

Aqua Jetty Swim School – Best in WA

The City of Rockingham's Aqua Jetty Swim School has been recognised as the best in Western Australia after it took home the AUJTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre Award during the AUJTSWIM Soak It Up Conference in July. The Swim School, which is aligned with the Royal Life Saving WA 'Swim and Survive' program, caters to swimmers of all ages, and teaches water safety awareness and swim technique development.



City of Rockingham staff proudly display the Aqua Jetty Swim School's award.

Beaches for Everyone

The City's famous coastline is a major attraction for residents and visitors. However, access to the beach and water can be difficult for some community members, especially people with disability.

Beach access matting helps many people, including people with disability, seniors, and parents with prams, get onto the sand and closer to the water. This spring, up to 120 metres of matting will be rolled out, mostly on our calm, north-facing beaches.

Beach wheelchairs are available for booking seven days a week and two of the wheelchairs fold down so can be transported in a large car. Bookings are managed by the Rockingham Visitors Centre, The Cruising Yacht Club and the Seaside Camp for Kids.

The Beach Walkers (pictured) are quite new to Rockingham. They will be useful to people who might not need a beach wheelchair, but need a bit of support to be able to take a stroll along the beach.

Visit the City's website for access matting locations and to find out how to book a wheelchair or walker.



Strategic Community Plan Update

Economic Development Strategy

One of the aspirations in the City's current Strategic Community Plan is 'Actively Pursue Tourism and Economic Development'. To help realise this aspiration we are developing an Economic Development Strategy 2020-2025, which will build and expand on the work done in the previous Economic Development Strategy.

The strategy will comprise four key strategic elements aligned to work more closely with the local business community:

- investment attraction
- strategic regional opportunities
- local business development
- advocacy and lobbying.

The first step in the development of the Strategy will be consultation with the business community and key stakeholders to get feedback and comments, and develop that data into key outcomes and findings which will guide the implementation of the individual actions identified within each strategic element.



Strategic Community Plan Update

Every local government is required to have a plan for the future. Our Strategic Community Plan (2019-2029) is our strategic road map for the next 10 years. It shows the direction, and the actions, we need to take to meet the needs of our growing community.

The Plan is built on four key aspirations, developed in consultation with our community, which define the main themes about the type of City our residents want to live in.

The way we achieve these aspirations is detailed in the supporting Community Plan Strategies which are developed through sustained engagement with interested community members to identify how we can deliver results to our residents today and in the future.

Along with these strategies, we have a 10 year Community Infrastructure Plan which prioritises the development of new community infrastructure projects and is reviewed annually. These infrastructure projects are costed through the City's Business Plan.

The following table shows the strategies underpinning the current Strategic Community Plan. Those with a green dot are in progress. They have been adopted by Council, and actions are underway. Those with an orange dot are still to be developed.

● **Adopted** ● **To Be Developed**



Aspiration 1 Actively Pursue Tourism and Economic Development

- Tourist Destination Strategy
- Coastal Facilities Strategy
- Rockingham Strategic Metropolitan Centre Public Parking Strategy
- City Centre Transport Strategy
- Economic Development Strategy
- Rockingham Strategic Metropolitan Centre, Centre Plan - Activity Centre Plan



Aspiration 2 Grow and Nurture Community Connectedness and Wellbeing

- Children and Young People Strategy
- Disability Access and Inclusion Strategy
- Digital Media Strategy
- Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Cultural Development and The Arts Strategy
- Volunteering Strategy
- Seniors Strategy
- Community Support Services Strategy
- Community Safety Strategy
- Library and Information Services Strategy



Aspiration 3 Plan for Future Generations

- Community Infrastructure Plan
- Rockingham Beach Foreshore Master Plan
- Strategic Asset Management Plan
- Infrastructure Asset Management Plan
- Safety Bay/Shoalwater Foreshore Revitalisation Masterplan
- Centre Plan - Rockingham Strategic Metropolitan Centre
- Heritage Strategy
- Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan
- Sustainability Strategy
- City of Rockingham Waste Strategy
- Natural Area Conservation Strategy
- Bushfire Risk Mitigation Strategy
- Greening Plan
- Public Open Space Strategy
- Environmental Planning Strategy
- Rockingham Foreshore Management Plan
- Local Planning Strategy
- Karnup District Structure Plan



Aspiration 4 Deliver Quality Leadership and Business Expertise

- Development of the Renaissance Technopole
- Ten Year Integrated Financial Business Plan

Safety Bay/ Shoalwater Foreshore Master Plan

Following a good response to the Coastal Values Survey earlier this year, the draft Master Plan for the Safety Bay and Shoalwater foreshores is almost ready for inspection. The content of the Master Plan is guided by a number of Council adopted 'design drivers' which reflect key themes within the Survey responses.

The Master Plan will be a strategic document to guide the way in which the foreshore will evolve over the next 20 or 30 years. It will guide improvements to the foreshore, generally from Boundary Road to Warnbro Beach Road, and retain those features and assets which make the foreshore appealing.

The consultation is expected to commence in the second week of October 2019 and run for a month. It will include a number of public information sessions where interested parties can inspect the draft Master Plan and ask questions of the project team. The best way to stay informed is to register through Rock Port at cityrockport.com.au or follow us on Facebook.

Planning For the Future

Our aspiration to plan for future generations requires a commitment to environmental issues here and now. We are taking some big strides in this direction.

In just the first half of 2019 we have:

- Introduced the Single Use Plastic and Balloons Policy
- Planted more than 3,000 trees as part of the Greening Plan
- Achieved Gold Waterwise Council status
- Added 296kW of solar panels to City assets (total capacity now 841kW from nearly 3,000 panels).



Major Projects Delivered in 2019

- ✓ Baldvis South Community Centre
- ✓ Port Kennedy Skate Park
- ✓ Rockingham Beach Foreshore Revitalisation (Stage 1)

Community Activities

The City presents a wide range of community activities. Some of the highlights from the current calendar include:



International Food Festival



Photovoice photo competition



New Year's Eve Celebration and fireworks



Australia Day Celebration and fireworks



"Romance On the Green" presented in collaboration with the Perth Symphony Orchestra



Outdoor Cinema Series



City of Rockingham Art Awards



Community Breakfast Bike Ride



Seniors Expo



Furry Friends Fun Day



Celebrate Ability



Various 'pop-up' community events.