the existing ones so they can be embedded more deeply into the sea bed.

The replacement work is expected to take about one month for each jetty, and will be done consecutively so that half the jetties and ramp lanes remain open at all times.



Share Your Thoughts About Our Local Planning Strategy

The City of Rockingham is planning for the future and has prepared a Local Planning Strategy (LPS) to guide the growth of our City over the next 15 years and beyond.

The LPS has been prepared following consultation in 2021 and 2022, and a detailed review of local and State planning documents.



To view the draft Strategy and share your feedback by 28 March 2024, visit the City of Rockingham's Share Your Thoughts page at rockingham.wa.gov.au/LPS



Safety Bay Road Upgrade

In 2022 the City undertook extensive works to upgrade five key intersections along Safety Bay Road between Kwinana Freeway and Mandurah Road. That project has since been selected as a finalist in the 'Excellence in Road Safety' category in the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia Excellence Awards. The award winner will be announced on 2 May 2024.

Around Our Community

Community Citizen of the Year Awards

Congratulations to the 2024 Community Citizen of the Year Award winners and nominees. Their active citizenship and dedicated service make an outstanding contribution to our local community.



Mayor Deb Hamblin (L) and Karen Hollings (R)

Community Citizen of the Year – Karen Hollings

Among other community activities, Karen founded a not-for-profit organisation called Dogs for First Responders dedicated to supporting the mental health of first responders using therapy dogs. She is also actively involved in the Pink Belt Project – a charity that uses martial arts as a method of violence prevention and recovery for women.



Doreen Nelson

Senior Community Citizen of Year – Doreen Nelson

Doreen has made a lasting impact on cultural preservation, community development, education, and awareness about Aboriginal issues and experiences nationally and globally.



Mayor Deb Hamblin (L) and Angel Jose (R)

Young Community Citizen of Year – Angel Jose

Angel founded a group called Kids Helping Kids to support children with special needs by giving them a safe place to learn and grow.



Janine O'Hare (L), Mayor Hamblin, Elaine Smith (R)

Active Citizenship Award – CWA Rockingham

CWA Rockingham is passionate about community engagement, and worked hard throughout 2023 to organise events that bring together ladies from the Rockingham area.

Welcome to Our New Citizens

On 27 January the Gary Holland Centre hosted a citizenship ceremony for 99 new Australians. To all our new Aussies, welcome to the greatest city in the greatest state in the greatest country. Thanks for choosing to call the City of Rockingham home.



Celebrate Australia Day in Rockingham

Thousands of people turned out for our Celebrate Australia Day event on Saturday 27 January at the Rockingham Beach Foreshore to enjoy an evening of great family entertainment and a cracker of a fireworks show.



Need Volunteers?

Could your community group use a hand 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





'Celebrate Harmony' Fun Day

Come along to Baldivis Sports Complex on Saturday 23 March from 3pm – 7pm and Celebrate Harmony at this free community fun day.

There will be a range of activities and entertainment on offer, including cultural performances, henna tattoos and live music. Pack a picnic or grab dinner from the food vendors on site.

This event is part of our Summer Series of free entry, family-friendly events.

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

Catalpa Adventure Festival

Dropping anchor on Sunday 31 March 2024 and set across two fun-filled days, the Catalpa Adventure Festival returns bigger than ever in 2024. Presented by Tourism Rockingham and Street Hassle events, this free community event celebrates the excitement and daring of this astounding historical escape tale that took place in Rockingham 148 years ago. The festival will feature activities for the entire family with Gaelic football, musicians, roaming entertainment, food vendors, kids' activities, market stalls, historical re-enactments, a screening of the Catalpa Rescue and much more.



The City of Rockingham provided approximately \$74,000 in iconic event funding to support the staging of this popular and unique event.

Sunday 31 March 2024

2pm – 5pm
Village Green

5pm – 9pm
Inside Gary Holland Centre

Monday 1 April 2024

11am – 6pm
Churchill Park



**Suitable
for all ages**

2024 Entries Open

Entries are now open for the 2024 Castaways Sculpture Awards. This includes entries for the Main Exhibition, Maquette and Small Sculpture Exhibition and Schools Exhibition.

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

Castaways will be exhibited from Saturday 26 October to Sunday 3 November 2024, with a total prize pool of \$27,000 (non-acquisitive) on offer.

For more information and to enter, visit **rockingham.wa.gov.au/castaways**

Entries close on Friday 17 May at 4pm.
Terms and conditions apply.

Richard Aitken, *More than one thing*, 2023.
(Castaways 2023 Alcoa Major Award Winner)



Green Waste Verge Collections Starting Soon

The City's residential green waste verge collections are starting soon. Collections will take place from April to May 2024.

To find your collection date visit
rockingham.wa.gov.au/nearme

Please ensure you limit your waste to 3 cubic metres (3 m x 1 m x 1 m).

Only put it out on your verge no more than two days before your collection date.

For more information visit
rockingham.wa.gov.au/vergecollections

What will be collected?



Tree and shrub prunings up to 1.5 m in length and 350 mm in diameter.

What won't be collected?



Leaves and lawn clippings



Bags or boxes of leaves and grass clippings, weeds or root materials



Sand and soil materials



Dug-out lawn



Any branches exceeding 1.5 m in length or 350 mm diameter



General waste junk or whitegoods.

Remember to make use of your tip passes. City of Rockingham ratepayers receive tip passes for the Millar Road landfill each year on their rates notice, allowing four free "multi-purpose" entries per household. Each entry pass is for up to 1.5 cubic metres and can be used for either general or green waste.

New Year's Eve Draws Biggest Crowd Ever

The City's New Year's Eve celebration on Rockingham Beach Foreshore smashed our crowd attendance record out of the park. Upwards of 45,000 people came to enjoy a fantastic evening of entertainment – headlined by WA's own Birds of Tokyo, and supported by a line-up of other great acts, and two brilliant fireworks shows. It's the largest event the City has presented and was hugely popular with people of all ages.

The New Year's Eve Celebration is one of the major events in the City's Summer Series, a calendar of free, family-friendly events presented every year to meet our residents' aspiration for a safe and connected community


Thanks to Lotterywest for helping us to put this event on for our community.

What's On Calendar




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

Never Alone: Human, Animal, Artist Group Exhibition

 Wednesday 6 March to Sunday 24 March
10am – 4pm, Wednesday to Sunday


 Rockingham Arts Centre
11 Kent Street, Rockingham

Celebrate Harmony

 Saturday 23 March
3pm – 7pm


 Baldivis Sports Complex
Eighty Road, Baldivis


Catalpa Adventure Festival

 Sunday 31 March
2pm – 5pm

 Village Green, Rockingham


Catalpa Adventure Festival


 Monday 1 April 2024
11am – 6pm

 Churchill Park
Rockingham Foreshore




Neighbour Day Big Breakfast

 Saturday 13 April
9am – 11am


 Secret Harbour Oval
Warnbro Sound Avenue, Secret Harbour

disPLACEMENT Exhibition by Craig Duncan and Holly O'Meehan

 Wednesday 17 April to Sunday 5 May
10am – 4pm, Wednesday to Sunday


 Rockingham Arts Centre
11 Kent Street, Rockingham

Native Plants Giveaway

 Sunday 5 May
7am – 3pm


 Rockingham Golf Club
Elanora Drive, Cooloongup

Rhizograph/Rhizogram Exhibition by Hiroshi Kobayashi

 Wednesday 22 May to Sunday 9 June
10am – 4pm, Wednesday to Sunday

 Rockingham Arts Centre
11 Kent Street, Rockingham


Seniors Safety Morning Tea

 Thursday 13 June
10am – 12pm

 Gary Holland Community Centre
Main Hall, Kent Street, Rockingham



City of Rockingham Art Prize 2024 Exhibition

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

 Rockingham Arts Centre
11 Kent Street, Rockingham

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



Help Plant Native Species

Wet weather means it's planting season for our nature reserves, and we'd love your help with planting local native species in our coastal reserves. Not only will you be able to make a valuable contribution to the environment, you'll get to meet like-minded people from your community who are also keen to make a positive impact.

The City works with Perth NRM Coastcare to deliver many community planting events each winter. If you'd like to get involved and help restore our beautiful coastline then grab a hat, some gloves and sturdy shoes, and find an event near you. Head to **rockingham.wa.gov.au** and search for local environmental groups to find out more about the scheduled events this winter.

Composting at Home is Back

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 reduce resources going to landfill, while creating an organic, nutrient-rich fertiliser your garden will love.

You can submit an Expression of Interest through the City's website at **rockingham.wa.gov.au** and search 'Compost at Home'. Please note, due to high demand, submitting an application does not guarantee you a composting bin. Residents who are successful will be contacted to arrange a suitable collection time.

For more information about the program please contact the City on **9528 0333**.



Native Plants Giveaway 2024

Our annual Native Plants Giveaway is back. Residents will have the chance to collect up to 10 native waterwise seedlings (tubestock). First-in, first-served, 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. Bring a bag or box to carry your plants in.

Building water sensitive and climate resilient gardens helps to reduce water usage and support the establishment of backyard habitat for wildlife.

For more information search 'Native Plants Giveaway' on the City's website.



Sunday 5 May 7am – 3pm at Rockingham Golf Club, Elanora Drive, Cooloongup.

Worm Farm Workshop Series

Thanks to the WasteSorted WA Community Education Grants we are offering three interactive worm farm workshops in 2024.

Safety Bay Library: 20 April.
Warnbro Library: 5 May.
Rockingham Library: 8 June.

Spaces are limited. For more information or to register visit rockingham.wa.gov.au and search 'Compost at Home'.

Supported by the Government of Western Australia and the Waste Authority.



Never Bin a Battery

Batteries should never be put in your general waste or recycling bins. When disposed of incorrectly, batteries pose a fire risk. Batteries are often hidden in common household items such as mobile phones, toys, watches and more. Be sure to remove old batteries from items before recycling or disposing of them correctly.

Unsure where to dispose of your old batteries? Drop off dry cell batteries, old mobile phones (and printer cartridges) at one of the City's recycling stations or centres for free.

City Administration building

Millar Road Landfill

Mary Davies Library and Community Centre

Rockingham Library

Safety Bay Library

Warnbro Library



Important: Lithium-ion batteries can only be disposed of at Millar Road Landfill

For more information visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/hazardouswaste



Community Safety and Support

Community Safety Starts with You

Neighbour Day Big Breakfast



Neighbour Day Big Breakfast is an annual event held in recognition of national Neighbour Day celebrations. This is a free community event to encourage connections between residents. Free activities include a massive inflatable obstacle course, kids' activities, sporting club demonstrations and face painting. There will be free bacon and egg rolls, coffee and ice cream for the first 200 people so make sure you get in quick.

Saturday 13 April, 9am – 11am at Secret Harbour Oval, Warnbro Sound Avenue.



Seniors Safety Morning Tea

Join us for a conversation about safety for seniors. Enjoy a free morning tea and hear from experts about how you and others can stay safe in your community, home and in relationships. There will also be opportunities to connect with local services and social groups.

If you are concerned that you or a loved one may be experiencing abuse contact the WA Elder Abuse Helpline on **1300 724 679** or visit **advocare.org.au**

Thursday 13 June, 10am – 12pm,
Gary Holland Community Centre, Main Hall,
Kent Street Rockingham

Are We Lonely?

Did you know 1-in-3 Australians feel lonely? The City of Rockingham wants to find out if our community is lonely and what might make people feel less lonely.

This short survey will take just 3 – 5 minutes and you can enter a draw to win one of five vouchers from local businesses.

Scan the QR code or visit **rockingham.wa.gov.au/shareyourthoughts** to complete the Loneliness Survey, or contact the City of Rockingham on **9528 0333** and ask for a copy to be posted to you.



Free Online Workshops

There are many opportunities throughout the year to improve your mental health, wellbeing and to learn new skills.

Suicide Prevention Online Training

Worried about people in your club, group, friends or family? It can be hard to know what to say or how to help. LivingWorks Start is a free 90-minute online session anyone can do to learn practical skills to connect, start a conversation and respond to keep someone safe.

Understanding Mental Health Online Training

This free online workshop is a great first step to developing an understanding of mental health and problems that can arise. Learn to recognise the signs that you or someone you care about may not be travelling well and where you can find help, along with self-care skills.

For more information and registration details, visit the What's On Calendar on the City's website.

Neighbours Unite

Neighbour Day can be any day with the Neighbours Unite program. You can register to hold an activity within your street and connect with your neighbours.

The City offers a reimbursement of \$150 for registered events and you can claim for food, non-alcoholic drinks and party supplies.

For more information, visit **rockingham.wa.gov.au/neighboursunite**

Dog-Friendly Beaches

We are lucky to have some beautiful dog-friendly beaches in the City, starting at Rockingham Beach (opposite the grain terminal), extending south down to Singleton. These designated areas are ideal for dogs, but please remember that they are the only beaches where dogs can be taken. On-the-spot fines apply for owners taking dogs to prohibited areas.

So, while you enjoy the last of the summer weather on our beaches, please ensure your dog only joins you for beach fun at the permitted locations. Visit **rockingham.wa.gov.au/dogbeaches** for maps and more information about our dog-friendly beaches.



Emergency Preparedness

Fire Prevention

The City of Rockingham will be in a Restricted Burning Period from 1 April to 31 May 2024. During this time, rural and special rural property owners wishing to conduct a burn on their property must apply for a permit to burn via the City's website.



Prepare for Winter Storms

May to October is our peak season for storms.

Prepare now:

- trim overhanging tree branches and clear your gutters
- review or create an emergency plan, pack an emergency kit (AM/FM radio and torch with spare batteries, important documents on a thumb drive, first aid kit, and change of clothes for all family members).

When a storm is forecast:

- store or weigh down loose objects around the outside of your home
- park vehicles and boats under shelter and away from overhanging branches
- make sure your mobile phone is fully charged
- monitor **emergency.wa.gov.au** for updates and information.

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

SmartWatch

SmartWatch is the City's vehicle-based community patrol focussed on high visibility deterrence of illegal and anti-social behaviour across our community, 16 hours a day, every day of the year.

To report anti-social behaviour, hooning, neighbourhood disturbances, vandalism and graffiti, contact SmartWatch on **9528 0333**, or between midnight and 4am seven days a week on **1300 657 123**.



*For life threatening emergencies please contact **000** immediately.

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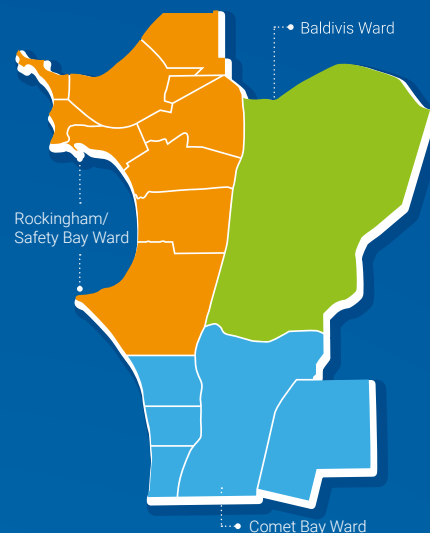
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Important Safety Contacts in an Emergency

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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