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A Word from the Mayor

Welcome to the spring edition of the City Chronicle.

As the daylight hours start to get longer, the wait until the City's annual calendar of major events for 2024/2025 gets a little shorter, kicking off at the end of next month with the Castaways Sculpture Awards on the Rockingham Foreshore.

It's been a busy winter. We constructed a pump and jump track in the June Road Reserve in Safety Bay, and it is great to see so many of our younger residents out enjoying the track. Check it out on page 5. Also, I'm delighted to report that work on the Stan Twight Reserve clubroom redevelopment will be getting underway in September.

The City is excited to announce the launch of its latest low income subsidy which will help make summer a bit more comfortable. Residents who hold a pension or health care card can now access the Home Cooling Subsidy which can be used for a variety of things to keep you cool, from fans and air conditioners to shade sails and blinds. Read more about this subsidy on page 13.

With the warmer weather on the way, so too is the increased risk of bushfire. A new national warning system for natural hazards has now been launched, which uses a nationally consistent set of icons, meaning wherever you are in Australia, the signs are the same. Head to page 14 to know the signs.

Lastly, don't forget the City's next round of green waste verge collection starts in the first week in October. Head to the Near Me page of the City's website to find your area's collection, and happy gardening!

Please enjoy this edition of the Chronicle.

City of Rockingham Mayor,
Deb Hamblin



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Major Projects



Stan Twight Reserve Clubroom Redevelopment

The construction contract for the Stan Twight Reserve Clubroom Redevelopment was awarded to Shelford Constructions. Work is expected to commence in September 2024, including:



demolition of the existing clubhouse building



construction of a new clubhouse and changeroom facility



upgrade to floodlighting



extension to the existing car park area.

The redevelopment will provide a much needed functional clubroom and changeroom facility at the reserve for Shoalwater Bay Cricket and Sporting Club, Safety Bay Stingers Football Club and Rockingham Districts AFL Masters.

Funding partners include:

- Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries through the Community Sporting Recreation and Facilities Fund.
- Australian Football League and West Australian Football Commission via the WA Football Facilities Fund.
- Western Australian Cricket Association through the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund.

The clubs also contributed to embellishments in the kitchen and social space.

Left to right (kneeling):

Rebecca Bratt, Mark Vernal, Liam and Gavin McDonnell, Shane Wright, Ryan Crews

Left to right (standing):

Kelly Delamare, Ann Gornall, Jo Croft, Ian Daniels (CoR), Mayor Deb Hamblin, Steven Rose (WAFC), Tristan Fuller (Shelford), Justin Kennedy, Nicki Kennedy, Neil Kennedy.



The Karnup District Structure Plan (KDSP) project is now in the stakeholder engagement, visioning and design phase.

During July and August we held two workshops with environmental and First Nations groups, various other local and state government stakeholders, and community members to discuss their vision for the future of Karnup. Feedback received during these sessions will be used to develop an overall project vision, and to guide the preparation of the District Structure Plan, including zoning and land use, and the locations for future housing, shops, schools, and open spaces.

We are now compiling the Community Outcomes and Vision report that we intend to present to Council towards the end of 2024.

The preparation of a District Structure Plan takes about three years, however physical development in the area may not be seen for a number of years.

To register for updates visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/kdsp and keep an eye on social media for future opportunities to become involved.



Beach Access Works

Waikiki Foreshore Universal Access Ramp

From August to the end of October 2024 Waikiki Foreshore universal access pedestrian ramp will be closed for refurbishment. While the work is being done beachgoers are encouraged to use the access stairs located a few hundred meters to the north, or the ramp located to the south. The City apologises for the inconvenience.

Australia Day Celebrations Survey

In December 2022 the federal government gave local councils the choice to hold Australia Day celebrations and citizenship ceremonies on any day between 23 and 29 January. In April 2023 Council voted to move Australia Day events to the Saturday nearest to 26 January. In 2024 those events were held on 27 January.

Following a decision from Council in March 2024 the City commissioned an independent research consultant to survey 10,000 residents in our community about their preferred date for our Australia Day celebrations. The survey has now closed and the results will be presented to Council for consideration at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 September 2024. The City thanks all respondents for sharing their thoughts about the future of our community's Australia Day celebrations.

Around Our Community



Safety Bay Pump and Jump Track

The fences came down in late July and this neighbourhood level track has already been given a solid workout by riders of all ages. Come to the June Road Reserve in Safety Bay and check it out.

Thanks to the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program for a contribution of \$150,000 as part of the overall funding of the project.

Castaways Sculpture Awards

The City's signature arts and culture event, Castaways Sculpture Awards, returns from Saturday 26 October to Sunday 3 November 2024.

The Main Exhibition and the Schools Exhibition will be displayed at the Rockingham Foreshore, while the Maquette and Small Sculpture Exhibition will be displayed at the Rockingham Arts Centre just a short walk away on Kent Street.

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. Thanks to our 2024 sponsors: Alcoa, Capral Aluminium and Fremantle Ports.

Visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/castaways



Image credit: Tony Pankiw, *Spot the Sculpture*, aluminium, tin plate; Catia Dolzadelli, *In case of Emergency*, aluminium offcuts, recycled wood, salvaged Marri.

Strategic Community Plan

2023-2033

Our Vision | A quality lifestyle. A sustainable future.

Following a major review in 2022 and 2023, the Strategic Community Plan 2023-2033 will guide everything we do over the next 10 years to ensure we continue to meet the vision and aspirations of our community. Here are a number of highlights from the past year including the percentage of respondents that rated our performance as Well and Very Well in the Annual Resident Perception Survey (2023).



Net Promoter Score

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

79%

Overall
performance
in services
and facilities



At our events

Each year we plan and deliver a comprehensive program of events that are enjoyed by thousands of people in our community. In the past year we were proud to present our major events including Castaways, the New Year's Eve celebration featuring Birds of Tokyo, Celebrate Australia Day and Symphony on the Green.

72% Customer satisfaction score - Festivals and events

Major Events:



Castaways



Symphony
on the Green



New
Year's Eve



Celebrate
Australia Day



In our rec centres

Our community sport and recreation centres continue to provide a space for our residents, sporting groups and community clubs to play, compete and create. 48% of people surveyed told us they have used a sport and recreation centre in the past year.

75% Customer satisfaction score - Sport and recreation centres

997,251 visitors
in the past year



Keeping you safe

Our SmartWatch crew were out and about in force this past year, responding to 2,104 community patrols, requests for attendance, holiday watch and fire watch requests, keeping residents and visitors safe and secure.

59% Customer satisfaction score - SmartWatch

2,104 requests
in the past year



Where the coast comes to life

In the past year we have supported over 6,000 local business with more than 60 stakeholder meetings and events. We welcomed 909,486 visitors to our beautiful coastline and continued to support tourism via our iconic event funding.

53% Customer satisfaction score - Tourism promotion

909,486 visitors
in 2022/2023



In our parks

In the past year we have been improving the tree canopy coverage across our City, targeting areas of low coverage to rejuvenate our streetscapes and more than 440 local parks and conservation spaces.

74% Customer satisfaction score - Parks, gardens and picnic areas

37,838 seedlings
planted in local reserves



In your bin

Our waste crews have had another busy year, collecting 31,282 tonnes of waste from our red lid kerbside collections. You've been busy too, diverting 29 tonnes of batteries, 22 tonnes of e-waste and 27 tonnes of tyres from landfill.

77% Customer satisfaction score - Rubbish collection and recycling

31,282 tonnes
of general waste collected



Development investment

In the past year we have approved over 380 applications for development approval from commercial and residential developments, to home businesses and national brands. This includes support for Development Assessment Panel applications such as the new Baldvis Police Station, now under construction.

60% Customer satisfaction score - Town planning approvals - service users

\$262 million
in development investment

Beach Access Equipment

Not long now before the weather starts warming up (we hope), and as we head into the warmer months, what better time to enjoy our beautiful coastline?

The City provides free beach wheelchair hire and beach matting to improve access to the coast for people with disability and those with limited mobility. Beach matting is available at seven beaches during October through to April, depending on coastal and weather conditions. Beach wheelchairs and walkers are available year-round.


We recommend calling ahead of your visit to ensure that matting has been installed, and to book wheelchairs and walkers in advance to avoid disappointment.


For more information, visit the City's website: **rockingham.wa.gov.au/accessiblebeaches** or call **9528 0333**.



International Day of People with Disability

International Day of People with Disability aims to promote community awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability, so the Cities of Rockingham and Kwinana are celebrating with a range of fun and inclusive activities for everyone.

 Monday 25 November to Sunday 8 December

 Various locations around City of Rockingham and City of Kwinana




For more information and an activity guide visit the City's website closer to the time at **rockingham.wa.gov.au/idpwd**


What's On Calendar




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

Bring Your Energy Bill Days

 Tuesday 15 October 2024
10.30am – 12pm


 Rockingham Central Library,
Dixon Road, Rockingham

Bring Your Energy Bill Days

 Wednesday 16 October 2024
10.30am – 12pm


 Safety Bay Library,
Safety Bay Road, Safety Bay

Teddy Bears' Picnic

 Wednesday 23 October
9am – 12pm


 Fantasy Park, Rand Avenue, Waikiki

Castaways Sculpture Awards: Main and Schools Exhibitions

 Saturday 26 October –
Sunday 3 November


 Rockingham Foreshore


Castaways Sculpture Awards: Maquette and Small Sculpture Exhibition

 Saturday 26 October –
Sunday 3 November


 Rockingham Arts Centre,
11 Kent Street, Rockingham

Sensory Santa

 Saturday 30 November
9am – 4.30pm

 Rockingham Central Library,
Dixon Road, Rockingham

Christmas Lights Launch

 Friday 6 December
5pm – 8.30pm

 Churchill Park, Rockingham Foreshore




Christmas Lights Display

 Friday 6 December 2024 –
Tuesday 28 January 2025

 Beach Plaza, Rockingham Foreshore

New Year's Eve

 Tuesday 31 December
5pm – 12am

 Churchill Park and Bell Park,
Rockingham Foreshore


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.

Thrifty Clothing Swap

Calling all thrifty, sustainability enthusiasts. Enjoy searching through racks of wonderful pre-loved clothing to find up to five pieces to add to your wardrobe. Registration is required.



 Sunday 13 October 2024
12.30pm – 3pm

 Mary Davies Library and Community Centre
17 Settlers Avenue, Baldivis





ReWild – Bring Nature Home

The City is excited to announce its partnership with Perth NRM and the Perth South West Metropolitan Alliance for ReWild – a program that invites people and businesses in urban areas to increase (or introduce) native habitat into their space. This can significantly help native wildlife by creating little pockets of habitat throughout our suburbs, reconnecting our vital reserves and green spaces, and beautifying your garden.

You can be part of the ReWild movement and bring nature home by participating in a number of workshops the City has planned for the Rockingham area. Keep an eye on the Sustainability and Environment page on our website, as well as social media, for all upcoming events.

Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer

The Polyphagous shot hole borer (PSHB) is a serious declared pest. The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is working hard to eradicate it as part of a nationally coordinated and funded biosecurity response because if it gets established in WA it could significantly impact our urban canopy and agricultural industry.

Detecting PSHB is difficult as they are very small – about the size of a sesame seed. Tell-tale signs include multiple entrance holes in the trunk or branches about the size of a ballpoint pen tip, frass or sawdust, and dieback.



PSHB hasn't been recorded in the City of Rockingham yet, and we need your help to keep it out. Look for the signs of this damaging pest and report anything suspicious via the MyPestGuide® Reporter app or to the DPIRD Pest and Disease Information Service on **9368 3080** or **padis@dpird.wa.gov.au**. For more information visit **agric.wa.gov.au/borer**

Fight the Bite

Spring is the start of mosquito season. The City, as part of the Peel Mosquito Management Group, is conducting mosquito treatments in the saltmarsh areas near Karnup to keep mosquito numbers low.

You can help fight the bite:

- remove, empty or cover water-holding containers around the home
- check fly screens and cover rainwater/septic tank openings with mosquito-proof mesh
- keep swimming pools properly maintained and free of debris
- cover up with loose-fitting clothing, especially at dawn and dusk
- apply insect repellent containing DEET or picaridin when outdoors.

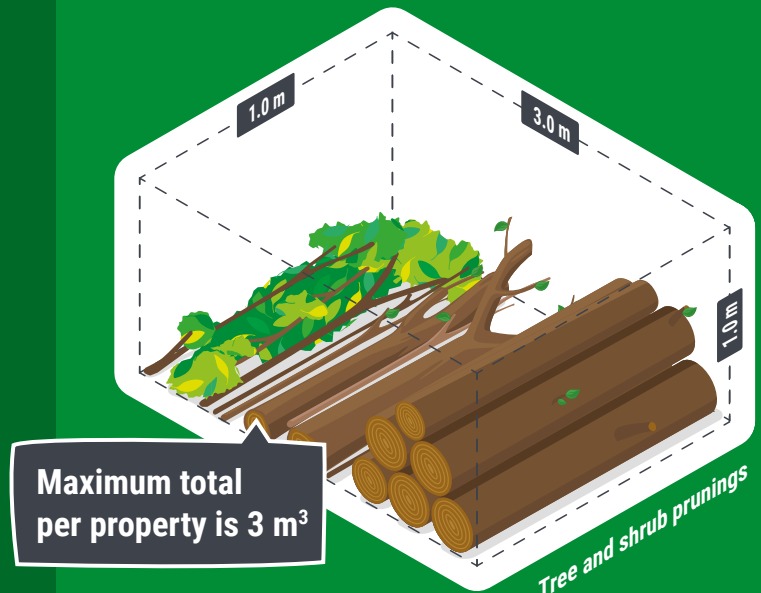
Green Waste Verge Collection

The City's residential green waste verge collections are starting soon. Collections will take place from October to November 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



Be a **GREAT** sort and make landfill the last resort by correctly sorting waste.



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

Find your nearest drop-off point at recycleright.wa.gov.au/find-my-nearest

Learn more about waste education opportunities for residents and schools at rockingham.wa.gov.au/wasteeducation

Living GREEN

Stay up-to-date with the latest events and information around sustainability, waste and FOGO, and the environment via our new GREEN e-newsletter.

Sign up on the City's website at rockingham.wa.gov.au/subscribe



Community Safety **starts with you**



Community Safety

Maintaining close links with local police is very important in the City's ongoing efforts to reinforce a strong sense of community safety.

Mayor Deb Hamblin and CEO Michael Parker met recently with the new Officer in Charge at the Rockingham Police Station, Snr Sgt Scott Starkie, to talk about some of the things that concern our residents.

Some of the key issues discussed included:

- the importance of reporting incidents promptly to help police build the bigger picture of what's happening in the community

- limiting the opportunity for thieves by removing valuables from vehicles and ensuring vehicles, garages and houses are locked
- encouraging residents to register their own CCTV cameras on Cam-Map WA – a secure database, operated by WA Police, of all voluntarily registered CCTV systems across WA which helps in the investigation of incidents.

Call **000** when urgent police assistance is needed.
Call **131 144** for non-urgent matters.

Online Financial Education

This free online financial education includes a variety of short videos, resources and educational courses to help you better understand budgeting, how a spending plan works, how debt works, and how to get out and stay out of debt. Do these courses at your own pace and as many times as you like. Available online until 30 November 2024.

Registration is required. Scan the QR code to find out more.



Home Cooling Subsidy Scheme

The City is offering a Home Cooling Subsidy Scheme to low income residents who hold a Health Care or Pensioner Concession card. It can be used for a variety of products, such as:

- thermal items (ceiling fans, ceiling insulation, eave vents, air conditioners)
- window systems (window shutters, block-out curtains/blinds, awnings)
- shade options (shade sails, external venetian blinds)
- other products (cooling pillows, pedestal fan).



For further information about this scheme, and others the City has available, visit **rockingham.wa.gov.au**

Christmas Hamper Donation

Local emergency relief organisations are always grateful for donations of food, vouchers and gifts to support local families in need at Christmas. Items that are in particular demand this year include:

- non-perishable and long-life food items
- Christmas crackers, biscuits, and sweets
- gifts for children and young people (items such as gift vouchers are particularly helpful for older children and teenagers)
- school stationery, backpacks and pencil cases.

There will be donation points across the City leading into Christmas and/or donations can be made directly to our emergency relief providers.

If you or a loved one needs support this Christmas there are lots of services that can help from emergency food, support with bills, financial advice or general support.



Find out more by scanning the QR code.

Emergency Preparedness

A New Australian Warning System – Know the Signs

The Australian Warning System (AWS) is a new simple national warning system for natural hazards like storm, bushfire, flood, cyclones, extreme heat and severe weather. The AWS provides a nationally consistent set of warnings and icons, so no matter where you are in Australia, you will know what to do to stay safe in an emergency.

There are three warning levels:

Advice



An incident has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.

Watch and Act



There is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect yourself and your family.

Emergency Warning



You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay puts your life at risk.

Now there's a simple warning system for natural disasters.

For more information about AWS, visit Australian Warning System at dfes.wa.gov.au

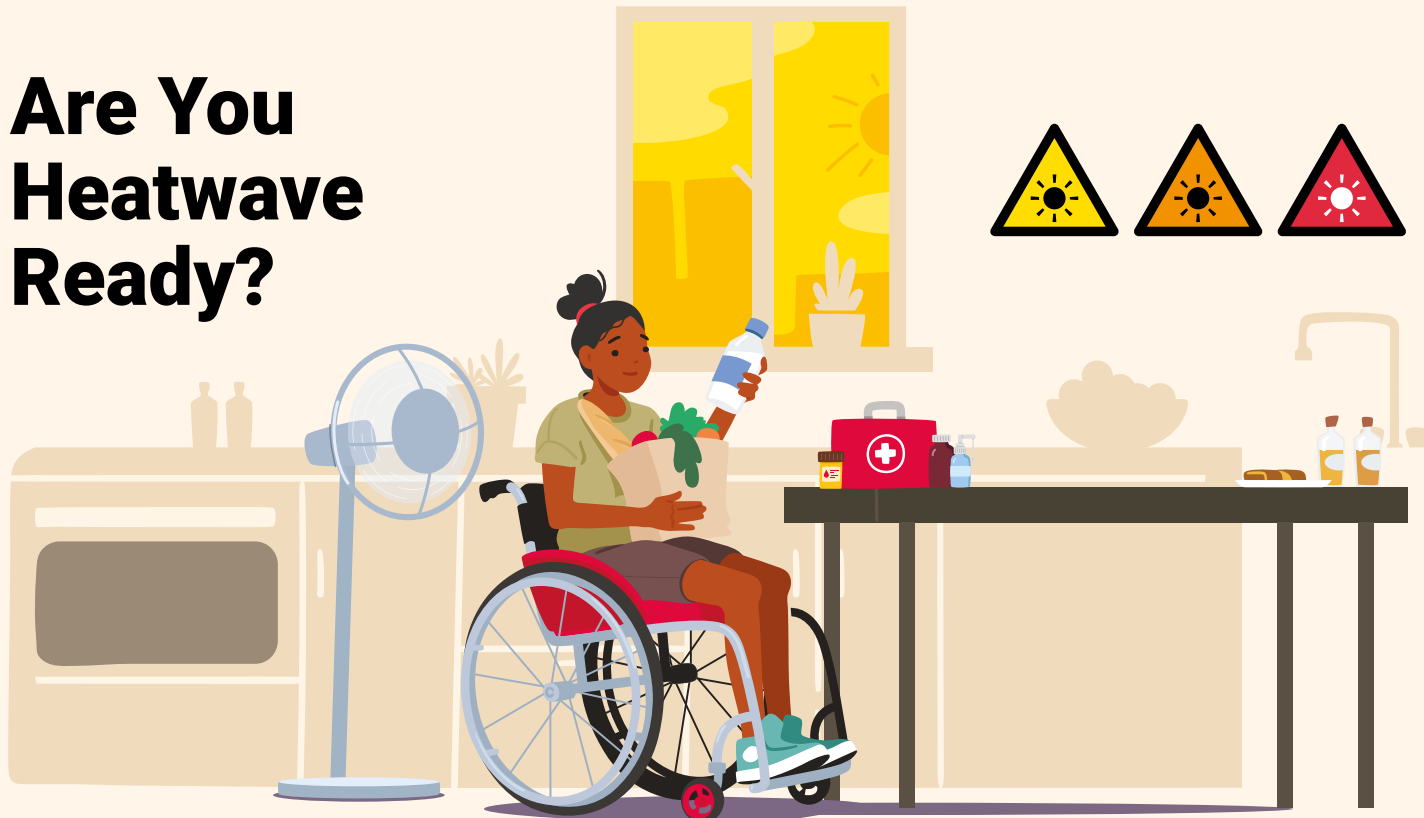
Permit to Burn

Burning is strictly prohibited on all land from 1 December 2024 to 31 March 2025. Residential properties are not permitted to burn green waste or other refuse at any time.

Rural or Special Rural property owners wanting to undertake hazard reduction burns will need a 'Permit to Burn' from 1 October to 30 November 2024. Applications can be made via rockingham.wa.gov.au/firecontrol



Are You Heatwave Ready?



The City has partnered with the Western Australian Council of Social Service, and Energy Ahead, on a heat intervention project to support local residents who are at increased risk to the impact of high heat. During November we will be running a series of Heatwave Ready community workshops at our libraries where you can learn about:



keeping your home cool while reducing household energy use and costs with free audits and coaching



initiatives available for Rockingham residents to be heat prepared



the impacts of heat and how to stay safe this summer.



Scan the QR code to find, and register for a workshop near you. For residents aged over 60 there will be a workshop at the Autumn Centre on Thursday 28 November 2024 from 10am.

Firebreak Inspections

Requests to vary firebreaks need to be submitted to the City before 31 October 2024. Approvals expire on 31 May each year, therefore a new application to vary is required.

Contact Fire Control on **9528 0333** with any enquiries or visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/firecontrol



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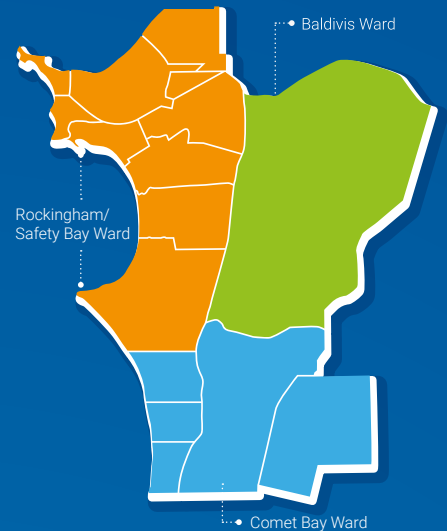
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For non-emergency Police assistance call 131 444
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Rockingham SmartWatch 1300 657 123
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