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A Word from the Mayor

Welcome to the Summer edition of the City Chronicle.

As 2022 draws to a close and we look back on what has been another very busy year for the City, it is fantastic to see just how much progress we have made on a number of fronts.

One of our biggest major infrastructure projects ever, the Baldivis Sports Complex, has taken shape with the summer cricket season now well underway at the new facility. Work on the Baldivis Indoor Sports Complex (BISC) is also wrapping up, and we look forward to opening the BISC in early 2023.

Recently, the Castaways Sculpture Awards transformed the Rockingham Foreshore and Rockingham Arts Centre and you can read about the winners in this edition.

The hotter weather is here and with that our Summer Series is underway. I'm thrilled to announce our popular New Year's Eve celebrations will be back bigger than ever this year, with WA rock band Eskimo Joe the headline act. Our Australia Day event on 26 January will also be another spectacular event, with fireworks to light up the foreshore. A bit further ahead we will welcome the WA Symphony Orchestra back to the Village Green for the ever-popular Symphony on the Green music spectacular.

Our City is the place where the coast comes to life, and with the festive season upon us there's no better place to relax and recharge the batteries. On behalf of the City and my fellow Council members I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

**City of Rockingham Mayor,
Deb Hamblin**



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Major Projects



Baldivis Sports Complex Milestone

The summer cricket season is well underway at the new Balddivis Sports Complex (BSC) on Eighty Road, with White Knights Balddivis Cricket Club (WKBCC) relishing the opportunity to play at their new home after the City completed work on the Main Pavilion, floodlighting, change rooms and maintenance shed.

WKBCC President Daniel Cole said it was “fantastic” to be playing at the new facility.

“We now have somewhere not only our players can call home, but where we can have our families and supporters come down and enjoy the world class facilities,” Mr Cole said.



The BSC will be home to cricket in summer, while from the winter 2023 season the Balddivis Brumbies Football Club will call the BSC home.

The City is now in the process of wrapping up construction on the Balddivis Indoor Sports Complex, which is expected to open for community sport in early 2023. It will include four indoor courts for basketball, netball, badminton, volleyball, indoor soccer and floorball, as well as multipurpose rooms and a café.

The City is delivering the BSC to help meet a shortage of active reserve in Balddivis for present and future sporting groups.

Palm Beach Jetty Upgrades



We will be carrying out maintenance upgrades on the Palm Beach Jetty in late summer 2023 after we completed a comprehensive inspection of the jetty.

Works will be delivered at the jetty to extend the lifespan of the popular community asset. Upgrades will include repairing and replacing damaged handrails, pile and beam repairs, painting the lower level landing ramp and concrete repairs to the jetty deck.

Works are expected to last for approximately eight weeks. The jetty will be closed during this period.

Around Our Community

Castaways Sculpture Awards Winners

The City thanks sponsors **Alcoa, Water Corporation, and Fremantle Ports** for their ongoing support of Castaways.

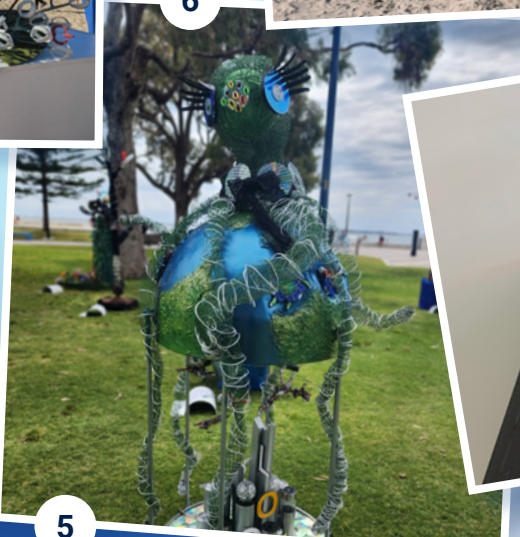
Our Castaways Sculpture Awards showcased 78 artworks from artists and schools across Western Australia. The event is the City's signature arts and culture event and gives emerging and professional artists an opportunity to showcase their creative abilities.

All artworks are created from repurposed materials and highlight important messages about the environment and sustainability.



Congratulations to the winners:

- 1 Alcoa Major Award**
– Giant Boutonniere by Aaron Fry
- 2 Water Corporation Sustainability Award**
– Fanciful Floral Flurry by Sharon Baxter and Rachael Lemon
- 3 Innovation Award**
– Aqua Racer by Shaun Sawbridge
- 4 Maquette and Small Sculpture Award**
– Orthopus by Dr Piers Yates
- 5 Local Resident Award**
– Mech by Ruth Acton
- 6 Secondary School Competition Award**
– The Lost World by Alta-1 College Port Kennedy
- 7 Alcoa Primary School Competition Award**
– Ocean Cabinet by Atwell Primary School



Visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/whatson
to find out more about Summer Series events



New Year's Eve

Celebrate the year that was at our New Year's Eve event from 5pm – 12am on Saturday 31 December at the Rockingham Foreshore. We're excited to have Eskimo Joe headlining and counting down to the midnight fireworks. Eskimo Joe will be supported by PUMP, The VHS Pirates, AbbaFab, and local acts. There will also be fireworks at 9pm, a glitter bar, amusement rides, a games trailer, and food vans.



Australia Day

Enjoy an evening of live entertainment beachside at our Australia Day event on Thursday 26 January 2023. There will be fireworks at 8.30pm, food vans, free children's activities, and more. The fun begins from 5pm at the Rockingham Foreshore.



Symphony on the Green

Join the West Australian Symphony Orchestra (WASO) and a spectacular line-up at the ever-popular Symphony on the Green on Saturday 18 February 2023 at the Village Green.

Enjoy a magical evening for the whole family, filled with all your classical and film favourites plus more musical surprises, performed by WASO and superstar soloists. Pre-show stage performances from 5.30pm, with the full orchestra on stage from 7pm.



Outdoor Cinemas

Come one, come all... to the City of Rockingham Summer Series Free Outdoor Cinema Series. Top Gun Maverick (M) will be screened on Friday 24 February 2023 at Koorana Reserve on Royal Palm Drive in Warnbro. Free activities start from 5pm, with the movie commencing at 7pm.



Multicultural Festival

This family-friendly event will feature stage performances, over 30 food vans, market stalls, roving entertainment, activities for children and youth, and much more. Let's celebrate our multicultural community. Friday 17 March 2023, 5.30pm - 9pm at the Village Green.



2023 Youth Beach Party

The Rockingham Youth Beach Party is back at the Rockingham Foreshore this summer. Young people aged 12 – 18 years are invited on Tuesday 17 January 2023 from 1pm - 4pm. There will be a live DJ, inflatables, free burgers and slushies, a photo booth and more. Check out the What's On page on our website for more details.

Rockingham Arts Centre – 2023 Exhibition Program

The Rockingham Arts Centre (RAC) will be hosting an exciting array of exhibitions in the first year of its inaugural exhibition program. Exhibitions coming up include:

Asunder by Heritier Kasanda
(11 – 29 January 2023),

Tributaries by Tineke Van der Eecken
(1 February - Sunday 19 February 2023), and

Traumgekrönt and *Life Expressions in Papercuts* by Valerie Schönjahn and Miguel Castro
(8 March – 2 April 2023).

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



City of Rockingham Art Prize

The City of Rockingham Art Prize (formally the City of Rockingham Art Awards) is back in 2023. The \$20,000 cash prize pool (non-acquisitive) will include: First Prize, Small Sculpture Award, Aboriginal Artist Award, Emerging Artist Award, Local Resident Award, and People's Choice Award. Entries are open now to all WA residents over the age of 18 and close on Tuesday 7 March 2023. For more information and details on how to apply, visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/artprize



Sports Stars Shine

Local athletes, clubs and volunteers from across the community were recognised at the City of Rockingham's 25th Sports Star Awards. Congratulations to the winners:

- **Junior Sports Star of the Year** (pictured above left)
Declan McGhee (Rockingham BMX Club).
- **Senior Sports Star of the Year**
Ashlyn Mohr
(Rockingham Tenpin Bowling Association).
- **Volunteer of the Year**
Taylor Olson (Port Kennedy Soccer Club).
- **Team of the Year**
U14s touring team – Rockingham Flames Basketball Club.
- **Club of the Year** (pictured above right)
Southside Chargers Basketball Club.
- **John Brown Lifetime Achievement Memorial Award**
Joy Cox (Rockingham District Hockey Club).

There must be something in the water in Rockingham, because our City has some truly amazing sporting talent. In 2022 The Rockingham Flames became NBL1 West and inaugural NBL 1 National Champions, local tennis star Storm Sanders won the US Open Doubles title, and Kennedy Cherrington, who began her career with the Rockingham Sharks, won the NRL's Woman of the Year.

Rockingham Skate Park Series

📍 **Port Kennedy Skate Park**

📅 **19 January 2023 2pm – 4pm**

BMX, scooter and skate clinic

19 January 2023 5pm – 7pm

She/her BMX, scooter and skate clinic.

📅 **20 January 2023:**

Port Kennedy Skate Park

Series Competition (3pm - 8pm).

👤 Open to all ages and skill levels.



Pioneers Acknowledged

The City proudly celebrated the contribution of its longest residing residents at the annual Pioneers Luncheon. The event is held each year to honour the people who have lived within the City for 50 consecutive years or more, and are 65 years of age or older. This year approximately 200 people attended the event.

Dot Sofield is pictured on the front cover cutting the Pioneers cake.



Lesley Robson and former City of Rockingham Councillor Joy Stewart.



Wayne Watkins and Dianne Watkins



Mayor Deb Hamblin (centre) with the Hon Madeleine King and Pioneer Diana Morris, who is the Hon Madeleine King's mother.

Thinking of Starting a Small Business?

As part of the Small Business Friendly Approvals Program, the City has been working with the Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC) to strengthen opportunities to attract, establish and grow small business and local employment in the City.

We've provided step-by-step guides for a variety of small business types including home-based businesses, shops, restaurants, gyms and holiday homes. To find out more visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/startyoursmallbusiness

Rates Incentive Scheme Winners



Congratulations to the winners of the City's 2022/2023 Rates Incentive Scheme. 21,254 ratepayers chose Option 1 and paid their rates in full by 19 August 2022. The winners who received \$500 thanks to our sponsor NAB were Mr R J Kokoska, Mr D M & S D Peacock, Ms L Johnson, Mr I C & S M Key, Mr O Taingahue, Mr J K McClure & Ms D L Fogarty, Mr C A & L H Jones, M K Magro, Mr GJ Viljoen and Mr R L & W A Norton.

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

Yoga

Finishes Thursday 30 March



Thursdays 6pm - 7pm (No classes
Thursdays 22 and 29 December, and
Thursday 26 January)



The Lookout, Rockingham Foreshore

Soulful Sunday



Sunday 4 December
5pm - 6.30pm



The Lookout, Rockingham Foreshore

Tai Chi

Finishes Tuesday 28 March



Tuesdays 6.30am - 7.30am (No classes
Tuesdays 20 and 27 December)



Churchill Park,
Rockingham Foreshore

Zumba

Finishes Wednesday 29 March



Wednesdays 6pm - 7pm (No classes
Wednesdays 21 and 28 December)



The Lookout, Rockingham Foreshore

New Year's Eve



Saturday 31 December
5pm - 12am



Churchill Park,
Rockingham Foreshore

Soulful Sunday



Sunday 8 January
5pm - 6.30pm



The Lookout, Rockingham Foreshore

Asunder by Heritier Kasanda



Wednesday 11 January - Sunday 29
January 10am - 4pm



Rockingham Arts Centre,
11 Kent Street, Rockingham

Community Fun Day



Sunday 15 January
12pm - 4pm



Fantasy Park,
Rand Avenue, Waikiki

Soulful Sunday




Sunday 22 January
5pm - 6.30pm




The Lookout, Rockingham Foreshore

Australia Day

 Thursday 26 January
5pm - 8.45pm


 Churchill Park,
Rockingham Foreshore

Soulful Sunday

 Sunday 5 February
5pm - 6.30pm

 The Lookout, Rockingham Foreshore


Symphony on the Green

 Saturday 18 February
5.30pm - 9pm

 Village Green,
Flinders Lane, Rockingham




Soulful Sunday

 Sunday 5 March
5pm - 6.30pm


 The Lookout, Rockingham Foreshore


Community Fun Day

 Sunday 12 March
12pm - 4pm


 Steel Tree Reserve,
Brennan Promenade, Baldivis

Performance in the Park – Cinderella

 Saturday 25 March
5.30pm - 8pm


 Village Green,
Flinders Lane, Rockingham

Tributaries by Tineke Van der Eecken

 Wednesday 1 February - Sunday
19 February 10am - 4pm


 Rockingham Arts Centre,
11 Kent Street, Rockingham

Community Fun Day

 Sunday 12 February
12pm - 4pm

 Churchill Park,
Rockingham Foreshore

Community Fun Day

 Sunday 26 February
12pm - 4pm


 Three Bears Loop Reserve,
Secret Harbour

Traumgekrönt and Life Expressions in Papercuts by Valerie Schönjahn and Miguel Castro

 Wednesday 8 March - Sunday 2 April
10am - 4pm

 Rockingham Arts Centre,
11 Kent Street, Rockingham

Multicultural Festival

 Friday 17 March
5.30pm - 9pm

 Village Green,
Flinders Lane, Rockingham



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Environment

Fight the Bite

As the weather warms up so do the mosquitoes. The City's Health Services undertake a comprehensive mosquito control program to target mosquito breeding areas. However, even with our proactive program it is not possible (or environmentally desirable) to eradicate mosquitoes. Community members are encouraged to take the following measures to protect themselves:

- Avoid peak mosquito activity times around dawn and dusk.
- Cover up with loose fitting clothing that reduces skin exposure.
- Apply repellents that contain DEET or Picaridin when outdoors.
- Secure doors and windows with mosquito proof mesh.
- Assess your property for potential mosquito breeding habitats.



Dune Repair

The City's Environmental Maintenance team have been busy undertaking dune stabilisation works along our coastline this summer. Branches pruned from native shrubs and trees during firebreak pruning are being placed on bare areas of coastal dunes to reduce erosion.

The bare areas in dunes, known as "blow-outs", are formed when coastal vegetation is trampled by pedestrians or damaged by activities like sand boarding. Blow-outs can increase in size very rapidly causing dunes to erode. You can protect our dunes by sticking to the beach and designated paths to avoid trampling and damaging the vulnerable vegetation.



WA State Plastics Ban (Stage 2)

In 2023, Stage 2 of WA's Plan for Plastics will see the phasing out of additional single use plastics, including hot beverage coffee cups and lids from February 2023.

Other items to be banned include expanded polystyrene packaging, degradable plastics, barrier/produce bags, expanded polystyrene cups, lids for cups, bowls and takeaway food containers, cotton buds with plastic shafts and microbeads.

You can help by choosing to refuse single-use plastics when possible.

- Use your own reusable cup and food containers for takeaway.
- Opt to refuse a lid when purchasing a takeaway drink. Buy fruit and vegetables loose or use your own produce bags.
- Choose compostable cotton buds, with paper or bamboo shafts.
- Look for products which contain natural abrasives instead of microbeads.



Garden Bore Sprinkler Roster

Residents with garden bores are reminded the domestic garden bore sprinkler roster has changed to align with the two days per week scheme water sprinkler roster. Bores must be used only once, either before 9am or after 6pm, on the two rostered days each week.

Hot summers and sandy soils can make it difficult to maintain healthy gardens, but by making changes to your plant selection and garden design you can reduce the water needed to support your garden.

You can search 'waterwise' on the City's website to learn more about maintaining a waterwise garden and our commitment to supporting sustainable water usage.



Community Safety and Support

Christmas Support - How you can Help

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 include:

1. Non-perishable and long life food items
2. Christmas crackers and sweets
3. Gifts for children and young people (items such as gift vouchers are particularly helpful for older children and teenagers)
4. School stationery, backpacks and pencil cases



Donations can be made to local groups including the Salvation Army Rockingham, The CREW Rockingham, Coastal District Care, Street Chaplain and St Brendan's Homeless Respite.

If you need support contact the **Crisis Care Help Line** on 9223 1111 or 1800 199 008, **Lifeline** on 13 11 14 or **Entry Point Perth** on 6496 0001 or 1800 124 684.

City Supports 16 Days in WA

As an active member of the Rockingham Kwinana Safe Family Alliance (RKSFA), the City recently participated in the annual 16 Days in WA campaign throughout November and December to raise awareness of family and domestic violence. To foster healthy relationships it's important to remember:

1. Healthy relationships start with feeling respected and safe
2. You have a right to respect and safety in all of your relationships
3. Relationship behaviour that is abusive is never OK and may be domestic and family violence or sexual violence
4. If you are worried about unhealthy, abusive or violent behaviour in any of your relationships, you can contact 1800RESPECT on **1800 737 732** or through the online chat at **1800respect.org.au**



Neighbours Unite

Neighbours Unite is a City initiative that creates neighbourhood connections to encourage safer communities. You can register to host a neighbourhood activity to be eligible for up to a \$150 reimbursement and receive a free Host Pack (terms and conditions apply).

Host your activity at home, on your verge or in a local park, and take time to meet your neighbours.

Visit the City's website for ideas of the events you could host.

Emergency Preparedness



Bushfire Awareness this Summer

Community members are reminded the City is in a prohibited burning period until 31 March 2023. Over the summer months residents are urged to stay informed of any declared Total Fire Bans, and to also familiarise themselves with the new Australian Fire Danger Ratings.

Prepare an emergency kit and check your bushfire plan - if you don't have a plan make one as soon as possible. You can keep up with the latest fire warnings and alerts via emergency.wa.gov.au



Volunteer and Make a Difference

Rockingham Connect Community Transport Service and Neighbours Unite are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join the Community Safety and Support Services team.

Volunteer opportunities range from a few hours a month to 10 hours a week.

Visit the City's website or call **9528 0333** for more information.

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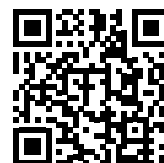
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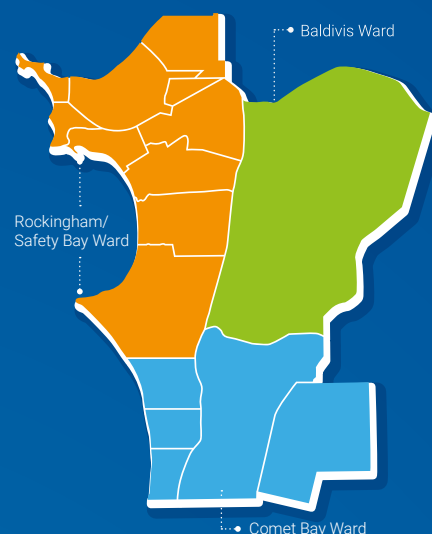
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For non-emergency Police assistance call	131 444
Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000
Rockingham SmartWatch	1300 657 123
State Emergency Service (SES)	132 500



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