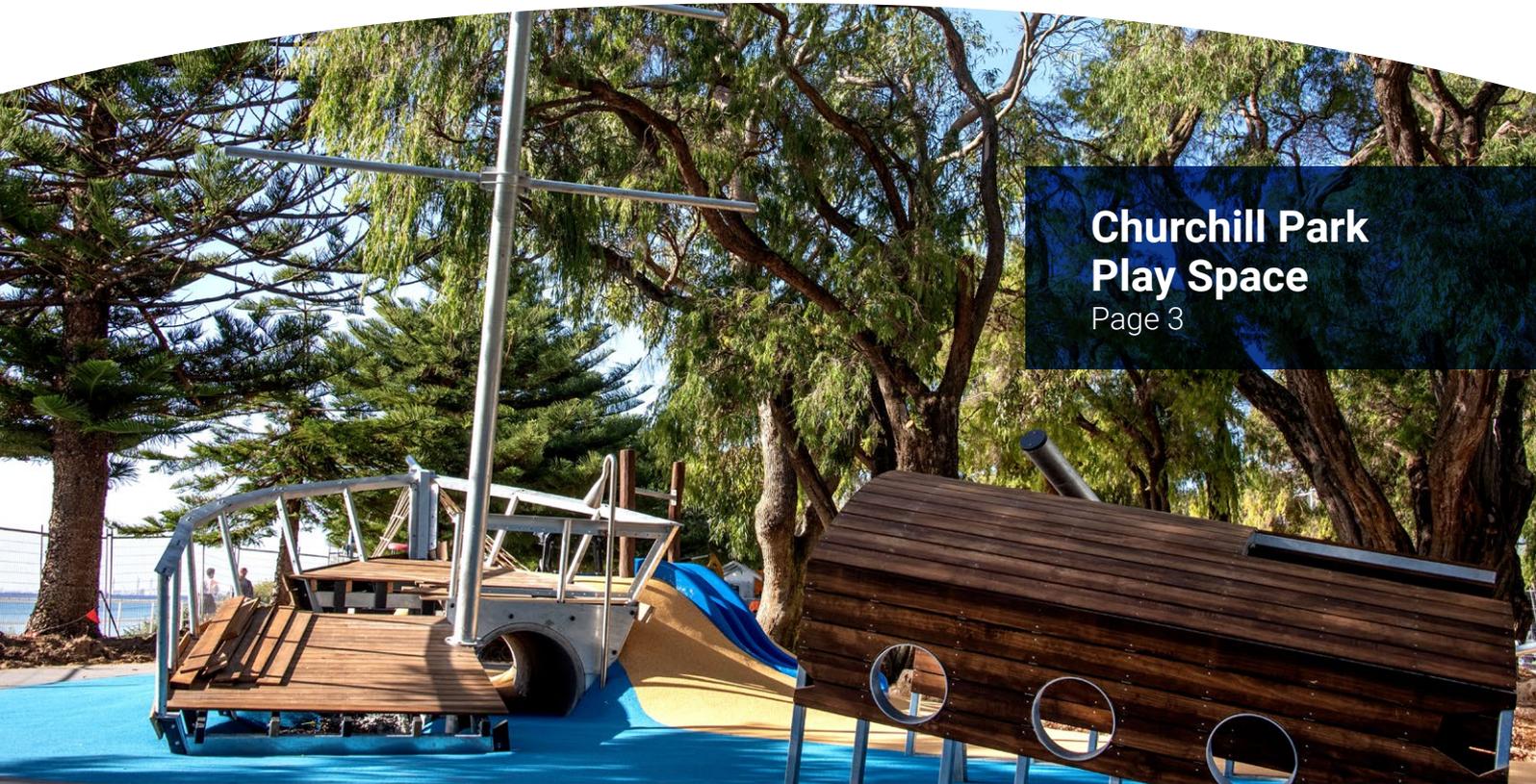


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A Word From the Mayor

Welcome to the spring edition of the City Chronicle.

Well done everyone on making the change to our new FOGO waste collection service. It was a big change - but an essential one – which takes us a giant step closer to reaching the state's waste recovery targets. With about 56,000 properties making the change at the end of June there were inevitably a few minor teething problems as everyone got used to the new system. We are sorry for any inconvenience that you may have experienced, but overall the changeover was remarkably smooth, and that's due largely to the willingness of our community to embrace this new system. It is a simple but hugely positive step toward creating the sustainable future we all want for our children and grandchildren.

We have been very busy lately on a number of infrastructure projects that you can read more about inside. Next time you are near Rockingham Foreshore, make sure you come and take a look at our fabulous new forest-to-the-sea themed play space in Churchill Park. I had a sneak peek a little while ago and loved it.

Please take a look at pages 6 and 7 for a snapshot of our Strategic Community Plan performance highlights in some key areas during 2024/2025. Thanks to everyone who provided their feedback through our Resident Perception Survey.

Spring is, hopefully, just around the corner. So let's hope we see the warmer weather coming our way soon. Meanwhile, thanks for reading and please enjoy this edition of the Chronicle.

City of Rockingham Mayor
Deb Hamblin



Major Projects



Churchill Park Play Space

The transformation of Churchill Park's old playgrounds into one large, accessible, heritage-themed play area is complete. Work conducted over the quieter winter months has created a fantastic new play space to engage people of all ages and abilities.

Offering a range of inclusive play options, this bigger and better play space tells the story of the early days of Rockingham as a timber town, taking you from 'forest to sea' across swings, climbing elements, nature-based items, and reclaimed timbers.

The City was delighted to deliver this exciting new play space without the loss of a single tree from the much-loved shady grounds of Churchill Park. Other upgrades include the installation of 17 accessible shelters, accessible furniture and additional accessible pathways within both Churchill and Bell parks.

Zero Tolerance for Abusive Behaviour

The City of Rockingham is committed to providing a safe and respectful environment for our staff, contractors and community members we engage with.

Abusive, aggressive, or threatening behaviour towards City staff or contractors - whether in person, over the phone, or in writing - will not be tolerated. Any such behaviour will result in further action, as appropriate.

Help us to help you by treating our staff with courtesy and respect.



Stan Twight Reserve Clubroom Redevelopment



The Stan Twight Reserve Clubroom Redevelopment is currently on track for completion in spring 2025. This project supports the provision of well positioned, welcoming, accessible, fit-for-purpose facilities.

Thanks to our funding partners:

- Australian Football Facilities Fund - WA Football
- Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund - Cricket Australia

Proudly supported by the WA Government.



Safety Bay Foreshore Community Facility Development

The vision for this area is to develop community infrastructure that enhances recreation and tourism opportunities at this regional attraction. Environmental and planning investigations have been completed for the site, and the design tender for the concept, schematic and detailed designs has been advertised. Keep up to date on our website at rockingham.wa.gov.au for more information and future community consultation workshop opportunities.



Baldvis Sports Complex

The final stage of the Baldvis Sports Complex is nearing completion. The Giant Tree House is complete, with the rest of the play area continuing to take shape. Other key elements include:

the Southern Pavilion

sports floodlighting

outdoor hardcourts for netball, basketball and tennis

outdoor recreation space including nature play, obstacle circuit, and skatepark

Thanks to our funding partner Lotterywest for its financial contribution to the outdoor recreation space. The project is expected to be finished in early 2026.



Aqua Jetty Stage 2

A design team has been appointed to reassess and update the previous design, focussing on:

- a 'wellness suite' with a larger hydrotherapy pool, new spa, sauna and steam rooms
- increased water space
- larger spaces for health and fitness programs, including a larger gym, larger group fitness and spin rooms, and layout improvements throughout the centre.

Advocacy



For some time the City has been advocating to the federal government about the need for more housing to accommodate the increase in personnel at HMAS Stirling.

Last year the government committed to building 550 new homes for Defence members, and in June 2025 Defence Housing Australia called for Expressions of Interest for the building of 450 townhouses and apartments, primarily in Rockingham.

The City has also been advocating for an information centre in Rockingham where the public can ask questions and source information about AUKUS and other Navy-related activities. The Australian Submarine Agency has now signed a lease on premises at the Gary Holland Community Centre for this purpose. The City looks forward to it becoming a valuable source of information for our community. The City, along with the Perth South West Metropolitan Alliance, continues to advocate to the federal government to hold an in-person community engagement forum. Check the City's website for updates.

Strategic Community Plan

Performance Highlights

Across a wide range of services and activities the City of Rockingham is working to achieve the community's aspirations detailed in the Strategic Community Plan (2023-2033).



Here is a snapshot of our achievements in just some of these key areas during the 2024/2025 financial year based on community feedback in our Resident Perception Survey.



Net promoter score

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

76% Overall resident perception score

for performance delivering services, programs, facilities and infrastructure.

At our events

The City presents an exciting calendar of family-friendly events every year, creating opportunities for our community to come together, and attracting many thousands of people.

Festivals and events

Resident Perception Score:

77%

Major Events:


Castaways Sculpture Awards


Christmas Lights Display


New Year's Eve


Celebrate Australia Day


Symphony on the Green

In our recreation centres

From health and wellbeing to social connection, our community sport and recreation centres continue to play a vital role in meeting the needs of our community. 52% of people surveyed used a sport and recreation centre in the past year.

1,144,322 visitors
in the past year

Sport and recreation centres

Resident Perception Score:

78%



In our libraries

In the past year our four libraries welcomed over 320,000 visitors, loaned 400,000 physical items and 1.1 million eResources. 46% of people surveyed used one of our libraries in the past year.

Libraries

Resident Perception Score:

83%

320,000 visitors
in the past year



In our parks

Through rain and shine our hardworking maintenance teams take care of more than 460 local parks, sports fields and conservation spaces. In the past year we have planted 3,890 trees and 29,700 new seedlings to support biodiversity.

Parks, gardens, picnic areas and foreshores

Resident Perception Score:

81%

29,700 seedlings
planted in our natural areas



In economic development

In the past year we have supported over 6,000 local business with more than 60 stakeholder meetings and events. We welcomed 870,959 visitors to our beautiful coastline and continued to support tourism through marketing campaigns, promotional activities and the launch of our Mobile Visitor Centre.

Tourism promotion

Resident Perception Score:

54%

870,959 visitors
in 2023/2024*



In your bin

It's been another very busy year for our waste collection crews, picking up 47,027 tonnes of waste from the red lid bins, and for our residents who have diverted 96 tonnes of batteries, 75 tonnes of e-waste and 69 tonnes of tyres from landfill. The introduction of the FOGO waste collection system on 30 June 2025 will help our community divert an estimated 12,500 tonnes of organic waste from landfill each year so it can be reused to make valuable products like soil conditioner.

Rubbish collection and recycling

Resident Perception Score:

84%

47,027 tonnes
of general waste collected



In your garden

We've helped you to support native birds and bees, and build an attractive greenspace without large watering requirements through our Native Plants Giveaway. This program was first established in 2018, and is now held annually.

Caring for the environment

Resident Perception Score:

63%

12,000 waterwise
native seedlings given away



In contact

The City managed 221,323 calls across all our service locations. Our Customer Contact Centre handled 95,507 of those, resolving 85% of enquiries at the first point of contact. We received 53,045 emails and processed 121,898 customer service requests.

Customer service performance

Resident Perception Score:

72%

221,323 calls
across all our service locations

Around Our Community



Castaways Sculpture Awards

The City's signature arts and culture event, Castaways Sculpture Awards, returns from Saturday 25 October to Sunday 2 November 2025. The Main Exhibition and the Schools Exhibition will be displayed at Rockingham Foreshore and Churchill Park, 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 People's Choice Awards to go in the draw to win the \$500 Voter's Prize. Check out the free Artist Talks and other events.

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

Ben Veljacich, *Moon Jelly*, aluminium, steel.
Sally Stoneman, *Echoes IV*, recycled wire.



Save the Dates



Christmas Lights Launch

Christmas? Already? Well, we'd hate you to miss out so save the date and come along to Churchill Park on Friday 5 December from 5pm – 8.30pm as we sparkle up Rockingham Foreshore with the official launch of our Christmas lights display. Filled with festive fun for the whole family, including a special visit from Santa, children's activities, roaming entertainment, food vans and a snow pit.



Autumn Centre Christmas Markets

Everyone is welcome - bring your family and friends. Browse through a wide variety of stalls featuring amazing handmade crafts and unique gift ideas, all created by our talented Autumn Centre members.

9am – 1pm Saturday 22 November,
Autumn Centre,
McNicholl Street Rockingham.

Seniors and Carers Expo

Join us on Friday 10 October at the Mike Barnett Sports Complex (MBSC), from 10am – 2pm.

There will be free entertainment, activities, sausage sizzle, and a wide range of information to connect with supports and services from organisations, community groups and government departments.

Getting there:



Free car parking at MBSC – priority for ACROD permits.

Overflow parking on Dixon Road Reserve. Accessible shuttle bus available to MBSC.



Public transport via routes 548, 549, 551, and 555.

Visit the Transperth website to plan your journey.

Register for your free ticket online at rockingham.wa.gov.au/SeniorsExpo, or by calling **9477 4444**, or at the event.

WA Seniors Week is Seniors MONTH in Rockingham

This year's Seniors Week Guide includes a whole month of events across the City of Rockingham to connect, learn, move, create and celebrate, plus information on a range of services for seniors that are useful year-round.

From mid-October you can download a copy of the Event Guide from rockingham.wa.gov.au/seniorsweek or collect a printed copy from one of our Libraries, the Autumn Centre, Aqua Jetty, or the City's Administration Building.

To have a copy posted contact Customer Service on **9528 0333** or customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au

City Staff Give Blood



One in three Australians will need donated blood in their lifetime. That means about 50,000 people in the City of Rockingham will rely on the generosity of others for a lifesaving blood transfusion at some time.

To help out, City of Rockingham staff have formed a Lifeblood Team and are volunteering to take part in the Australian Red Cross Local Government Blood Drive from 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025.

To start your own Lifeblood team go to lifeblood.com.au. Every drop counts.



International Day of People with Disability

International Day of People with Disability aims to promote inclusion, respect, and greater understanding of people with disability in the community. The City of Rockingham is running free inclusive activities to celebrate the talents and achievements of people with disability.

10 November to 8 December at various locations around the City of Rockingham

For more information visit the City's website closer to the time at rockingham.wa.gov.au/idpwd, or contact us on **9528 0333** or customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au



Mobile Visitor Centre

The City of Rockingham's Mobile Visitor Centre (MVC) will be out and about during our peak tourism season between September to May, from Thursday to Sunday every week at popular tourism hotspots and major City events.

Providing helpful information, maps, brochures and recommendations directly to visitors at local hotspots, the MVC offers a flexible, accessible and convenient approach to servicing tourists and locals in Rockingham.

What's On Calendar



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

Seniors and Carers Expo

-  Friday 10 October
10am – 2pm
-  Mike Barnett Sports Complex,
Corner Dixon Road and Goddard Street,
Rockingham

Autumn Centre Christmas Markets

-  Saturday 22 November
9am – 1pm
Free (members and visitors)
-  Autumn Centre,
McNicholl Street, Rockingham



Christmas Lights Launch

-  Friday 5 December
5pm – 8.30pm
-  Churchill Park,
Rockingham Foreshore

Castaways Sculpture Awards: Main and Schools Exhibitions

-  Saturday 25 October
to Sunday 2 November
-  Rockingham Foreshore and
Churchill Park

Christmas Lights Display

-  Friday 5 December 2025
to 26 January 2026
-  Beach Plaza,
Rockingham Foreshore

Castaways Sculpture Awards: Maquette and Small Sculpture Exhibition

-  Saturday 25 October
to Sunday 2 November
-  Rockingham Arts Centre,
11 Kent Street, Rockingham

New Year's Eve

-  Wednesday 31 December
5pm – 12am
-  Churchill Park and Bell Park,
Rockingham Foreshore

Dementia Action Week

Story Time Showcase

-  Monday 15 September
to Sunday 21 September
-  Rockingham Library,
Dixon Road, Rockingham

Story Time Screening: A film about dementia

-  Tuesday 16 September
10am
-  Rockingham Library,
Dixon Road, Rockingham



Aqua Jetty is now on Facebook

Scan the QR code and follow us for the latest news and updates.





Get Snapping!

Help track environmental changes by snapping a picture the next time you're down at Waikiki Beach. Coastsnap is an initiative that invites community members to monitor changes to our coastlines by submitting their photos of the beach. The project is run by Peron Naturalist Partnership in collaboration with the University of Western Australia. This is our second Coastsnap stand. Our first one was installed in 2020 at the Mersey Point Jetty in Shoalwater.



FOGO – What's Been Happening

We loved meeting so many of you at our FOGO pop-up events in our local shopping centres and markets! It was fantastic to answer your questions face-to-face and see a lot of excitement around this new initiative. Many of you are already composting at home, and FOGO will make it even easier to divert food scraps and garden waste from landfill. Together, we're making Rockingham greener, one bin at a time. For more about FOGO visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/FOGO

ReWild

ReWild Perth has officially landed in Rockingham. Through the City's partnership with Perth NRM, five events were delivered last financial year covering a range of topics to bring nature home, including nest box building, how to plant native plants in small spaces, and frog-friendly gardens (*ribbit ribbit*). Additionally, over 80 Year 5 and 6 students from Singleton Primary School participated in the ReWild Your School program that focusses on the need to halt biodiversity decline, minimise climate impacts and enhance mental wellbeing.

Keep your eye on the City's website and social media channels for future events, and start re-wilding your own garden through rewildperth.com.au



GREEN Newsletter

For more information on sustainability, waste, FOGO and environment related news, updates and events, subscribe to the City's GREEN e-newsletter at rockingham.wa.gov.au/subscribe

Community Safety



Cyber Security for Seniors

In 2023/2024 half a million people were scammed in Australia. Last year alone Australians reported losses of over \$2 billion to scams.

The City is providing free cyber security sessions for seniors during October and November at our libraries. Come along for a free, relaxed session on how to be safe online.

🕒 1.30pm – 3.30pm

📅 Thursday 2 October 2025

📍 Warnbro Community Library

To book, contact **9528 8577** or **wclcontact@@rockingham.wa.gov.au**

🕒 10am – 12pm

📅 Friday 10 October 2025

📍 Rockingham Library

To book, contact **9528 8683** or **rlcontact@rockingham.wa.gov.au**

🕒 10am – 12pm

📅 Friday 14 November 2025

📍 Mary Davies Library and Community Centre

To book, contact **9591 0800** or **mdlcccontact@rockingham.wa.gov.au**

🕒 10.30am – 12.30pm

📅 Wednesday 19 November 2025

📍 Safety Bay Library

To book, contact **9528 8611** or **sbycontact@rockingham.wa.gov.au**

Don't leave valuables in your vehicle.



Make sure you don't leave valuables visible in your vehicle.

Thieves are more likely to target your vehicle if you do.



Make sure you leave your vehicle locked and secure.

Don't make it easy for thieves.



Take your keys with you.

Don't leave them under your wheel arch.



Fit anti-theft screws to your registration plates.

Thieves steal plates too.

For more safety advice, please visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/safecommunity



Neighbours Unite

Spring is a great time to connect with your neighbours in your local community. You can organise a get-together in your street, hold an event at your house, or use your local park or reserve. Host a BBQ, an afternoon tea, or a fun activity and claim a reimbursement from the City of Rockingham. You can claim up to \$150 for food, non-alcoholic drinks and party supplies. Take some photos of your event and send them into us to use in future promotions of the Neighbours Unite program.

For more information visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/neighbours-unite



16 Days in WA

16 Days in WA aims to raise awareness and increase positive actions to end violence against women. It runs from 25 November to 10 December each year. The City of Rockingham will be hosting a community event and silent march to raise awareness. Be part of the sea of orange marching through our community from 10am – 1pm on Friday 28 November 2025 at the Rockingham Foreshore, and say NO to family domestic violence. For more information about the activities contact the City on **9528 0333**.

If you or a loved one need to discuss any concerns, there is always someone to listen:

1800Respect:

📞 1800 737 732 🖥️ 1800respect.org.au

Mensline Australia:

📞 1300 78 99 78 🖥️ mensline.org.au

Kids Helpline:

📞 1800 55 1800 🖥️ kidshelpline.com.au

Lifeline:

📞 13 11 14 🖥️ lifeline.org.au

If you are assisting someone who doesn't speak English, call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 13 14 50 to get connected to an interpreter and the service of your choice.



Emergency Preparedness



Firebreak inspections

Requests to vary firebreaks need to be submitted before 15 October 2025. Issued approvals for variations expire on 31 May each year. Contact Fire Control on 9528 0333 with any enquiries regarding your application or visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/firecontrol



Storm Smart

Winter is ending, but storms can hit at any time. Are you ready for an emergency? Improve your preparedness to ensure you are able to take action to keep yourself and your loved ones safe. Check out the Storm Smart guide at dfes.wa.gov.au for guidance.

Eyes on the Street

Our vehicle based SmartWatch service was busy during April to June 2025 helping create safer communities.

Scan the QR code to see our latest SmartWatch Snapshot which highlights the types of things our officers can assist with.



Update Your Emergency Kit

The best time to check your emergency kit is right now, because 'some time later' might not be an option. Check everything is in working order, and update anything that needs to be replaced. Learn more at: publications.dfes.wa.gov.au/publications



Emergency Preparedness Day

Explore interactive displays and information to help our community better prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies. Watch a real-time installation of a firewise garden.

🕒 9am – 12pm

📅 4 October 2025

📍 Bunnings Baldivis

This is a free event.



Restricted Burning Period

Rural or Special Rural property owners wanting to undertake hazard reduction burns will need to apply for a permit to burn from 1 October to 30 November 2025. Please allow up to five days for your application to be assessed. Visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/firecontrol

Before starting your planned burn notify the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Communications Centre on **9395 9209**.



Stay Connected

Do you know what to do when a disaster impacts communications? Learn more about staying connected in an emergency by watching a quick video at rockingham.wa.gov/emergencies

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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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