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(Guest Artist), *Echoes*

A Word From the Mayor

Hello, and welcome to the summer edition of the City Chronicle.

Where did this year go? 2025 is just around the corner, so that means we have about six months to get ready for our new FOGO waste collection system. We will give you plenty of notice before the new system is rolled out, but for now, please read the information on pages 10 and 11 to find out more. We've still got plenty of time before it starts but it doesn't hurt to learn a bit about it now.

I hope you had chance to visit Castaways on the Rockingham Beach Foreshore and the Rockingham Arts Centre a few weeks ago. It was another sensational event with some gorgeous artworks and loads of visitors. Photos of some of the winning sculptures, are on page 7.

Our New Year's Eve event at the foreshore is shaping up to be another cracker. Things get underway at 5pm. There will be fireworks at 9pm and midnight, and our headline act is The Cat Empire. For more fireworks, come along to celebrate Australia Day on 26 January at the foreshore from 5pm till 8.45pm, with entertainment and free kids' activities.

In February we've got a big weekend of entertainment coming up with another fantastic Symphony on the Green on the 22nd, followed by Performance in the Park on the 23rd. Always check our website and Facebook page for the latest details about all our major events closer to the dates just in case there are any last-minute changes.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

City of Rockingham Mayor
Deb Hamblin





AUKUS

The City has developed an advocacy plan that guides our efforts to secure support from other levels of government in key areas.

One of the major issues we are currently advocating to government about is AUKUS.

The City is in regular contact with all levels of government through a range of agencies to ensure we can capitalise on the opportunities, and meet the challenges, AUKUS will bring.

To more fully understand what we are facing as AUKUS ramps up, Mayor Deb Hamblin and CEO Michael Parker joined a group of other Mayors and CEOs from the Perth South West Metropolitan Alliance (PSWMA) on a fact-finding mission to the US during September.

The group visited major defence towns like San Diego and Newport News, which have built mutually beneficial relationships with their navy neighbours over many years.

The most important lessons learned were around communication and relationships, and gaining a first-hand understanding of how cities dealing with the impacts of similar projects are working together to ensure positive outcomes for their communities.

A detailed report is being prepared by PSWMA and will help each of the Alliance's member councils in their interactions with Defence and other stakeholders as this massive national project moves forward.

Recently PSWMA met with Deputy PM and Minister for Defence Hon. Richard Marles. We were able to reiterate the local infrastructure needs, particularly around transport, and the need for more effective communication with local communities.

Cape Peron Transport Study

To reduce pressure on the local road network in the Cape Peron area, one potential solution could be the development of the Garden Island Highway within a road reserve which has been in the Metropolitan Region Scheme since 1975.

The City has advocated to the state and federal governments for many years to progress a feasibility study to determine the viability of constructing the highway within the existing reservation.

This position was reaffirmed at the October Council Meeting, but with the additional requirement that the feasibility study considers the technical evidence-based findings of the recently completed Cape Peron Transport Study.



Member for Baldvis
Hon. Reece Whitby,
Mayor Deb Hamblin, and
City of Rockingham CEO
Michael Parker.

Baldivis Sports Complex Final Stage

The tender to construct the final stage of the Baldivis Sports Complex was awarded to the MG Group at the 27 August Council Meeting. This stage will include eight netball (multi-marked) hard courts, eight tennis courts with floodlighting, and a pavilion to service both the hard courts and users of the southern grassed playing fields.

It will also include an Outdoor Recreation Space with accessible and sensory play, ninja circuit and skatepark adjacent to the indoor sports complex, providing a subdistrict level youth space for a wide range of ages and abilities.

The site has been designed to ensure the wider community, who are not involved in competitive sport, can access and use the facilities.

Stan Twight Reserve New Clubroom and Changerooms

The old clubroom at Stan Twight Reserve has been fully demolished making way for the new clubroom and changeroom building. The construction works are now underway and are expected to be completed by late 2025.





2025 Art Prize – Entries Open

Entries are now open for the 2025 City of Rockingham Art Prize. Emerging and professional WA artists are invited to submit their works for selection, in any two or three-dimensional medium. Entries close on Thursday 13 February at 4pm. Terms and Conditions apply. For more information and to enter, visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/artprize



Rockingham Foreshore Accessibility

To enhance beach accessibility, we've installed beach matting along the sand to make it easier to move toward the water. Beach wheelchairs are available for hire at The Cruising Yacht Club, and a beach walker can be borrowed at the Rockingham Visitor Centre. Book in advance by calling the yacht club on **9527 5468** or the visitor centre on **9592 3464**. Churchill Park also offers a Changing Places facility for those needing additional accessibility features beyond a standard accessible bathroom.



Rates Incentive Prize Winners 2024/2025

Ratepayers who chose to pay their annual rates in one instalment by 16 August 2024 were automatically entered into our annual rates incentive scheme prize draw, with a chance to win one of 10 prizes of \$500 from NAB. This year 21,644 assessments were paid in one instalment by the due date. The winners for the 2024/2025 financial year are:

1. Mr J Syred
2. Mr A Paisley and P Beermier
3. Ms K Landerscn and C Farrall
4. Mrs S Devereux-Warnes
5. Mr F and Mrs SLeutert
6. Mr D Gent
7. Mr P and Mrs R Sampson
8. Ms K and M Naikade
9. Mrs E M Domney
10. Mr L Van Splunder

Reconciliation Week Street Banners

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) (May 27 – June 3) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements. Reconciliation WA works with the City to celebrate NRW with the street banner program where your organisation or business can demonstrate your commitment by becoming a Banner Sponsor.

The banners will be displayed along Chalgrove Ave, Central Prom and Whitfield St in Rockingham. Sponsors can keep their banner after NRW.

Email customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au to register your interest in booking a 2025 street banner.



Summer Series

Enjoy fabulous family-friendly free entertainment with our annual Summer Series.

New Year's Eve

Join us from 5pm to 12am on Tuesday 31 December at Rockingham Foreshore. The Cat Empire will headline the event, with fireworks at 9pm and midnight.

Celebrate Australia Day

Sunday 26 January from 5pm at Churchill Park. Stage performances include the Bluey Live Interactive Experience. Stay for the fireworks at 8.30pm.

Weekend on the Green

Enjoy a magical concert under the stars when the West Australian Symphony Orchestra presents another Symphony on the Green on Saturday 22 February from 5.30pm to 9pm.

Come back the next night for Performance in the Park from 5pm to 8pm for a unique live outdoor theatre performance for the whole family.

Major Events

castaways sculpture awards

The 2024 Castaways Sculpture Awards at the Rockingham Foreshore and Rockingham Arts Centre showcased 67 artworks by WA artists and local schools, created from repurposed materials.

Thanks to our sponsors Alcoa, Capral Aluminium and Fremantle Ports for their support.



For the full list of winners visit
rockingham.wa.gov.au/castaways



\$10,000 Alcoa Major Award
Joan Johnson, *Deconstructed, Reconstructed and Embellished*



\$5,000 Capral Aluminium Sustainability Award
Damien Gavillet, *Crushed*



\$2,500 Maquette and Small Sculpture Award
Valerie Schönjahn, *Travellers*



\$2,000 City of Rockingham Local Resident Award
Gary Aitken, *Those Who Have Passed*



\$1,000 Fremantle Ports People's Choice Award - Main Exhibition (tied)
Kim Perrier, *Aqueous* (left)
Paul Fontanini, *Recycling Metamorphosis* (right)



\$500 Fremantle Ports People's Choice Award - Maquette and Small Sculpture Exhibition
Emily Smith, *Contamination*



\$500 Secondary School Award
Rockingham Montessori School Adolescent Program, *Outer Harbour*




\$500 Alcoa Primary School Award and \$250 Fremantle Ports People's Choice Award - Schools Exhibition
Rockingham Beach Education Support Centre, *I'm a peliCAN, not a trash CAN*


What's On Calendar




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

Tai Chi Class

 Tuesdays 5 November – 25 March
6.30am – 7.30am


 Churchill Park, Rockingham Foreshore
No classes 24 and 31 December

Jungle Body Class

 Wednesdays 6 November – 26 March
6pm – 7pm


 The Lookout, Rockingham Foreshore
No classes 25 December and 1 January

Yoga Class

 Thursdays 7 November – 27 March
6pm – 7pm

 The Lookout, Rockingham Foreshore
No classes 26 December and 2 January


New Year's Eve


 Tuesday 31 December
5pm – 12am

 Churchill Park and Bell Park,
Rockingham Foreshore




Story Time in the Park

 Friday 10 January
9.30am – 10am


 Liesham Crescent Reserve,
Baldivis


Story Time in the Park

 Thursday 16 January
9.30am – 10am


 Ennis Avenue Reserve,
Unnaroo Street, Hillman


Youth Beach Party 2025

 Friday 17 January
12pm – 3pm


 The Lookout and Churchill Park,
Rockingham Foreshore

Story Time in the Park

 Monday 20 January
9.30am – 10am


 Lagoon Reserve, Albenga Place,
Secret Harbour


Port Kennedy Skate Clinic

 Wednesday 22 January
4pm – 6pm

 Port Kennedy Skate Park,
Endeavour Drive, Port Kennedy


Celebrate Australia Day


 Sunday 26 January
5pm – 8.45pm

 Churchill Park and Bell Park,
Rockingham Foreshore




Story Time in the Park

 Tuesday 28 January
9.30am – 10am

 Nottley Crescent Reserve,
Secret Harbour


Port Kennedy Skate Clinic

 Wednesday 29 January
2pm – 6pm

 Port Kennedy Skate Park,
Endeavour Drive, Port Kennedy


Weekend on the Green


Symphony on the Green

 Saturday 22 February
5.30pm – 9pm



Performance in the Park

 Sunday 23 February
5pm – 8pm

 Village Green, Flinders Lane,
Rockingham



Green Your Street

Our Urban Greening Plan aims to increase the tree canopy cover across the City of Rockingham to cool our neighbourhoods, refresh the air, and provide habitat to local wildlife. Request a free tree to be planted on your verge.

Our team will assess your verge and work with you to select a suitable tree for the site. The tree and all associated materials are provided by the City at no cost to you. We will also take care of ongoing pruning, re-staking and management of pests and diseases.



Please visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/trees for more information and to request a street tree.



Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (PSHB)

PSHB hasn't been recorded in the City of Rockingham yet, and we need your help to keep it out. Telltale signs include multiple entrance holes in the trunk or branches about the size of a ballpoint pen tip, sawdust, and dieback. Report anything suspicious via the MyPestGuide® Reporter app or on **9368 3080** or padis@dpird.wa.gov.au. For more information visit agric.wa.gov.au/borer



Bulk Verge Collection Review

As part of our Waste Plan we are doing a review of the City's current bulk waste verge collections to see how our residents feel about this service. The review aims to identify a better way to assist our community to manage hard waste and green waste, to boost recycling and reduce waste to landfill. This aligns to our community Aspiration – Natural Environment in our Strategic Community Plan where a key objective is to minimise waste.

The review will look at alternative options outlined in the WALGA Better Practice Verge Collection Guidelines, and at what other local governments are doing. We ran a survey and held community engagement workshops from October to December. Thanks to everyone who took the time to get involved. We are compiling the feedback and will share the results of this review, and the next steps, in 2025.



Let's Go FOGO

in mid-2025



Did you know that food waste makes up approximately 50% of our general waste?

If combined with garden waste at kerbside collection, we can divert all this waste from landfill to create a rich compost and soil conditioner for our gardens.

The state government is supporting the introduction of this best-practice three-bin system throughout all local governments in the Perth and Peel regions by 2025.

Do your bit to ensure a sustainable future by recovering valuable material currently sent to landfill. Our Community's Vision is: "A quality lifestyle. A sustainable future", and it's one of our Community Aspirations to be a place of natural beauty where the environment is respected.

As part of our Waste Plan the City of Rockingham is implementing a FOGO waste collection service by the end of June 2025. This is an expansion of the existing three-bin GO (Garden Organic) service.

Find out more and read all the FOGO FAQ's by scanning the QR code or searching FOGO on the City's website.



Sign Up To the New GREEN e-newsletter

Would you like to be involved in environmental events and programs across the City?

Stay up to date on all things environment, sustainability, waste and FOGO by signing up to the City's GREEN e-newsletter. Visit the City's website, search for newsletters, then hit the subscribe button and select '**GREEN**'.



Reusable Party Kit

We've got your next children's party sorted, with new reusable tableware and utensils available through the City's Toy Library. Save money, reduce waste and celebrate in style by hiring our kit for your summer party. Visit 'Turn the Tide on Plastics' on our website to find out more.

You're already a GREAT sort, separating your Garden Organics (GO) from general waste so here's a few things you might like to know about Food Organics (FO), and the FOGO rollout in the City of Rockingham in mid-2025.

What is FOGO?

FOGO stands for Food Organics, Garden Organics. With the FOGO service you will be able to add food waste along with garden waste to your green bin for kerbside collection. The contents of a FOGO bin can be turned into compost, mulch and soil conditioner, diverting materials from landfill.

Why is the City of Rockingham moving to FOGO?

The less we send to landfill, the better for our natural environment. We are joining multiple other local governments that have moved to the FOGO collection service under the state government's commitment to support all local governments in the Perth and Peel regions to go FOGO by 2025.




What do I need to do?

Nothing until the middle of 2025.

How will I get my FOGO kitchen caddy?

It will be delivered to your house before FOGO collection starts in mid-2025.

What you can do now to reduce waste going to landfill.

-  Visit the waste education page on the City's website to learn about some different ways to reduce the waste being sent to landfill.
-  Search for 'Turn The Tide on Plastics' to see how the City supports moving away from single use plastics.
-  Go reusable: The City has introduced a reusable nappy and menstrual products subsidy. Visit the environmental programs page on the City's website to see if you are eligible and apply today.



Waterwise Irrigation Rebate

Hotter summers and sandy soils can make it difficult to maintain healthy gardens. Choosing the right plant species and optimising garden design can reduce water usage.

Water Corporation is offering a waterwise irrigation rebate to support households save on water this summer. Limited offer before 31 May 2025 or until allocations exhausted.

Search 'waterwise' on the City's website to learn more about maintaining a waterwise garden and the City's own commitment to supporting sustainable water usage.



Community Safety

Register Your Pet

Registrations are due on 1 November each year. If you have not registered your dog or cat, please register them now. Renew your registration through RockPort or visit the City's Administration building to lodge a first-time registration for one year, three years or for the lifetime of your pet.



Support For Christmas

There are services in our community that can help you across Christmas time whether through emergency food, support with bills, financial advice or general support. As many support services are closed over the Christmas break, please search rockingham.wa.gov.au/lookingforhelp to find local services that are open.

If you or someone you know needs support, please contact:



Crisis Care **9223 1111** or
Help Line: **1800 199 008**

Lifeline: **13 11 14**
1800Respect: **1800 737 732**

Neighbours Unite

Summer is here and there is no better time to get together with your neighbours. The City of Rockingham offers up to \$150 reimbursement for you to host an activity in your community. This can be used for food, non-alcoholic drinks and party supplies. Host a barbecue at your house or use your local park or reserve to connect with neighbours old and new, and help create a safer, more connected community.



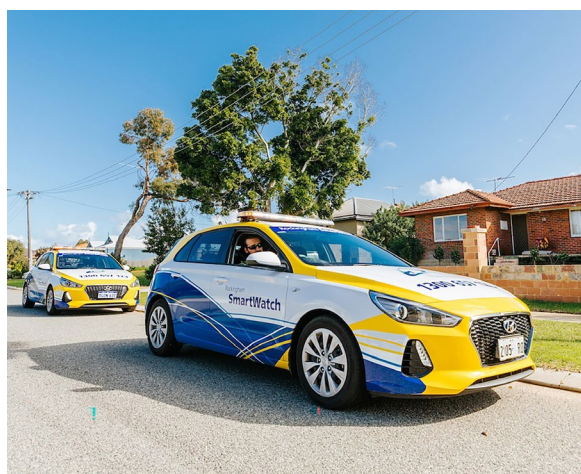
To register to hold an activity, please visit
rockingham.wa.gov.au/neighbours-unite





Parking Around Town

The summer period attracts more people to shopping centres and along the coast at popular beach areas. Remember to always look for and abide by the parking signs to avoid a fine. Boat trailer car parks are reserved for vehicles with trailers only.



Book a Holiday Watch

A good holiday getaway starts with having good measures in place to protect your property. Book a SmartWatch Holiday Watch so our team can keep an eye on your house while you're away. SmartWatch Officers conduct monitoring and reporting services and are actively operating throughout the City.



Learn more at
rockingham.wa.gov.au/smartwatch

Don't Leave Valuables in Your Car

When you're out and about this season make sure you don't leave any valuables in your vehicle. Lock your car, secure your valuables and take your keys with you. Thieves go window shopping, too.



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



Emergency Preparedness

Home Cooling Subsidy Scheme

If you are a resident of the City, hold a Concession or Health Care card, and can provide a receipt/tax invoice, you may be eligible to receive up to \$150 as part of the Home Cooling Subsidy Scheme for a range of eligible cooling-related products.

Up to
\$150
Apply now

Visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/subsidyscheme



Staying Healthy In a Heatwave

Australia is likely to experience increases in heatwave frequency, intensity and duration. As part of the Western Australian Council of Social Services funded Heat Vulnerability Project, the City has developed a number of initiatives to help residents at greater risk from the impacts of high heat to better prepare, respond and recover from heatwaves.

During periods of high heat this summer, Heatwave Activity Tables will be setup in City libraries which include a range of free games, and arts and craft fun. If you're looking for an air-conditioned venue other than your home to escape the heat, visit a library near you.

Learn more about preparing for heatwaves at rockingham.wa.gov.au/heatwave

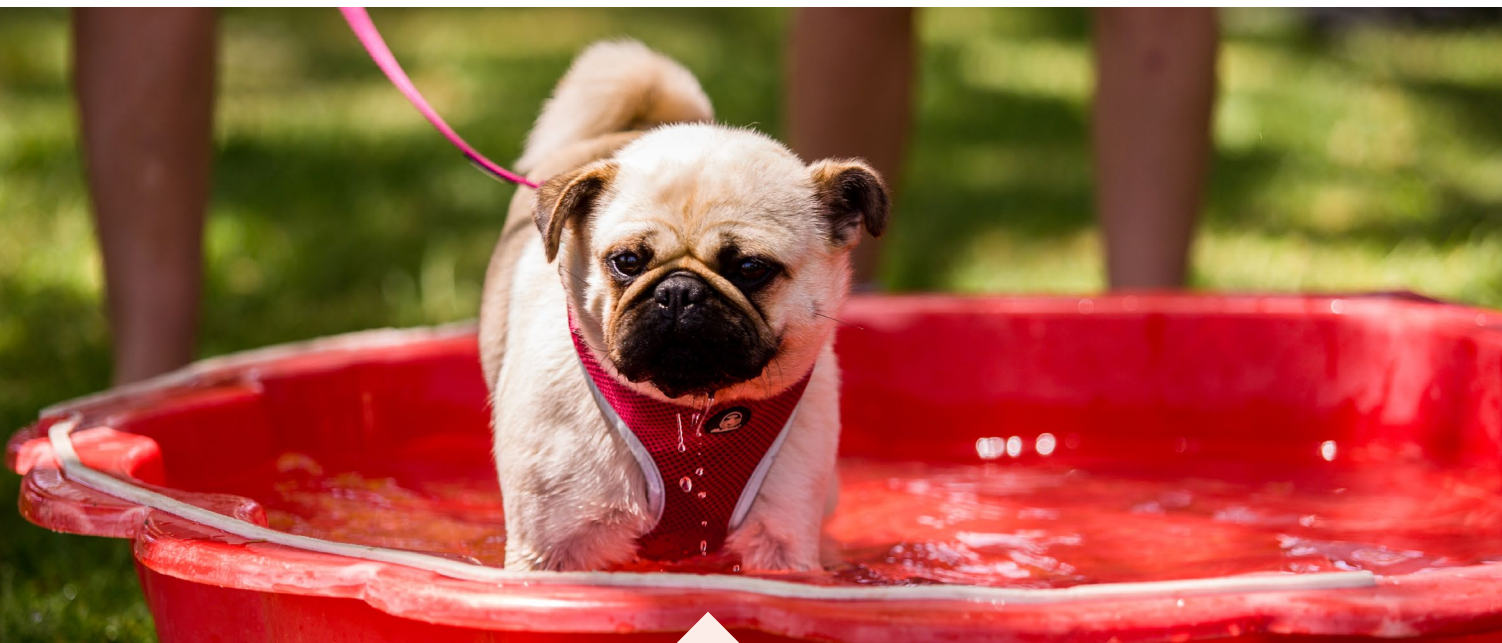
Need Emergency Information?

Visit Emergency WA, the State's official website for current emergency warnings, alerts and incidents occurring throughout WA. The website provides advice and resources to help you and your family prepare for a range of emergencies.

Look out for the heatwave warning icons this summer via emergency.wa.gov.au and be prepared to follow the call for action at each level:



Download the BOM Weather App and use your current location to receive heatwave warning notifications and 7-day forecasts to help you prepare and stay healthy during periods of high heat.



Looking After Pets During Hot Weather

Just like their humans, animals can be affected by heat stress or heat stroke. Dogs can only release heat through areas not covered by fur and need a little more TLC.



Make sure there is plenty of fresh water and shade in a well-ventilated area.



Place a small paddling pool in a shaded area to help keep them cool.



Never leave them in a vehicle – it takes less than 10-minutes for a car to reach harmful temperatures even when parked in the shade with the windows open.



Stroll early in the morning or just before bed and stick to grassy areas so they're not walking on hot pavements.



Fire Prevention

The City is now in a prohibited burning period until 31 March 2025. If you see smoke or fire, please call '000'. During this period, no burning is allowed on any property, or on any beach, within the City of Rockingham.

The City's Fire Control Officers have commenced firebreak inspections on rural and special-rural properties. Learn more about your responsibilities to comply with the City's Fire Control Notice by visiting rockingham.wa.gov.au/firecontrol or contact Fire Control on **9528 0333**.

Your Council

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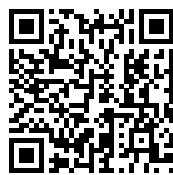
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For non-emergency Police assistance call **131 444**
Crime Stoppers **1800 333 000**
Rockingham SmartWatch **1300 657 123**
State Emergency Service (SES) **132 500**



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