

City Chronicle

THE CITY OF ROCKINGHAM'S SEASONAL NEWSLETTER



Community Citizen of the Year Awards

Page 7

FOGO Starts on 30 June

Page 3



Have a Go Day

Page 12



Native Plant Giveaway

Page 11



Autumn Edition 2025

ISSN 2208-9063

Inside This Issue

FOGO Like a Pro	3
Major Projects	5
Baldivis Sports Complex	5
Stan Twilight Reserve	5
Advocacy	5
Around Our Community	6
Measuring Our Performance	6
Community Citizen of the Year Awards	7
Celebrate Australia Day	8
Rockingham Art Prize	8
Castaways Entries Open	9
National Volunteer Week	9
What's On Calendar	10
Environment	11
Native Plants Giveaway	11
ReWild Rockingham	11
Sustainable Parenting Program	11
Community Safety	12
Seniors Safety Morning Tea	12
My Future Care - Advanced Care Planning	12
Have A Go Day	12
Neighbour Day Big Breakfast	13
Safety Around Schools	13
Cat Prohibited Areas	14
Pet Microchip Checkup	14
Community Transport Service	14
Emergency Preparedness	15
Restricted Burning Period	15
Storm Preparation	15
Check Your Smoke Alarms	15
Your Councillors	16
Important Contact Numbers	16

A Word From the Mayor

Welcome to the autumn edition of the City Chronicle.

It's been a busy start to the year. We are working hard to get everything ready for the start of FOGO waste collections at the end of June. You can find out lots about it over the next couple of pages, and visit our website for more information and FAQs.

Back in January we were delighted to hear the Premier announce \$7 million in funding to upgrade that difficult intersection between Kulija Rd and Baldivis Rd – we've been advocating for an upgrade there for years. But we were disappointed that the freeway widening project won't reach down to Rockingham. We will continue our advocacy efforts to get that message to the state government.

It's been another fabulous Summer Series of events right through the season. I hope you had the chance to come out and enjoy some of the free, family-friendly entertainment we have provided between October and March.

Two of the highlights of the summer were our New Year's Eve celebration featuring The Cat Empire, and our Australia Day celebration on the foreshore. We also presented our Community Citizen of the Year Awards at a ceremony on the morning of Australia Day. You can read more about the winners of the Awards on page 7.

Finally, don't forget our native plants giveaway is on again on Sunday 4 May at the Mike Barnett Sports Complex in Rockingham. Get in early.

Please enjoy this edition of the Chronicle.

City of Rockingham Mayor
Deb Hamblin



Get Ready to FOGO Like a Pro




Collection Starts 30 June 2025

The City of Rockingham is implementing a FOGO waste collection service at the **end of June 2025** to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

FOGO stands for Food Organics, Garden Organics and is an extension to the existing three bin GO (Garden Organics) service we already have in our City.

Many other local governments have already moved to FOGO under the state government's commitment to support all local governments in the Perth and Peel regions to go FOGO by 2025. FOGO allows you to add food waste along with garden waste to your green-lidded bin. The contents of your FOGO bin will be converted into compost, mulch and soil conditioner which can be re-used in parks and gardens. Once FOGO collections start **your green bin will be collected weekly**, your red bin will be collected fortnightly, and your yellow bin will continue to be collected fortnightly.

There will be some changes to how and when your waste is collected in the coming months but we'll be keeping you up to date as we go. Over the coming months you will receive:

-  A letter to your residential address explaining your new collection schedule.
-  Your FOGO kitchen caddy, compostable caddy liners and tips on how to FOGO like a pro delivered to your property.
-  In-person community information sessions. Keep an eye on the City's website and Facebook page for more details being announced soon.

Head to **rockingham.wa.gov.au/FOGO** for more information or to read answers to some frequently asked questions.

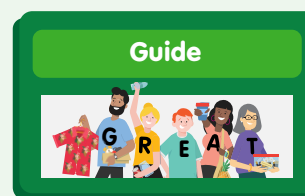




Did you know that organic waste makes up almost 50% of what we put into our red bin? ▶

With FOGO, food scraps go into our green lid bin, reducing the amount going into the red bin, and reducing what goes to landfill.

You've been a great sort for years, separating your garden waste and recycling from your general waste. When FOGO collection starts on 30 June it will be time to take the last step in the three bin system - separating your food scraps. We're making that easy for you by delivering a kitchen caddy with some compostable liners, and a guide on how to FOGO, straight to your house.



1

Line the caddy with a compostable liner.



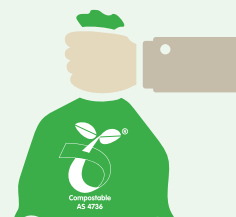
2

Add your food scraps.



3

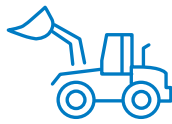
When your caddy is full, empty it into your green-lidded FOGO bin. Food scraps can also be placed loosely in the bin.



We will start delivering kitchen caddies at the end of April, so you'll be ready to FOGO like a pro when collections start on **30 June 2025**.

This project is supported by the Government of Western Australia and the Waste Authority.
wasteauthority.wa.gov.au

Major Projects



Baldivis Sports Complex

The final stage is well underway with electrical pits and conduits for floodlighting, the stormwater drainage system and footings for tiered seating for spectator areas. The final stage will deliver outdoor netball and tennis courts, a southern pavilion, a youth play space and extra parking.



Stan Twight Reserve

Significant progress has been made on the Stan Twight Reserve Clubroom Redevelopment, with the key construction milestones being met. The project continues to take shape and is moving steadily toward completion, expected to be by the end of 2025.

Advocacy



The City's sustained advocacy efforts have helped secure positive outcomes in several matters recently, including:

Premier Cook's announcement in January that \$7 million in funding will be made available for upgrading the intersection of Baldivis Rd and Kulija Rd.

The state government calling for Expressions of Interest for a marina at Wanliss St in Rockingham.

The federal government committing to build 550 additional new households for Defence personnel and their families in Rockingham, Baldivis and nearby areas.

The establishment of an information centre for the Australian Submarine Agency in Rockingham where members of the public can access information about the Navy's activities.

The state and federal governments' funding of studies into the feasibility of the Garden Island Highway to support increased traffic to and from the navy base.

Meanwhile, the City was disappointed the Kwinana Freeway widening project will terminate at Mortimer Rd. We will continue to advocate to the state government for a solution which addresses the growing traffic congestion facing our residents and visitors.

Around Our Community

Measuring Our Performance

Our annual Resident Perception Survey enables us to measure the performance of our services and facilities, and to evaluate the effectiveness of our communication and engagement with residents.

The survey, undertaken by an independent research company, was sent to approximately 4,000 randomly selected households in the City during November 2024.

It covers a wide range of questions, from overall perception of the City's performance, to the quantity and quality of interactions with our customers, to identifying areas we should focus on.

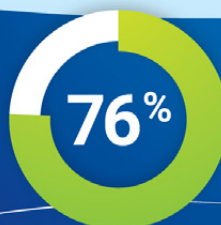
Similar to last year, 76% of respondents rated the City as doing Well or Very Well in key areas including rubbish collection and recycling, libraries, playing fields, fire management, parks and gardens, sport and recreation centres, festivals and events, and community centres and public halls.

The survey also identified that we can strengthen our efforts in town planning, youth programs, tourism promotion, graffiti and vandalism management, and public toilets.

Thanks to everyone who took part. The responses we receive provide an extremely useful snapshot of our resident's thoughts, and helps us continually improve.

For more in-depth results please visit our website rockingham.wa.gov.au

Resident Perception Survey 2024 results are in.



of respondents felt the **City** performed 'well' or 'very well' in delivering services, programs, facilities and infrastructure.

The likelihood of recommending the City of Rockingham as a place to live remains positive overall.

NPS Score: +22



Customer interaction

59% of respondents had contact with the City over the past 12 months.

72% rated their interaction 'well' or 'very well'.



74% rated their in person contact 'well' or 'very well'.



Our focus areas



Tourism promotion



Youth programs



Graffiti and vandalism management



Public toilets

57% or fewer residents rate these services as performing 'well' or 'very well'.





Community Citizen of the Year Awards

On Australia Day Mayor Deb Hamblin presented the Community Citizen of the Year Awards 2025 to people and groups who have made an invaluable contribution to our community.



Community Citizen of the Year - Stephenie Fielding

Stephenie is a dedicated and tireless volunteer who has made a significant contribution across a wide range of community activities and organisations over many years, and is currently serving on multiple local boards and committees.



Senior Community Citizen of the Year Award - Gordon Murdoch

From his own hands-on physical labour establishing the Golden Bay Community Garden, to inspiring others, Gordon's passion for sustainability and education has created meaningful connection within the community.



Young Community Citizen of the Year - Mia Hendy

As a member of the City's Youth Reference Group, Mia has played a vital role in representing and advocating for the needs of young people in our community.



Active Citizenship Award - Cycling Without Age

Accessible and inclusive, Cycling Without Age offers elderly and less-mobile members of society the chance to experience the joy of cycling through trishaw rides.

Celebrate Australia Day

Thousands of people turned out to celebrate Australia Day on the Rockingham Beach foreshore and enjoy some great free entertainment (love ya' Bluey) and fireworks.



City of Rockingham Art Prize 2025

The annual City of Rockingham Art Prize returns to the Rockingham Arts Centre from Saturday 14 June to Sunday 6 July 2025. Entry is free and open from Wednesday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm. Vote for your favourite artwork for a chance to win the \$200 Voter's Prize. Terms and conditions apply.

rockingham.wa.gov.au/artprize

Installation view of City of Rockingham Art Prize 2024.
Renee Rose, *Sun behind the veil*, acrylic on canvas.



castaways sculpture awards

2025 Entries Open

View of Castaways Sculpture Awards 2024.
Joan Johnson, *Deconstructed, Reconstructed
and Embellished*, aluminium, Perspex, wood.

Entries for the 2025 Castaways Sculpture Awards opened on Wednesday 5 March 2025, with a total prize pool of \$27,000 (non-acquisitive). This includes submissions for the Main Exhibition, Maquette and Small Sculpture Exhibition and Schools Exhibition.

These annual awards offer Western Australian artists, primary and secondary schools the opportunity to showcase their artwork in a long-running, high-profile event, set against the beautiful backdrop of the Rockingham Foreshore.

For more information and to enter, visit **rockingham.wa.gov.au/castaways**.
Entries close 4pm Thursday 15 May 2025.
Terms and conditions apply.



National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week, 19 – 25 May 2025, is the annual celebration of volunteering across Australia. This year's theme is "Connecting Communities", and it celebrates the power of volunteering to bring people together.

If you are interested in volunteering within the Rockingham community please contact the Rockingham Volunteer Centre on **9528 8670** or email **volunteering@rockingham.wa.gov.au**




What's On Calendar




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


Tai Chi Class

 Tuesdays, 6.30am – 7.30am
Last class 25 March


 Churchill Park,
Rockingham Foreshore

Jungle Body Class

 Wednesdays, 6pm – 7pm
Last class 25 March


 The Lookout,
Rockingham Foreshore

Yoga Class

 Thursdays, 6pm – 7pm
Last class 27 March

 The Lookout,
Rockingham Foreshore

Have a Go Day

 Wednesday 2 April
10am – 2pm


 Mike Barnett Sports Complex,
Rockingham

Native Plants Giveaway

 Sunday 4 May
7am – 3pm. First in – first served

 Mike Barnett Sports Complex,
Rockingham

City of Rockingham Art Prize 2025 Exhibition


 Saturday 14 June – Sunday 6 July
10am – 4pm

 Rockingham Arts Centre,
11 Kent Street, Rockingham




Art Exhibitions


The Rockingham Regional Art Smalls Exhibition by Rockingham Regional Art


 Wednesday 26 March – Sunday 6 April
10am – 4pm

Meet Me in the Garden Exhibition by Claire Bushby

 Wednesday 9 April – Sunday 27 April
10am – 4pm


Banner and Badge Exhibition by Melissa Cameron

 Wednesday 30 April – Sunday 18 May
10am – 4pm

 Rockingham Arts Centre,
11 Kent Street, Rockingham





Seniors Safety Morning Tea

 Wednesday 18 June 2025
10am – 12pm

 Gary Holland Community Centre,
19 Kent Street Rockingham

My Future Care - Advanced Care Planning

 Tuesday 24 June
10am – 12.30pm

 June Carnaby Hall 1, Mary Davies
Library and Community Centre,
17 Settlers Avenue, Baldivis



Greening Your Street

Here are some ways to increase greening and establish backyard habitat for wildlife.

Native Plants Giveaway

Our annual event is back for 2025. Rockingham residents can collect up to 10 native, waterwise seedlings (tubestock) suitable for planting in the Rockingham region. First-in, first-served so get in quick on the day to ensure you don't miss out. Proof of address (such as a driver's licence) is required to verify that you live in the City of Rockingham. Bring a bag or box to carry your plants.

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

🕒 7am – 3pm

📅 Sunday 4 May 2025

📍 Mike Barnett Sports Complex
(entry via Dowling Street)



ReWild Rockingham

Through our partnership with ReWild Perth we are encouraging residents to bring nature home, through a range of online resources and in-person workshops. Two workshops scheduled in March and May will focus on attracting frogs to your garden and creating nest boxes for wildlife. Come and find out more from the ReWild team and special presenters. Registrations are required, and Rockingham residents are offered a discount.

Search 'ReWild Rockingham' on the City's website to find out more.

Sustainable Parenting Program

Through our Sustainable Parenting Program we are supporting residents to choose sustainable alternatives to disposable nappies and sanitary products, and reduce materials going to landfill.

A 50% subsidy (up to \$100) on selected products applies per household. To be eligible you only need to provide proof of address (only open to Rockingham residents) and have attended either an online consultation or in-person workshop.

Subsidies are open until 28 June 2025 or until exhausted. Terms and Conditions apply.

Search 'Environmental Programs' on the City's website to learn more about the four subsidy options available.



For additional information on these initiatives and for other sustainability, waste, FOGO and environment related news, updates and events, the City publishes a GREEN e-newsletter. To subscribe, visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/subscribe

Community Safety

Seniors Safety Morning Tea

Join us for a free morning tea and a conversation about how you and others can stay safe in your relationships, home and community. Chat with local services and see the beautiful Purple Road Project, a community awareness campaign about elder abuse.

If you are concerned for yourself or a loved one, you can contact the WA Elder Abuse Helpline on **1300 724 679** or visit advocare.org.au



Bookings: visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/whats-on or contact **9528 0333** or customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au



🕒 10am – 12pm 📅 Wednesday 18 June 2025

📍 Gary Holland Community Centre, Main Hall, 19 Kent Street Rockingham

My Future Care - Advanced Care Planning

A free workshop covering what's involved in Advanced Care Planning. Discover how to begin making thoughtful decisions about your future care, lifestyle, health, and finances, ensuring that your wishes are known and respected in the later stages of life. Suitable for people of any age or level of health. Provided by Palliative Care WA.

🕒 10am – 12.30pm 📅 Tuesday 24 June

📍 Carnaby Hall 1, Mary Davies Library and Community Centre, 17 Settlers Avenue, Baldivis

Bookings: Visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/whats-on or contact **9528 0333** or customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au

Have a Go Day

The Rockingham Have a Go Day is back for people aged 50+. Try new activities and learn about clubs, groups and services that help you remain connected and healthy in your later years. Enjoy complimentary refreshments including tea, coffee, water and a sausage sizzle. This is a LiveLighter event, proudly supported by the City of Rockingham, Healthway, Have a Go News and the Government of Western Australia.

From 10am – 2pm, Wednesday 2 April at Mike Barnett Sports Complex, Dixon Road, Rockingham. For more information call **6118 2716** or info@srcwa.asn.au





Neighbour Day Big Breakfast

Celebrate Neighbour Day with our Big Breakfast event and help create a more connected, safer community. Free bacon and egg rolls, coffee and ice cream for the first 200 attendees.

Massive inflatable obstacle course and children's activities on the day. Come and be part of the fun and bring your neighbours.

🕒 Saturday 29 March 2025 📅 9am – 11am

📍 Rockingham Lakes Oval, Laguardia Loop, Port Kennedy



Safety Around Schools

Safety around schools is everyone's responsibility. Our SmartWatch team undertake patrols around schools in the City of Rockingham, and the City regularly provides a "safety around schools" fact sheet to school communities to raise awareness.

The fact sheet is also available on our website at rockingham.wa.gov.au/schoolparking to help improve understanding about the risks vehicles pose to children around schools.



Cat Prohibited Areas

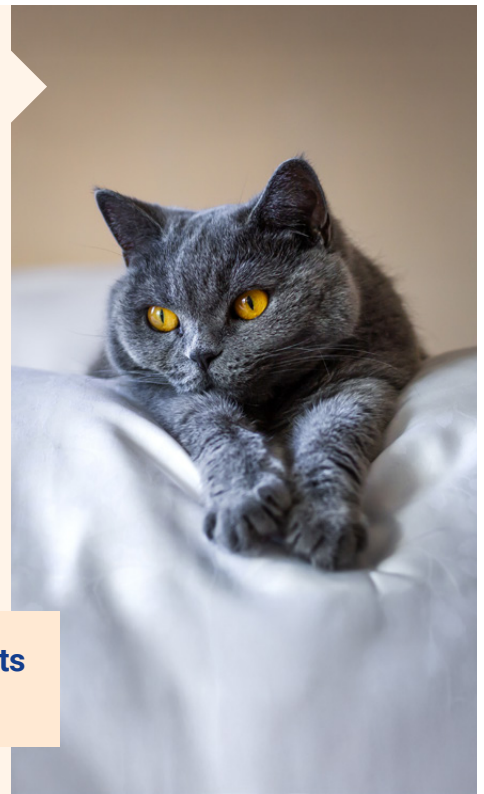
The City has introduced cat prohibited areas. It is important to be familiar with these areas in your neighbourhood because if a domestic cat is found in a prohibited area, penalties of up to \$200 for the owner may apply. This change is authorised by the *Cat Act 2011*.

If your cat hasn't returned home, visit the City's Animal Management Facility page at rockingham.wa.gov.au/pound to search lost cats.

Please note, by law it is required that cats are microchipped and sterilised. Documentation checks will be required prior to collection by the registered owner.



Information is available at rockingham.wa.gov.au/cats including the **Cat Prohibited Areas Map**.



Pet Microchip Lookup

Do you know how to confirm your pet's microchip details? It's easy at Pet Address, and it's something you should do, especially if you are not the animal's first owner. Checking will ensure:



you can be reunited if your dog or cat is lost



your pet's microchip is legally registered under your name - and if it isn't, you know which company to contact to arrange a change of details.

Visit petaddress.com.au to search your pet's microchip. If you can't find the microchip number and your vet can't assist, contact City Rangers on **9528 0333**.

Rockingham Connect Community Transport Service

The City offers a transport service for eligible residents who cannot access other forms of transport. Destinations for clients include shopping centres, hardware stores, community events, social outings and more.

To find out more about the service and view our full schedule, visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/rockinghamconnect

Delivery of this service would not be possible without our dedicated volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering with the City give us a call on **9528 0333** or visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/vio

Emergency Preparedness



Restricted Burning Period

From 1 April to 31 May 2025, the City will enter a restricted burning period. During this time you are required to obtain a permit to burn. Apply online at rockingham.wa.gov.au/permittoburn. Applications will be processed within five working days. For all other enquiries, contact Fire Control on **9528 0333**.



Storm Preparation

As the warm weather tapers off and autumn sets in, potentially damaging storms are not uncommon. The City's website provides useful advice on getting your property storm ready: rockingham.wa.gov.au/emergencies

Scan here for the Get Ready Rockingham brochure



Storm advice and warnings are issued through Emergency WA, and you can download their handy app to your phone to stay updated with real-time notifications and warnings.

Check Your Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms save lives. But only if they are working properly.

Now is the time to check yours:



replace the battery



vacuum around the alarm with a soft brush to remove dust and cobwebs.

Every month you should:



check the green visual display light is lit up to confirm the alarm is connected to mains power



press the "test button" until an alert tone is heard to confirm the alarm is operational.



Your Council

Mayor



Mayor Deb Hamblin

0404 895 046
mayor.hamblin@rockingham.wa.gov.au

Baldivis Ward



Councillor Mike Crichton

0466 258 253
cr.crichton@rockingham.wa.gov.au



Councillor Kelly Middlecoat

0408 883 188
cr.middlecoat@rockingham.wa.gov.au



Councillor Brett Wormall

0400 040 070
cr.wormall@rockingham.wa.gov.au

Comet Bay Ward



Deputy Mayor Lorna Buchan

0420 596 453
cr.buchan@rockingham.wa.gov.au



Councillor Robert Schmidt

0415 420 706
cr.schmidt@rockingham.wa.gov.au

Rockingham/Safety Bay Ward



Councillor Craig Buchanan

0427 931 745
cr.buchanan@rockingham.wa.gov.au



Councillor Peter Hudson

0493 773 699
cr.hudson@rockingham.wa.gov.au



Councillor Caroline Hume

0429 976 440
cr.hume@rockingham.wa.gov.au



Councillor Dawn Jecks

0424 598 656
cr.jecks@rockingham.wa.gov.au



Councillor Mark Jones

0410 844 880
cr.jones@rockingham.wa.gov.au



Councillor Leigh Liley

0407 774 204
cr.liley@rockingham.wa.gov.au



Contact Us

City of Rockingham
Administration Centre
Civic Boulevard, Rockingham

P: 9528 0333

E: customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au

Read the Chronicle Online

Opt in to receive an email
when each new edition is
available on our website.



Alternative Formats



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**



rockingham.wa.gov.au

