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A Word From the Mayor

Welcome to the winter edition of the City Chronicle.

The big story for this season is the commencement of FOGO waste collections on 30 June. FOGO stands for Food Organics Garden Organics. Check out pages 4 and 5 inside this edition to find out how to help our community drastically reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill.

By now all eligible dwellings in the City will have received their FOGO kitchen caddy and two rolls of compostable liners for all those kitchen food scraps that used to end up in landfill, but now will get converted into valuable products like compost, mulch and soil conditioner. There is lots of information about FOGO on our website if you have any questions. This is a big and much-needed change in our approach to waste, so thank you for doing your part in creating a more sustainable future for our community.

In other news, the final stage of the Baldivis Sports Complex is coming along nicely and is on track for completion by the end of the year. The Stan Twight Clubroom redevelopment is progressing well, and work has started on a number of upgrades in Churchill Park, which should all be completed by the start of spring.

The City uses lots of different channels to reach our community, so we are currently doing a short survey to see which methods are preferred. Scan the QR code on page 8.

Please enjoy this edition of the Chronicle.



City of Rockingham Mayor
Deb Hamblin



Major Projects



Baldivis Sporting Complex Final Stage

Exciting progress continues at the Baldivis Sports Complex with major construction milestones well underway. The pavilion ground slab has been completed and the skate park is taking shape and will be awesome once complete. Installation of fencing around the sports courts has commenced and sports flood lighting poles have been erected. The final stage includes outdoor netball and tennis courts, a recreation space, a pavilion, and extra parking.



Stan Twight Reserve Clubrooms

The new Clubhouse and Change-room facility at Stan Twight Reserve is taking shape. The building structures are now completed, the roofing has been installed and internal works are in full swing. Works to the external areas are underway, including the new sports field lighting and an extension to the existing car park. The facility is on track for completion by the end of this year.



Mundijong Road Upgrade

The realignment and upgrade of Mundijong Road between Telephone Lane and Duckpond Road in Baldivis is well underway. As well as realigning the road curve, the existing road is being widened and upgraded with a raised median, street lighting and crash barriers. Drainage systems are also being upgraded. Depending on the weather the project is expected to be completed by the end of winter.



Churchill Park Upgrades

Churchill Park on the Rockingham Beach Foreshore is getting some exciting upgrades through winter. The existing play areas will be connected and transformed into one large play area to create a new, accessible, 'Forest to Sea' themed play space which conveys the story of the early days of Rockingham when the timber industry put us on the map. The total play space will be approximately 2.5 times bigger than the existing areas. No trees will be removed.

The existing shelters within Churchill and Bell parks will be replaced with new accessible shelters, including new furniture.



Get Ready to FOGO

**Collection Starts
30 June 2025**

Scan the QR code to double
check your collection days.



The City of Rockingham's new FOGO (Food Organics, Garden Organics) waste collection service begins on 30 June to coincide with our new waste collection contracts.

The move to FOGO is in line with the state government's Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030, and will help the City improve its current 39% waste recovery from landfill and get us closer to the state's target of 75% by 2030. By separating our food and garden waste from our general waste, more than 12,500 tonnes of organic waste is estimated to be diverted from landfill each year.

With FOGO, your green-lidded bin will become the go-to for all your organic waste, from garden clippings and food scraps, such as bread, cereal, meat and seafood - including meat bones and shells - coffee grounds, and fruit and veggies. These bins will be **collected weekly**, making it easier than ever to keep organics out of landfill.



Your green-lidded FOGO bin will now be **collected weekly**, and your recycling and general waste will be collected fortnightly, on alternating weeks.



Week One

Green bin and red bin



Week Two

Green bin and yellow bin

From 30 June, kerbside collections will be:



Green Lid: FOGO (240L)
– **collected weekly**



Red Lid: General waste (140L)
– **collected fortnightly**



Yellow Lid: Recycling (360L)
– **collected fortnightly**

Want to know more or have questions? Scan the QR code or visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/FOGO for detailed information and FAQs.



"If it didn't
live or grow,
it's not
FOGO"











Since late April we have been out and about delivering FOGO ready kits across the City. If you haven't received one yet it might mean your property isn't in this first round of FOGO collections, or isn't FOGO ready, including some apartments and multiple unit properties.




This kit will help you collect food scraps right from your kitchen and place them in your green-lidded bin.

What can go in your FOGO bin

Food organics

- | | |
|---|--|
|  Vegetables and fruit |  Seafood
(including shells) |
|  Meat and dairy |  Leftover food |
|  Tea leaves and
coffee grounds |  Eggshells |
|  Bread |  Out of date food
(unpackaged) |

Garden organics

- | | |
|---|---|
|  Grass clippings |  Plant cuttings, small
branches and twigs |
|  Leaves, flowers
and weeds | |

Have you seen our 'Get to Know FOGO' stands around the City?

During May and June, we held a series of community information sessions and pop-up stalls across Rockingham to help residents learn how to FOGO like a pro and ask questions ahead of the 30 June roll-out.





Penguin Island

The little penguin population on Penguin Island is a treasured environmental and tourism asset, deeply valued by the local community and by visitors from across Western Australia, the nation, and the world. Although the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) has primary responsibility for managing Penguin Island and its native species, the City, as an active member of the Little Penguin Working Group, is advocating for the immediate closure of the island to the public for no less than two years, to allow the penguins space to breed, moult, and recover without disturbance.

This resolution was reached at the March Council meeting and shared in a formal letter to the Premier and Minister for the Environment. Protecting native wildlife is a priority in the City's Strategic Community Plan, and we will continue to advocate for the future of the little penguins and their fragile habitat.



Economic Development



Defence Ready

As the local government closest to Australia's largest naval base, the City is 'defence ready', strategically positioned to support defence and defence-related industry development, investment and collaboration with AUKUS.

Over 170 local business owners and officials recently attended the City of Rockingham Naval and Defence Industry Conference to learn more about the AUKUS agreement and emerging opportunities for Rockingham and surrounding areas. The event, held at the Gary Holland Community Centre, featured 27 speakers, including three high-ranking Navy officers who discussed how AUKUS will drive job creation, infrastructure development, and local business engagement in Perth's South-West Metropolitan Region.

This aligns with two key initiatives within the City's advocacy plan - creating a modern training, research, and innovation centre to support Western Australia's defence industry, and addressing traffic congestion through the delivery of the Garden Island Highway.



Captain Tom Kenny, Director Regional Maintenance Centre-West, TiREL Defence and Executive Consultancy Founder and Director Toff Idrus (MC) and Commander Submarine Force, Commodore Daniel Sutherland.

Photo Credit: WA Defence Review.



2025 Sports Star Awards – nominations now open

The 2025 Sports Star Awards will be held on Wednesday 17 September 2025.

These awards recognise and celebrate the achievements and contributions of local sportspeople and volunteers in our community.

This year there is a \$7,500 cash prize pool across 12 award categories, including:

 Junior, Senior and Masters Sports Star of the Year	 Inclusion Program or Event of the Year
 Junior and Senior Volunteer of the Year	 Keren Ugle (Senior) Indigenous Sports Star of the Year
 Club and Team of the Year	 Sports Person of the Year with Disability
 Club Governance Award	 John Brown Lifetime Achievement Memorial Award

Nominations close on Monday 30 June 2025. For more information and to submit your nomination, visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/sportsstar. Terms and conditions apply.

Rockingham Art Prize

The exhibition features the work of 76 emerging and established Western Australian artists across a variety of mediums, including painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, photography and mixed media. Of the finalist artists, 15 are Rockingham residents who will be vying for the \$1,500 Local Resident Award.

Entry is free and the exhibition is open every Wednesday to Sunday from 14 June to 6 July, 10am – 4pm.

An Artists' Floor Talk will be held on Saturday 21 June at 2pm. The talk is free, but bookings are encouraged.



Anastasia Wright, *Peaceful Night*, 2025, watercolour on paper. Image credit: courtesy the artist.

After seeing the exhibition, vote for your favourite artwork for a chance to win the **\$200 Voter's Prize**. Terms and conditions apply. For more information, visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/artprize



NAIDOC Week

The theme of NAIDOC Week this year (6 July to 13 July) is “The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy”, which celebrates not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead. The City of Rockingham is hosting an open event on 8 July at the Gary Holland Community Centre from 10am – 2pm for all members of our community to come together, learn and participate in the celebrations. The event will honour and raise awareness of First Nations heritage and contemporary presence in Rockingham while promoting an opportunity for cultural exchange and networking.



Positive Stories of Older Age

The City wants to promote the way older people make our community a better place to live. We want to reward your inspiring stories about an older person you know, or your own positive story about ageing. Submit a story to the City between 15 August and 30 September, for a chance to see it published in a collection and win a prize of up to \$500.

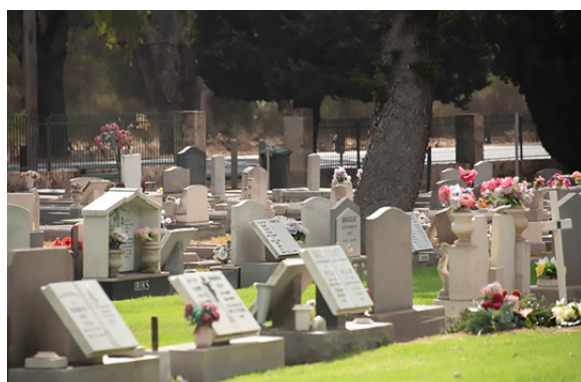
For more information, updates and workshop details visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/age-friendly. You can also sign up for the Seniors Newsletter to be sent by post or email. Contact the City on **9528 0333**, or customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au or visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/citynewsletters

Communications Preferences Survey



There are many ways to find out information about the City's activities. Which method do you prefer? Complete a quick and simple survey to let us know.

If you would like a hard copy instead, email customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au and we will send you one with a reply paid envelope.



East Rockingham Pioneer Cemetery

Following an update to the closure notice of the East Rockingham Pioneer Cemetery (ERPC) in November 2024, people with a strong link to a loved one already buried or interred there now have the option to seek permission for burial or interment at this cemetery. Visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/cemetery or contact the City on **9528 0333** for information about the updated criteria that now apply.

What's On Calendar




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


Rockingham Arts Centre, 11 Kent St, Rockingham

Rockingham Arts Centre Workshops


**Nala Wer Ngaangk – Seaweed and Sun
Cyanotype Workshop with Robyn Jean and
Emily Rose**

 Saturday 19 July
1pm – 2.30pm


Smartphone Photography with Sophie Xiang

 Wednesday 30 July 2025
10am – 12pm


The Beauty of Eucalypt Leaves, Branches, Nuts and Flowers with Annette Pesek

 Friday 8, 15, 22, 29 August
10am – 2pm


Western Origami: A Whimsical Journey into Art Making with Collage with Kerry Harrison

 Wednesday 20 August
1pm – 4pm

Radiant Reflection: A Journey of Self-Discovery Through Watercolour Portraiture with Chamonix Higginson


 Wednesday 3 September
10am – 1pm

Native Plants Through Print and Collage with Bridget Seaton

 Saturday 6 September
10am – 2pm


Rockingham Arts Centre Exhibitions

Rockingham Art Prize


 Every Wednesday to Sunday
14 June – 6 July, 10am – 4pm




Maara dookerniny – Hands Creating – 2025 NAIDOC Exhibition by Emily-Rose, Norma Macdonald, Robyn Jean, Sarah Kapor, Wesley Jackson

 9 July – 27 July
10am – 4pm

Tender by Annette Peterson, Sue Leeming and Nicole Steenhof


 30 July – 17 July
10am – 4pm

The Weight of Things by Brianne Sharp, Hugh Breslin, D'Arcy Coad, Soph Grey, Kasia Kolikow, Kristy Scaddan, Holly Yoshida

 20 August – 7 September
10am – 4pm


Dementia Action Week


Story Time Screening: A film about dementia

 Thursday 18 September
10am

 Rockingham Library
Dixon Road, Rockingham

Mind the Change: Story Time Showcase

 15 – 21 September
10am

 Rockingham Library
Dixon Road, Rockingham

Sustainability and Environment



Green Award

Are you an individual or part of a local school, business, or community group involved in an innovative waste reduction project during 2024/2025? We are searching for our next community champion to recognise and promote local action on reducing waste.

You can find out more about last year's winner and how to apply to become our 2025 Green Award winner by visiting our 'Turn the Tide on Plastics' webpage. Nominations for the next round close on Monday, 11 August at 5pm.



Urban Greening

Thanks to the state government's Urban Greening Grant Program we are able to accelerate the planting of trees beyond our current annual programs.

The next two rounds of funding will enable the City to plant nearly 2,700 more trees, and more than 30,000 shrubs and herbs at locations across our suburbs where existing tree canopy cover is low. Where possible native Western Australian species have been selected, but some species from other areas of Australia have also been chosen to maximise diversity.

Energy Audit Kits

Want to identify ways to save on your electricity bills? You can borrow one of the four Energy Kits now available through the City's libraries.

The Energy Efficiency Pilot Program is supported by WA Government, Switch Your Thinking, and Energy Policy WA. You can learn more about this program, including upcoming workshops, by visiting

switchyourthinking.com/energy



Winter Sprinkler Switch Off

The Winter Sprinkler Switch Off is in effect from **1 June – 31 August** for all residents in Perth, Peel and parts of the South-West and Great Southern. Garden irrigation is to be turned off during the winter months.



Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer

Polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB) does not move far on its own but can travel long distances when people unknowingly intervene. Firewood can provide a mechanism for the distribution of PSHB without you even knowing.

You can help minimise the spread by not moving firewood long distances especially when you go camping – buy it where you burn it. Additionally, don't burn wood from host trees, especially if it looks like it has borer damage as PSHB beetles disperse when infested wood is burnt.

For more information, head to agric.wa.gov.au/borer



Plastic Free Living

A seahorse marine litter monitoring bin has landed in Rockingham. These bins are designed for community groups to deposit litter collected during beach clean-ups, helping us track the types of marine debris found across our region. Visit the newest installation at Catalpa Memorial, Palm Beach, to see what's being collected from our local beaches.

Throughout July, we're hosting a range of workshops and initiatives to support individuals in reducing their use of single-use plastics. Search 'Turn the Tide on Plastics' on our website for more information.

Waterwise Verge Subsidy

The City has recently hosted two events to install Waterwise Demonstration Verge Gardens at Ennis Avenue Reserve in Hillman and Rhonda Scarrott Reserve in Golden Bay.

Residents were invited to take part in the planting at each site, helping to create greener, more sustainable streetscapes. Coinciding with these events, the City has also launched a new Waterwise Verge Subsidy Program, offering residents up to \$400 reimbursement for approved waterwise improvements to their verges. **Terms and conditions apply.**

For more information on verge developments and how to apply for the subsidy, visit the City's website.



GREEN Newsletter

For additional information on sustainability, waste, FOGO and environment related news, updates and events, the City publishes a GREEN e-newsletter. To subscribe, visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/subscribe



1000 Hearts Project

Be part of spreading hope to people across the community by joining the Rockingham 1000 Hearts Project. In collaboration with the Peel, Rockingham and Kwinana Suicide Prevention Collaborative to highlight World Suicide Prevention Day, the project gives individuals the opportunity to create simple felt hearts and messages of hope that are used locally by key organisations such as Roses in the Ocean, as a gift to those who have been impacted by suicide and loss. Gather your group, friends or set your own personal challenge to be part of the project and look together towards tomorrow.


To register and receive your free heart-making kit, contact customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au or **9528 0333**.

If you or anyone you know needs help, there is always someone to listen.



 **Lifeline** 13 11 14
lifeline.org.au

 **IBYARN** 13 19 76

 **Suicide Call Back Service** 1300 727 247
suicidecallbackservice.org.au

Eyes on the Street

Our vehicle based SmartWatch service was busy during January – March 2025, helping to create safer communities. View our latest SmartWatch Snapshot which highlights the types of matters our Officers can assist with by scanning the QR code.



Mental Health and Wellbeing Training

Youth Mental Health First Aid

- 🕒 9am – 4.30pm
- 📅 Thursday 2 July and Friday 3 July
- 📍 Rockingham Youth Centre,
20 MacKinnon Street, Rockingham

Most mental health challenges begin during adolescence or early adulthood. Early identification and support can make a crucial difference in a young person's life.

This two-day accredited course is ideal for parents and equips participants with practical, evidence-based skills to assist young people experiencing mental health concerns.

Spots are limited. To register, please contact:
youthcentre@rockingham.wa.gov.au or
9591 0836.

World Suicide Prevention Day – Community Event

- 🕒 9am – 12pm
- 📅 Sunday 14 September 2025
- 📍 Rockingham Rotary Markets on the
grassed area beside Kent Street Carpark.

Join us for a free, relaxed morning of connection and conversation as we mark World Suicide Prevention Day. Meet local suicide prevention and support services, contribute to a community art project, and hear from people with lived experience. This free relaxed event is a great first step towards creating a supportive network across the local community. Everyone is welcome.



Be Fire Safe This Winter



Improper usage of home heating and appliances in winter is a common cause of house fires in Australia.



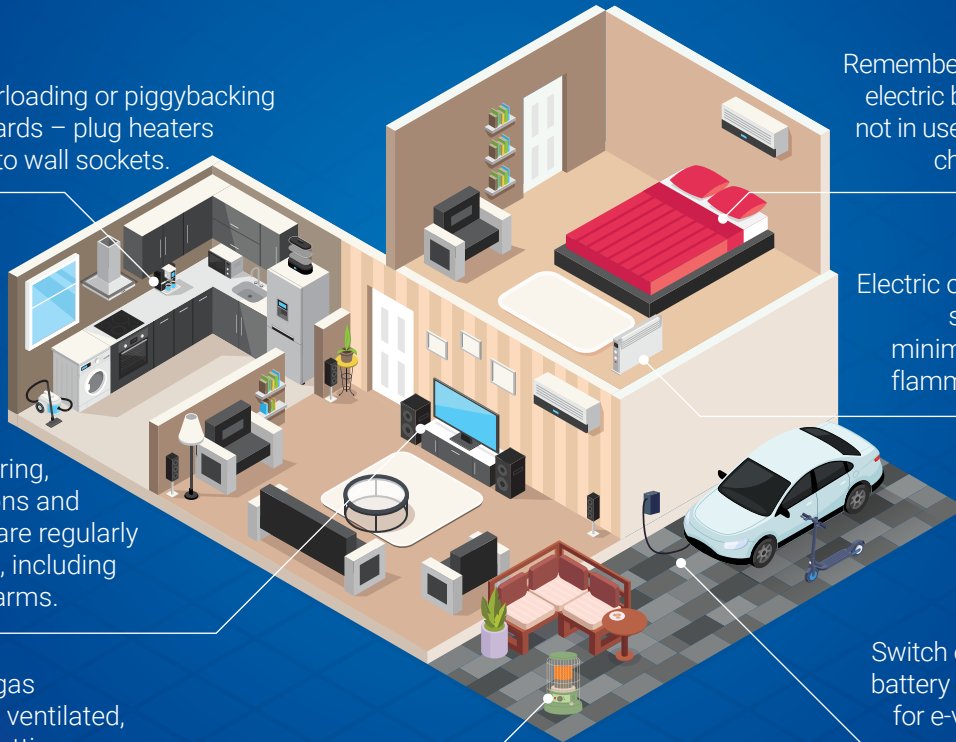
Avoid overloading or piggybacking power boards – plug heaters directly into wall sockets.



Ensure wiring, connections and batteries are regularly inspected, including smoke alarms.



Only use gas heating in ventilated, outdoor settings.



Remember to switch off electric blankets when not in use and regularly check for faults.



Electric or gas heaters should be 1 m minimum from any flammable objects.



Switch off lithium-ion battery charge points for e-vehicles when you're not home.



Storm Smart

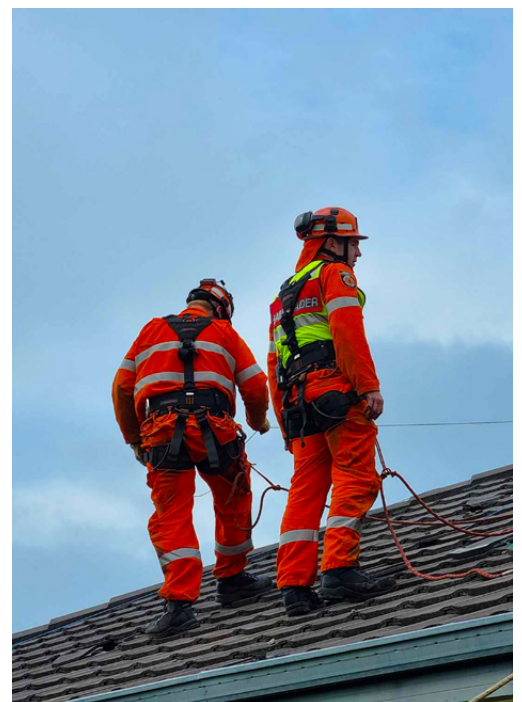
Are you ready for an emergency? Improving your preparedness begins by understanding your level of risk to ensure you are able to take action to keep yourself and your loved ones safe. Check out the Storm Smart guide on our website for guidance.

When should you call the SES?

The State Emergency Service helps the community in non-life threatening emergencies. Contact the SES on **132 500** for:

- fallen trees that need clearing
- temporary repairs caused by extreme weather, such as a roof or fencing
- assistance with sudden property flooding or water inundation.

If your life or property is in danger, or you've just witnessed a serious accident or crime, always contact **000**.



Emergency Preparedness

Unrestricted Burning

The City is now in an unrestricted burning period until 30 September 2025. The use of outdoor cooking appliances such as pizza ovens, fire pits and chimineas is permitted during the unrestricted period.

Do not

- Burn plastic, rubber, food scraps, green garden cuttings or treated wood or pine
- Position any fire-related units less than two metres away from fence lines or dwellings to avoid creating a nuisance to neighbours.

Important reminder:

Beach bonfires are not permitted in the City of Rockingham. The heat from a beach fire can remain underground for hours and is a safety risk.

Do

- Check the City's website for specific burning requirements
- Use dry, seasoned wood – burning wet wood produces unnecessary smoke pollution
- Keep a 3 m clearance around the burn area and remove nearby flammable materials
- Consider the wind direction and potential for smoke to drift onto neighbouring properties
- Choose a location where the smoke is less likely to cause a nuisance.

Verge Parking

Avoid the verge, avoid a fine

With an increasing number of illegal verge parking around school communities, City Rangers are urging drivers to observe parking signs and restrictions. Vehicles cannot stop or park where signs prohibit the stopping or parking of cars on a verge, or park on a private verge without the owner or occupiers, permission. Penalties apply.

Visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/parking for the rules and parking guides.





Dog-friendly Beaches

Have you seen the City's dog friendly beach map? It's important to only exercise your dog on these designated beaches in the City. Please remember that at all times you are responsible for your dog's actions, either on or off a lead and please, pick up after your dog. Penalties apply.



To find a beach near you to enjoy with your furry friend, visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/dogbeaches



Makuru – Season of Fertility (June-July)

We are heading into the Nyoongar Season 'Makuru', known as the season of fertility. Traditionally during these cold and wet months, the Nyoongar people moved back inland from the coast, changing their diet from eating food from the sea and lakes to hunting and grazing on animals like the kangaroo.

The Nyoongar calendar acts as a guide, outlining the change in nature, how to live safely, sustainably and respectfully in relation to the land, plant and animal cycles and the preservation of environmental ecosystems.

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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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