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A Word from the Mayor

Welcome to the Spring edition of the City Chronicle.

As the wet weather begins to subside, it's fabulous to see the sunshine return and the weather beginning to warm up once again.

Spring is here and that means our exciting calendar of events will commence for 2022/2023. From 22 - 30 October we are thrilled to be hosting our iconic Castaways Sculpture Awards on the Rockingham Foreshore and at the Rockingham Arts Centre on Kent Street.

Shortly after Castaways concludes the foreshore will come to life on 12 - 13 November for the 2022 Channel 7 Rockingham Beach Cup. This is a unique event on the WA tourism calendar and culminates with a series of horse races along the foreshore. Animal welfare is a big focus - no betting takes place on races and the horses finish the day with a dip in the sparkling waters of Cockburn Sound.

On 10 December we'll be spreading festive cheer at Rockingham Foreshore when the City hosts its annual Christmas Festival. I hope you can join me and my fellow Council members when we turn on the Christmas lights.

In July we were delighted to open the \$5 million expansion and upgrades at Koorana Reserve in Warnbro.

The Baldivis Sports Complex continues to progress towards completion later this year and in this edition you'll get a sneak-peek into how the facility looks under lights.

You might have noticed that the font size in this edition is a little bigger than previous editions. This is part of our Disability Access and Inclusion Plan which includes making our public documents more accessible for people with vision impairment.

There are so many exciting things happening in our City and I hope you enjoy reading all about them in this edition of the City Chronicle.

**City of Rockingham Mayor,
Deb Hamblin**



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Major Projects



Koorana Reserve Upgrades Completed

Residents living in Warnbro, Waikiki, Port Kennedy and surrounding areas, and students at Koorana primary school, will have access to more sporting opportunities thanks to the \$5 million expansion and upgrade works at Koorana Reserve.

The City has delivered a major refurbishment and expansion to the existing clubrooms and two additional hectares of playing space, which includes two new soccer fields and one additional cricket oval.

The cricket nets have been expanded, reticulation has been upgraded, a new car park has been constructed, and state-of-the-art sports floodlighting has been installed.

Port Kennedy Soccer Club and Hillman Hornets Cricket Club will call the facility home for generations to come.

Hillman Hornets Cricket Club President Carl Sanders said the upgrades would allow the club to grow beyond its current 220 members and would also service both male and female members.

With the club now having facilities to cater for both men and women alike, Port Kennedy Soccer Club President Radmila Popovic said they hoped to grow their female membership through the development of women's football programs.



Aqua Jetty Stage Two

In addition to consulting with the wider community on the concept plans for Stage Two of the Aqua Jetty in Warnbro, the City has also engaged specifically with community members who have lived experience with disability. Their valuable feedback has been taken on board during the design stage to ensure the upgraded Aqua Jetty meets the needs of all community members for generations to come.

Keep an eye on the City's website for a detailed artist's impression 'fly-through' of the Aqua Jetty Stage Two project.



Baldivis Sports Complex

The main pavilion, maintenance shed and surrounds of the Baldivis Sports Complex (BSC) are almost finished, and floodlighting has been installed.

The BSC will be home to the White Knights Baldivis Cricket Club from the 2022/2023 summer season, and the Baldivis Brumbies Football and Netball Club from the 2023 winter season.

The Indoor Sports Complex and central car park will be completed by the end of 2022. The concept plan for the Baldivis Outdoor Recreation Space was endorsed by Council in June and designs for the Southern Pavilion and Outdoor Hardcourts are almost finished. Work on these final elements of the BSC will start in the first half of 2023.



Point Peron Boat Launching Facility

Upgrades to the Point Peron Boat Launching Facility are complete.

This \$1.3 million project involved demolishing the existing spur groyne and breakwater, which were originally constructed in the 1970s, and building a new 20 metre longer groyne and an upgraded breakwater. In a separate project, the carpark has also been extended and upgraded, and new lighting has been installed. The new groyne provides safer conditions for people launching and retrieving their vessels.



Around Our Community

Castaways Sculpture Awards

With thanks to our 2022 sponsors:
Alcoa, Water Corporation, and Fremantle Ports.

The City's signature arts and culture event, Castaways Sculpture Awards, returns from Saturday 22 October to Sunday 30 October.

Celebrating creativity and innovation through recycled sculptures, Castaways comprises three distinct exhibitions and a total prize pool of \$26,000.

The Main Exhibition and the Schools Competition will be displayed at the Rockingham Foreshore. The Maquette and Small Sculpture Exhibition will be displayed at the Rockingham Arts Centre on Kent Street.

When visiting the Castaways exhibitions, don't forget to vote for your favourite artwork in the Fremantle Ports People's Choice Awards to go in the draw to win the \$500 Fremantle Ports Voter's Prize.

Visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/castaways for more details.

Pictured:
Single-use, Harmful to the Environment
by Addam



The Nullians Exhibition

The City hosted The Nullians Exhibition by Sharyn Egan as part of our NAIDOC Week 2022 celebrations at the newly refurbished Rockingham Arts Centre (RAC).

Visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/exhibitions for more information on exhibitions and workshops at the RAC.

Youth Employment Program

The City will be delivering a specialised Youth Employment Program to assist local young people aged 16 - 24 access employment and training opportunities. Throughout 2022/2023 we will be taking on seven young people on a three year paid traineeship. Traineeships will be provided across a number of areas including horticulture, arboriculture, trades, business administration and engineering.

Strategic Community Plan (2019 - 2029)

The Strategic Community Plan (2019 -2029) guides everything we do to ensure that we continue to meet the aspirations of our community.

Here are a number of highlights from the past year including how the community rated our performance in our annual Customer Satisfaction Survey (2021).

The Net Promoter Score measures the likelihood of recommending the City as a place to live.

Net Promoter Score

23+

(87% of community gave a score of 6+)



In our community

From playgrounds, gazebos and barbecues at your nearest reserve, to roads, streetlights, and community buildings and facilities, the City is responsible for the delivery and maintenance of more than 71,000 assets estimated to be worth \$1.2 billion.

71,000 ASSETS

estimated to be worth **\$1.2 billion**



In our libraries

In the past year our four libraries have had over 400,000 visitors, 350,000 loans of physical items, and loaned 350,000 ebooks. Importantly, our libraries are about much more than books and offer around 1,600 programs and events for people of all ages every year.

400,000

Visitors in the past year

1,600

Programs and events

74%

Customer satisfaction score - Libraries



In our parks

Through all seasons our hardworking maintenance teams regularly maintain more than 440 local parks, sports fields, and conservation spaces in our community, covering almost 1,525 hectares of reserve space.

440 LOCAL PARKS*

covering almost 1,525 hectares of reserve space.

*Also includes sports fields and conservation spaces.



In your bin

Waste collection is a core function of our operations. Over the past year our Waste Services team collected more than 54,000 tonnes of waste across our red top waste bins, yellow top recycling bins and green top greenwaste bins.

54,000 TONNES

of waste collected

80%

Customer satisfaction score - Rubbish collection and recycling

72%

Customer satisfaction score - Parks, gardens and picnic areas (including foreshores)

At your local café

We're spoilt for choice for dining options in the City of Rockingham and it's our job to ensure local businesses are maintaining safe food handling practices. Last year we carried out 1,361 food premises inspections, responded to 2,388 health-related complaints and issued 1,515 approvals/permits under various health legislation.

1,361

Food premises inspections

1,515

Approvals/permits

2,388

Health complaint investigations



On our roads

Our City contains more than 1,100 km of roads connecting people with places. Over the next 12 months we will be carrying out 16 major road and footpath projects across this network.



Keeping you safe

SmartWatch responded to 1271 requests for attendance along with regularly patrolling 353 homes while the occupants were away on holidays.

1,100 KILOMETRES

of roads connecting people with places

1,271 REQUESTS

responded to by SmartWatch

67%

Customer satisfaction score -
Local roads

51%

Customer satisfaction score -
SmartWatch



At our events

Every year thousands of people in our community get the chance to enjoy a wide variety of City events. In the past year we've hosted major events including Castaways, the Christmas Festival, Australia Day at the Foreshore, and Symphony on the Green. Council provided \$175,000 of iconic event sponsorship funding to support the Rotary Club of Palm Beach WA deliver the Channel 7 Rockingham Beach Cup.

**MAJOR
EVENTS**



Castaways



Symphony on
the Green



Christmas
Festival



Australia Day at
the Foreshore



Rockingham
Beach Cup

65%

Customer satisfaction score - Festivals and events

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Channel 7 Rockingham Beach Cup

The Channel 7 Rockingham Beach Cup (RBC) will return to the Rockingham Foreshore on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 November 2022.

The RBC is a unique attraction on WA's tourism calendar and Council has resolved to provide \$175,000 of Iconic Event Sponsorship to support the Rotary Club of Palm Beach WA deliver the event.

The two day spectacle features a community fair and a series of horse races along the Rockingham Foreshore.

Nearly 20,000 people attended last year's event, which injected \$1.6 million into the local economy. Significantly, for every dollar of sponsorship funding the City provided, the RBC generated \$9.15 in attendee expenditure.



Volunteers Celebrated

More than 130 volunteers and guests from the City's advisory groups and local emergency services were acknowledged at the City's annual Volunteer Celebration.

The event was highlighted by the presentation of four Western Australian Volunteer Service Awards, which recognise volunteers who have provided 25 years or more service to a single organisation.

Andrew Jenner, David Catchlove, Jason Hill (on front page photograph) and Peter Noble from Rockingham-Kwinana SES were the awardees. Rockingham Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service and Secret Harbour Surf Lifesaving Club's community efforts were also celebrated.



Mayor Deb Hamblin with members of Secret Harbour Surf Lifesaving Club.



Members from Rockingham Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service.

Strategic Community Plan Major Review



Every four years the City undertakes a major review of the Strategic Community Plan (SCP) as part of the Local Government Act 1995 and the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.

The objective of the review is to ensure that the vision, aspirations and priorities of our community are captured while understanding future challenges. To ensure that this objective is achieved, we will be engaging widely with the community.

To stay informed of the major review of the SCP we encourage community members to sign up to Rock Port, our secure online portal and opt in to the topic of interest SCP2023.

You will receive updates about how the review is progressing and how you can Share Your Thoughts. Visit cityrockport.com.au today. For further details visit rockingham.wa.gov.au

The timeline on the right also breaks down the steps we'll be taking in the months ahead.



Plan
(September - October 2022)



Execute
(October - June 2023)

- Inform
- Consult
- Participate

Identify the Community Aspirations and priorities

Develop Draft SCP
Engage on draft



Complete
(Mid 2023)

Adopt the SCP (2023 – 2033)

Seniors and Carers Expo - Calling all Seniors

Join us on Friday 7 October at the Mike Barnett Sports Complex (MBSC), from 10am - 2pm. Register for your free ticket online at rockingham.wa.gov.au/seniors, over the phone on **9524 5386** or at the door.

This annual event provides a great opportunity for seniors and carers to find out information from a wide range of organisations, community groups and government departments, and connect with support and services available.

Getting to the venue:



Free car parking at MBSC – priority for ACROD permits.



Overflow parking on Dixon Road Reserve. An accessible shuttle bus will be available to transport visitors to MBSC.



Catch public transport via routes 548, 549, 551, and 555. Visit the Transperth website to plan your journey.



2022 Sports Star Awards

Since 1996, the City's Sports Star Awards have marked an annual celebration of outstanding achievements within the Rockingham sporting community.

This year the Sports Star Awards will recognise and reward the achievements of local sporting individuals, clubs, and teams participating in international, national, state, regional, and local competitions. The 2022 Sports Star Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 21 September at the Gary Holland Community Centre.

With thanks to our 2022 sponsors: Baldivis Health and Fitness - XLR8 Obstacle Course, Street Hassle Events, F45 Rockingham Beach, and Sound Telegraph. Visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/sportsstar for more information.



Rockingham Strategic Metropolitan Centre - Project Update

The City has been reviewing the local planning framework for the Rockingham City Centre, which includes the area from the Rockingham Train Station to the foreshore.

The review covered challenges and opportunities for new development, infill development and redevelopment within the City Centre, as well as improvements to the current planning framework.

Following preliminary stakeholder engagement, the City prepared the draft Rockingham Strategic Centre Precinct Structure Plan and the associated Scheme Amendment, which were supported by Council in June.

Once approval is granted by the State Government it is anticipated the Plan will be advertised for public comment later this year – and we'd love to hear your thoughts.

You can keep up to date with what's happening by registering your interest on the 'Share your Thoughts' page on the City's website. The page also provides a link to an FAQ which will be updated as the project progresses.



What's On Calendar

Seniors Social and Wellbeing Program - Baldivis



Mondays 10am - 11.30am
Wednesdays 9am - 10.30am



Baldivis Recreation Centre,
Fifty Road, Baldivis

Seniors Social and Wellbeing Program - Golden Bay



Mondays and Fridays
9am - 10.30am



Golden Bay Coastal Community
Centre, Tangadee Road, Golden Bay

Seniors Social and Wellbeing Program - Secret Harbour



Tuesdays 9.30am - 11am
Thursdays 9am - 10.30am



Secret Harbour Community Centre,
Oasis Drive, Secret Harbour

Seniors and Carers Expo



Friday 7 October
10am - 2pm



Mike Barnett Sports Complex,
Dixon Road, Rockingham

Castaways Main and Schools Competition Exhibitions



Saturday 22 October -
Sunday 30 October



Rockingham Foreshore

Maquette and Small Sculpture Exhibition



Saturday 22 October -
Sunday 30 October 9am - 5pm



Rockingham Arts Centre,
11 Kent Street, Rockingham

Teddy Bears' Picnic



Wednesday 26 October
9.30am - 12pm



Fantasy Park, Rand Avenue, Waikiki

Christmas Festival



Saturday 10 December
5pm - 8.30pm



Churchill Park,
Rockingham Foreshore



Did you know the City has a sensory friendly space called a chill-out zone at some of our major events? This space is designed specifically for families with members with neurodiversity needs. To find out more, visit the City's website.

Follow the City on Facebook for up-to-date event information or visit the What's On page of the City's website: rockingham.wa.gov.au/whatson



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in the City.



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Helping a Threatened Species

Ten artificial nesting hollows have been installed across some of the City's conservation reserves to help protect threatened black cockatoos.

Known as 'cockatubes,' the hollows provide potential nesting habitat for Carnaby's black cockatoos and forest red-tailed black cockatoos. The artificial hollows sit between six to 10 metres up a tree and are designed to last for at least 50 years.

The hollows were installed at Tamworth Hill Swamp, Baldavis Nature Reserve, Karnup Townsite, Lake Richmond and Karnup School Site.



Hazardous Waste

Do you have hazardous waste in your house? Hazardous items stored around the home can be dangerous to people and the environment. Disposing chemicals in your bins can cause a fire risk to City staff and pouring them down the drain can contaminate waterways or drinking water.

Instead, you can dispose of chemicals for free at the Millar Road Landfill and Recycling Facility as part of the City's Hazardous Household Waste program, supported by Waste Authority.

When dropping off chemicals make sure they are kept in their original container or labelled clearly in a new container. This will help staff handle the contents safely.

A maximum of 20 kg or 20 litres per material of unwanted chemicals will be accepted per day. This includes aerosols, pesticides, solvents, and various household chemicals. Visit our website for a complete list.

2021 Sustainability Snapshot Report

Our fifth annual Sustainability Snapshot Report has recently been released. The report captures actions and initiatives from across the City as we work towards a sustainable future.

Progress is captured under six key focus areas (below) with highlights including:



Water

Our 2021 Waterwise Council Action Plan was endorsed and guides works undertaken by the City to create a Water Sensitive City. We were also re-endorsed as a Gold Waterwise Council for the third time.



Nature and Environment

11,000 seedlings were provided to residents as part of the City's annual Native Plants Giveaway.



Waste and Recycling

We began to collect household e-waste as part of a recycling and reuse program funded by Waste Authority. In 2021, more than **20 tonnes** of e-waste was collected.



Environmental Education and Engagement

Thirty two sustainability related workshops were held across City libraries.

In partnership with Grow It Local, **nine** Grow.Cook.Eat workshops were held for 205 community members in 2020/2021.



Energy and Emissions

500 new solar panels were installed in 2020/2021. In total 3,500 panels have been installed across 98 sites.

Approximately **101,000 tonnes CO₂e** (carbon dioxide equivalent) was captured from decomposing waste in landfill and converted into electricity via gas capture.



Climate Response

Seven coastal monitoring surveys were conducted across five locations, as part of the City's continued effort to monitor key changes to the City's coastline.

View the Sustainability Snapshot Report in full on our website.



Community Safety and Support



Re[Frame] Launch

The City's new Re[Frame] Mental Health Public Art Mural is now on display at McLarty Hall in Shoalwater.

The mural was inspired by people with lived experience of mental illness and showcases the strategies people use to tackle mental health issues. It's characterised by the theme "Find What Works For You" and focuses on stories of recovery. It shows how each person's recovery journey can be different.

The City gratefully acknowledges the community members who courageously shared their stories to help shape the mural.

To find out more visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/communitysupport

Firebreak inspections

Firebreak inspections will begin on 1 December 2022. Owners/occupiers of developed and vacant land need to comply with the City's Fire Control Notice requirements prior to this date.

All requests for variations to firebreaks need to be submitted to the City before 31 October 2022.

Failure to comply with the City's Fire Control Notice may result in a penalty of up to \$5,000, with additional contractor and administration costs to carry out fire prevention works on your property.

The City's Fire Control Notice can be found at

rockingham.wa.gov.au/firecontrol



Permit to Burn

All owners/occupiers wishing to undertake a hazard reduction burn on their land will require a 'Permit to Burn' from 1 October 2022 to 30 November 2022. Applications can be made online at rockingham.wa.gov.au/firecontrol

Burning is strictly prohibited on all land from 1 December 2022 through to 30 March 2023. The City's Fire Control Notice can be found at rockingham.wa.gov.au/firecontrol or call **9528 0333** if you would like to speak with a Fire Prevention Officer.

Australian Fire Danger Ratings

From 1 September 2022, the Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) was introduced across Australia to provide consistent fire danger advice to people throughout the nation.

The new system has four ratings:

Moderate:	Plan and prepare.
High:	Be ready to act.
Extreme:	Take action now to protect life and property.
Catastrophic:	For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.

Find out your daily fire danger rating via emergency.wa.gov.au

Anti-Poverty Week (16 – 22 October)

For the 20th anniversary of Anti-Poverty Week, the City will be working with key local organisations to provide opportunities for families and individuals to develop personal skills in managing their households and advice on where to seek further advice and support.

REGISTER

FOR A LIFETIME



Pet Registrations

The new pet year starts on 1 November 2022. If your pet goes missing, your chances of being reunited will be massively improved if you have maintained their registration.

If you have changed address let us know so the microchipping database can be updated. A sterilised dog or cat can be registered for their lifetime for only \$100. Receive a 50% discount if a valid Pension Concession Card, or a WA Seniors Card with a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card is presented.

Pet registrations can be renewed online at rockingham.com.au/petrego or email customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au. Please remember penalties apply if your pet is unregistered.

Mental Health Week (8-15 October)

The theme for Mental Health Week 2022 is 'Where we live. How we live. What we've lived.'

The City will be collaborating with local organisations and volunteer groups to provide information on how to maintain good health and find pathways of support when needed.

An information stall will be set up from Thursday 6 – Thursday 13 October at Rockingham Vicinity Shopping Centre. At the stall you can find out when professional representatives will be available to chat and point you towards support.

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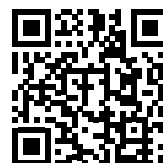
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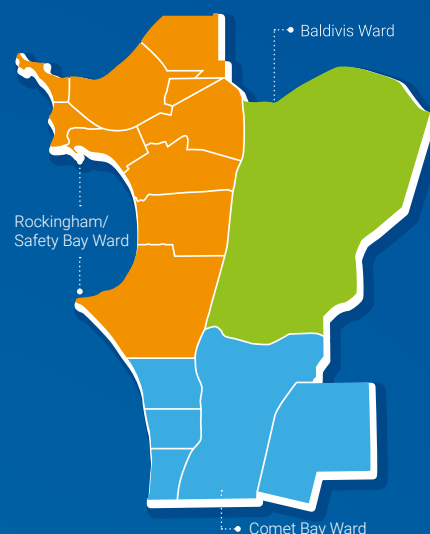
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In an emergency call 000
(for hearing impaired) 106

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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