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A Word from the Mayor

Welcome to the Winter edition of the City Chronicle magazine.

The winter sporting season is well underway at the new Baldivis Sports Complex and it's been pleasing to see community members enjoy all of the programs and activities available at the Baldivis Indoor Sports Complex.

The major review of the City's Strategic Community's Plan (SCP) is progressing, and soon community members will have the chance to share their thoughts on the draft SCP.

Our City is proud to hold close ties with Defence and the Royal Australian Navy in particular. In recognition of this, the City will be hosting a Freedom of Entry for HMAS Stirling in early spring. The recent AUKUS announcement by the Australian Government makes this event all the more timely.

2023 is a year of major milestones for a number of our community and leisure facilities, and recently the Aqua Jetty in Warnbro celebrated its 20th anniversary. While it's fabulous to celebrate the past, we also have an eye on planning for future generations with the Aqua Jetty Stage Two project.

The City's new draft local planning framework is open for comment, and if you haven't shared your thoughts with us on this yet I strongly encourage you to do so.

Finally, the winter weather is here, so make sure you check out the 'Storm Ready' advice on page 14 of this edition - It could be vital in an emergency.



City of Rockingham Mayor,
Deb Hamblin

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Major Projects



Baldivis Sports Complex a hit with Community

Following an official opening featuring Mayor Deb Hamblin, Premier Mark McGowan, Baldivis MLA Reece Whitby, and representatives from local sporting clubs – community members are now enjoying the wide range of facilities on offer at the Baldivis Sports Complex.

The Baldivis Indoor Sports Complex is providing sporting and social opportunities for people of all ages thanks to its four indoor courts that cater for basketball, netball, badminton, volleyball, indoor soccer and floorball.

If you or your group are wishing to book either court or room space, please contact the centre via email on baldivisindoorsc@rockingham.wa.gov.au or call **9591 0840** for all other enquiries. For more information on the BISC visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/bisc

Lotterywest Funding Secured for Baldivis Outdoor Recreation Space

The delivery of the next phase of the Baldivis Sports Complex (BSC) has been boosted after the City secured a \$1 million grant from Lotterywest to assist in the delivery of the Baldivis Outdoor Recreation Space.

The Baldivis Outdoor Recreation Space will be an inclusive community asset that caters to a wide range of abilities. It will feature a nature playground, skate park, adventure play area and an activity challenge circuit. The space will be overlooked by the café that's been delivered as part of the Baldivis Indoor Sports Complex.

The construction of the Southern Pavilion and outdoor hardcourts will also take place in the next phase of the BSC. Pictured: Baldivis MLA Reece Whitby presented Mayor Deb Hamblin with the \$1 million Lotterywest grant certificate.



Kicking Goals at Stan Twight Reserve

The City has kicked a major early goal in the Stan Twight Reserve Clubroom Redevelopment project, after successfully securing a \$1 million grant from the State Government's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF).

The funding will contribute towards the development of a pavilion and floodlighting at Stan Twight Reserve. Design work on the upgrades are well underway, and the project will include the construction of a new club room and change rooms. Change rooms suitable for all genders and umpires change rooms will be part of the design.

Construction on a larger carpark has already begun, as has work on the reserve. Once complete it will include the relocation of two turf cricket wickets, establishment of a floodlit main AFL oval and creation of space for two senior size AFL and cricket fields. The upgrades will enhance opportunities for junior and women's cricket competitions.

In addition to the CSRFF grant, the City also secured \$50,000 from the WA Football Commission to contribute to the delivery of AFL infrastructure at the facility.

To stay up to date with the works at Stan Twight Reserve visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/projects



Advocating for our Community

Did you know the City has an Advocacy Plan focused on securing support from the State and federal governments to help deliver important services and infrastructure?

As a designated Strategic Metropolitan Centre, the City is required to provide a range of services and amenities for a population that is expected to reach approximately 243,000 (figure: forecast.id) by 2046. This is a major task and requires support from stakeholders in all tiers of government.

The City's advocacy projects are divided into four categories including Economy and Tourism, Sport and Recreation, Strategic Metropolitan Centre, and Transport.

Proactive efforts in this space include the \$12.5 million that was secured for the Baldvis Sports Complex, \$10 million from the State for Aqua Jetty Stage two, and the funding highlighted above regarding Stan Twight Reserve and the Baldvis Outdoor Recreation Space.

For more information visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/your-city/about-us/advocacy



Planning Our Future

Strategic Community Plan Major Review

Thanks to our Community

We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who took the time to contribute to our Strategic Community Plan (SCP) over the past few months.

During the consultation period 4,645 responses were received from community members who participated in sharing their thoughts about our future through surveys, workshops, and our pop-up consultations at events and city facilities.

The development of the draft SCP is currently underway. The SCP is the overarching plan to guide our City over the next 10 years. It establishes the community's vision and aspirations for the future of our City.

The draft SCP will be presented to Council shortly. Following this, the draft will be advertised for further input from the community.



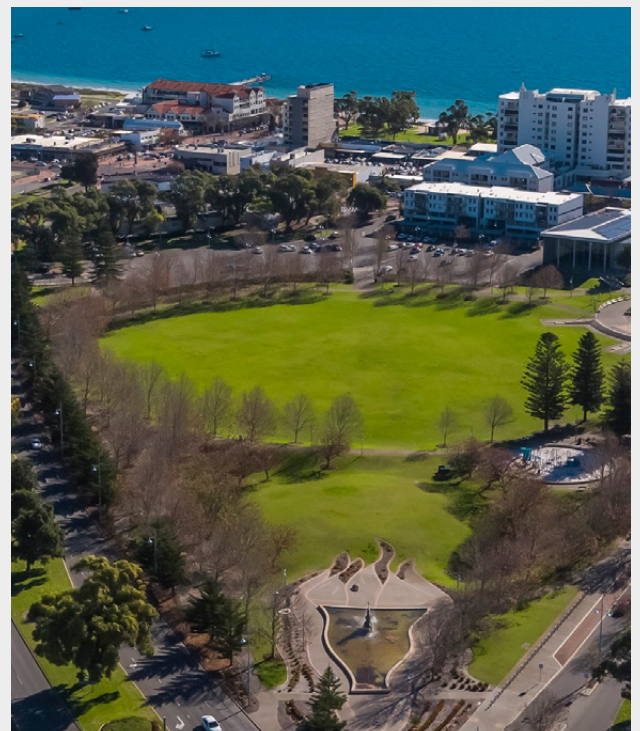
So, keep an eye out for it in the Share Your Thoughts section of our website rockingham.wa.gov.au/scp2023 or subscribe for updates through Rock Port by selecting 'Strategic Community Plan Major Review' at cityrockport.com.au



Rockingham Strategic Centre Update

The City has been reviewing the planning documents that shape the growth and development of our Strategic Centre, which includes the area from the Rockingham Train Station to the foreshore. This extensive review has taken a number of years, and has considered the challenges and opportunities for new development, redevelopment, infill development in the Strategic Centre and improvements to the current planning framework.

Community members now have the chance to share their thoughts on the City's new draft local planning framework. Visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/rsc for the opportunity to provide your feedback. Public comment will close on Monday 3 July 2023.



Around Our Community



Freedom of Entry to Strengthen Ties

In early spring the City is excited to be hosting a Freedom of Entry for HMAS Stirling. This rare and prestigious civic event will take place throughout the Rockingham foreshore precinct and the Rockingham War Memorial, located at the Village Green.

As the largest naval base in Australia, the City of Rockingham has held close ties with HMAS Stirling since it was commissioned in 1978. The base hosts a workforce of more than 3,600 staff which includes active duty members, defence civilians and long term contractors.

Many HMAS Stirling staff are local residents, and the base contributes significantly to the local economy. With billions of dollars to be invested in the base over the next decade, the City's relationship with Defence will continue to grow well into the future. For confirmation of the event date and all Freedom of Entry details visit the City's website.

Helping Local Businesses

Through our involvement in the Small Business Friendly Approvals program, the City has cut red tape to help support small businesses in the community. We have introduced a range of measures to make things easier and quicker for small businesses, including setting up an online concierge service to streamline your interactions with the City. We've also created a series of easy to follow step-by-step guides for a variety of small business types. To find out more about how to get your business up and running, simply and quickly, visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/startyoursmallbusiness



Stay Up to Date on Rock Port



Connect. Anywhere. Anytime.

Signing up to the City's online portal, Rock Port, is the best way to keep informed about what's happening in your City.

You can choose to receive updates from a range of topics including events, major projects and Council meetings.

You can also submit online requests, make online payments, lodge building and planning applications, and use other online services such as checking your rates balance.

Visit cityrockport.com.au to register today.



Sports Star Awards – Nominate Now

The 2023 Sports Star Awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday 20 September at the Gary Holland Community Centre. This year there will be five new categories, with a total of 12 awards to be presented.

Club Categories: Champion Club of the Year, Team of the Year, Inclusion Program or Event of the Year (new award) and Club Governance Award (new award).

Individual Categories: Senior Sports Star of the Year, Junior Sports Star of the Year, Masters Sports Star of the Year (new award), Keren Kim Ugle (Senior) Indigenous Sports Star of the Year Award (new award), Sports Person of the Year with Disability, Volunteer of the Year, Junior Volunteer of the Year (new award), and the John Brown Lifetime Achievement Memorial Award.

Nominations close **Monday 31 July 2023**. For more information and to download the nomination package, visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/sportsstar

Volunteers Acknowledged

Volunteers are the backbone of our community, and the City was pleased to recognise the enduring contribution of local volunteers with a number of Years of Service awards during a formal presentation at the Gary Holland Community Centre.

The contributions of residents Lyn Amm (25 Years), Toni Williamson (14 Years), Jodie Swallow and Ann Winn (five years) were celebrated. All four are pictured above with Mayor Deb Hamblin.

On volunteering with Rockingham Connect Community Transport Service, Lyn said 'the camaraderie between the clients and volunteers is immensely enjoyable to experience. The clients feel very connected to the community as well.'

Want to become a volunteer? Get in touch with the Rockingham Volunteer Centre today by calling 9528 8670 or visiting rockingham.wa.gov.au/rvc



Aqua Jetty Celebrates 20 Years

The City's premier aquatic and health facility, Aqua Jetty, recently celebrated its 20th anniversary with a free community open day. The facility was officially opened in April 2003 by former Mayor Chris Elliott and former WA Premier Dr Geoff Gallop.

At the time it was the largest community capital investment ever undertaken by the City. Since opening 20 years ago, thousands of community members have taken advantage of the programs, activities and facilities at Aqua Jetty.

Aqua Jetty's 20th birthday marks another big milestone for City facilities in 2023. Earlier in the year the Rockingham Aquatic Centre turned 50, the Baldivis Sports Complex opened, and in the coming months the City's Autumn Centre and Mike Barnett Sports Complex will turn 30 and 40 respectively.

Pictured above: Former Mayor Chris Elliott and former Premier Dr Geoff Gallop opening the facility in 2003, several shots during construction, and Aqua Jetty members in the early days of the gym.

Archaeological Dig

Thank you to all of the community members who participated in the archaeological dig that took place in May at Peelhurst Ruins in Golden Bay. The dig was guided by the City's Heritage Strategy and it unearthed several artefacts including a one shilling coin from 1880, an intact Rosella sauce bottle from the early 1900s and a broken table plate.



Level Up at the Rockingham Youth Centre

Are you aged 12 – 24 and looking to gain new skills? You can register to attend a range of courses at the Rockingham Youth Centre to obtain qualifications and skills that will help you land a job.

Courses include: White Card (Construction Industry), Responsible Service of Alcohol, Senior First Aid, Barista Course, Hygienic practices for food safety and Accidental Counsellor.

The RYC also offers one-on-one appointments with an experienced career coach every Wednesday. The career specialist can provide guidance on training opportunities, employment pathways and will also be able to enhance how your resume looks. Registrations are essential.

Contact youthcentre@rockingham.wa.gov.au or call **9591 0836** for more information.



2023 Art Prize Award Winners

The outstanding work of several Western Australian artists was recognised at the City of Rockingham Art Prize Awards.

The return of the Art Prize after a one-year hiatus saw 67 exceptional finalists vying for a prize pool of over \$20,000. Selected entries were displayed at the Rockingham Arts Centre.

Congratulations to the winners (from left to right):

- Small Sculpture Award - We are still here? by Bjoern Rainer-Adamson.
- Local Resident Award - Lake Walyungup, Rockingham by Michael Doherty.
- Aboriginal Art Award - Discounted Deli by Taylor Gollan.
- First Prize - Fragmented Arboretum I by Elmari Steyn.
- Emerging Artist Award - The new machine by DoodlesinTransit.



Libraries - A Vast World of Resources

The City's libraries are a wealth of information. Over the past year we've had around 730,000 loans and returns, and around 550,000 eResources accessed. So, whether you want to relax and enjoy a book reading, movie screening, eBook, magazine, or our wealth of digital resources like the studio (pictured) – there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Our libraries host more than 1,500 programs and events each year, and community members can hire out a range of meeting rooms and activity spaces.

Library staff are always keen to help, and in the past 12 months alone they've responded to about 50,000 enquiries. This includes running around 400 one-on-one technology help sessions dealing with everything from setting up a new mobile phone, to running computer software.

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



What's On Calendar

Information is accurate at time of printing.
Accuracy cannot be guaranteed as changes
may be made after the publication date.

Seniors Social and Wellbeing Program



Mondays 9am - 10.30am
Wednesdays 9.30am - 10.30am



Baldivis Recreation Centre,
Fifty Road, Baldivis

Seniors Social and Wellbeing Program



Mondays 9am - 10.30am
Fridays 9am - 10am



Golden Bay Coastal Community
Centre, Tangadee Road, Golden Bay

Seniors Social and Wellbeing Program



Tuesdays and Thursdays
9am - 10.30am



Secret Harbour Community Centre,
Oasis Drive, Secret Harbour

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day



Thursday 15 June
9.30am - 11.30am



Gary Holland Community Centre,
19 Kent Street, Rockingham

Connecting with People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds



Wednesday 19 July
9am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm



Gary Holland Community Centre,
19 Kent Street, Rockingham

Dads Chat



Saturday 22 July
9am - 12pm



Gary Holland Community Centre,
19 Kent Street, Rockingham

Learn. Cook. Share (Adults) – Foodbank Nutrition Workshop



Wednesdays 19 and 26 July,
2 and 9 August 10am - 12.30pm



Mary Davies Library and Community
Centre, 17 Settlers Avenue, Baldivis

Standard Mental Health First Aid (two-day workshop)



Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 July
9am – 5pm each day



Gary Holland Community Centre,
19 Kent Street, Rockingham

Homelessness Week



6-13 August, Community event occurring
on Tuesday 8 August 10am - 1pm



Rockingham Salvation Army, Corner
Willmott Drive and Read Street, Cooloongup

YODyessy Exhibition - The Art of Living Well with Young Onset Dementia



Wednesday 10 August -
Saturday 2 September



Rockingham Library,
Dixon Road, Rockingham

Learn.Cook.Share (Young People) - Foodbank Nutrition Workshop



Wednesday 16 and 30 August
4pm - 5.40pm



Rockingham Youth Centre,
20 MacKinnon Street, Rockingham

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Workshop



Wednesday 13 September
9am - 11am



Mary Davies Library,
17 Settlers Avenue, Baldivis

South-Western Snake Neck Turtle in the City's Wetlands

Have you seen a South-Western Snake Neck Turtle (*Chelodina oblonga*)? We'd love to hear from you as part of a program to monitor our local populations.

The South-Western Snake Neck Turtle is the apex predator of City's wetlands and plays a crucial role in maintaining wetland ecological health. The City has been monitoring turtle populations in these wetlands since 2019, engaging expert researchers from Murdoch University.

Last year the City joined the Saving our Snake-Necked Turtle (SOSNT) program which is a collaborative local government project supported by Murdoch University's Harry Butler Institute and the Perth South West Metropolitan Alliance.

This project captured important data and has protected identified nests from predation, with 550 turtles observed and 280 nests protected. The City will continue to participate in this project with the goal of better understanding local populations of this species and contributing to improving an understanding of the species more broadly.

Resident participation is crucial to this project. If you would like to get involved contact the City's Sustainability and Environment team on **9528 0333**.



Exploring Nature

If you are looking to get outdoors this winter then why not explore some of the City's picturesque walking trails?

From the beauty of the Nyoongar Trail at Karnup Reserve, to the stunning views on offer at Cape Peron, there are so many places to see throughout the City of Rockingham.

For a detailed list of walking trails across the community visit the City's website and search "Walking and Running."



Plastic Free July 2023

The City has signed up once again with Plastic Free July for 2023.

Inappropriately discarded plastics items are a major, immediate, local environmental problem.

Recent findings from a Perth Metropolitan Area Litter Survey found hard plastic fragments as the top litter item on WA beaches.

Another study found that 71% of coastal litter found in the 183 surveyed locations was plastic.

We can all help be part of the solution, and the perfect time to start is Plastic Free July. Here are some tips:

- Avoid products wrapped in single-use plastic by buying in bulk and bring your own bags when shopping.
- Reuse what you already have available.
- Refuse any plastics that have the potential to escape as litter.
- Recycle what cannot be avoided.

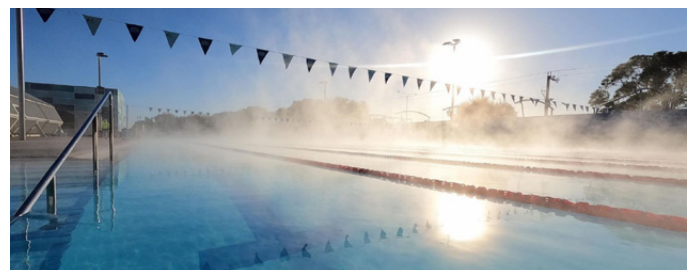
You can join the Plastic Free July challenge at **plasticfreejuly.org**

Gold Waterwise Council

The City's efforts to save water through the Waterwise Council Program have been recognised, with the City receiving re-endorsement as a Gold Waterwise Council.

To achieve re-endorsement as a Gold Waterwise Council the City is required to report on the goals of its 2021 Waterwise Council Action Plan. Key actions in the last reporting period include:

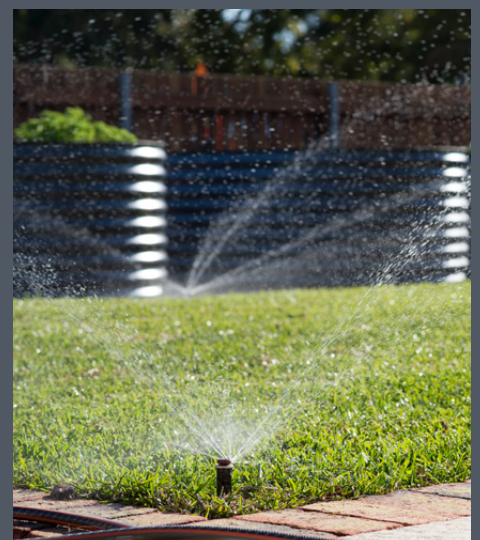
- Reducing the City's potable corporate water usage by 3,056 kilolitres.
- Planting 15,000 trees since 2017 through the City's Greening Plan.
- Delivering the annual Native Plants Giveaway event, with thousands of free seedlings provided to residents to help them establish water wise gardens.
- Improving leak detection and repairs to water lines and irrigation systems at the City's biggest water consuming sites.



Winter Sprinkler Switch-Off

Groundwater is a precious resource and just like tap water should be used wisely. Since 2010, the Winter Sprinkler Switch-Off has applied to residents in the City of Rockingham and requires garden irrigation to be turned off from 1 June – 31 August.

During winter, cooler temperatures and lower evaporation rates mean that our gardens don't require as much water. By letting the rain take care of your lawn and garden instead you can save water. Search 'Waterwise' on the City's website to find out more about the Winter Sprinkler Switch-Off and discover waterwise tips.



Community Safety and Support

Community Safety Starts with You



Safety Van Visits

The City's Community Safety team has been visiting local areas to engage with residents about community safety. Residents are invited to learn about initiatives, such as Neighbours Unite, SmartWatch, Cam-Map WA, the City's Subsidy Scheme rebates and more. Keep an eye on the City's social media to find out where the team will be next. Snap a selfie with the van and post it in the comments section on Facebook to go in the running for a random prize draw.

Are you Storm ready?

Get Ready Rockingham

Having an up to date emergency kit can better prepare you for all hazards, and can help if you are required to leave at short notice. Here are some tips:

- Pack an emergency kit containing items such as a first aid kit, radio, torch, water and non-perishable food.
- Make sure everyone in your household knows where the kit is located.
- Regularly check and update any expired items.
- Consider your animals when preparing your kit.
- Know in advance where your household will evacuate to, including animals in an emergency.
- Mobile phones, chargers, bank cards and computers can be added as last minute additions.
- Keep your property well maintained during the year, clear your gutters and tie down any loose items around the property.

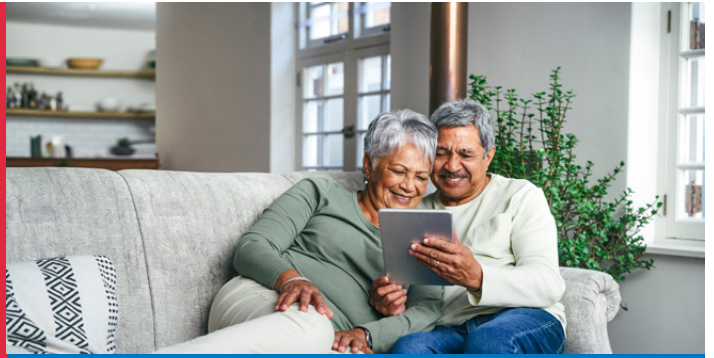
For more information visit

dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/storm/prepare



Community Transport

The Rockingham Connect Community Transport Service (RCCTS) provides transport to members of our community who don't have access to other forms of transport. RCCTS operates on support from dedicated volunteers and is currently looking for more. If you have time to give back, volunteering might be for you. For more information contact **9528 0333** or email **customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au**



Cyber Security for Seniors

The City will host free Cyber Security sessions for seniors at the City's four local libraries during June, July and August 2023. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, check the City's What's On calendar or Facebook page for dates and times coming soon.



Subsidy Scheme

The City's Subsidy Scheme provides reimbursements to residents with eligible concession cards to help them stay safe and connected at home. Up to \$150 is available per financial year in each category: Safety (18+); Information Technology (60+); and Home Modifications and Assistive Equipment (60+). Download an application form via the City's website or contact the City on **9528 0333** for more information.

Homelessness Week 2023

The City will join a range of local services to mark Homelessness Week on Tuesday 8 August 2023 from 10am - 1pm at Rockingham Salvation Army, Cnr Willmott Drive and Read Street, Cooloongup.

Teams from specialist homelessness services such as St Patrick's Kwob Kaalak and Rockingham Salvation Army will be available to provide support and explore referral pathways with people looking for additional assistance.

Rockingham Anglicare will be on hand to provide advice on dealing with rental stress and the Street Doctor van will be available to provide support on health concerns alongside access to medical advice. SCALES Community Legal Service will also be available to support people with legal concerns around tenancies. For a full list of services and resources available visit the City's website.

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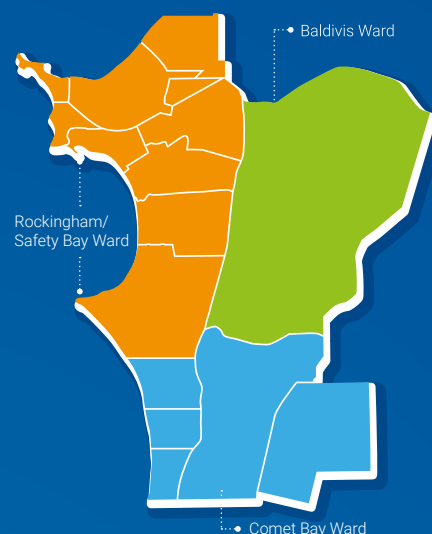
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Important Safety Contacts in an Emergency

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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