



Sustainability Highlights

2025

The City of Rockingham is situated 40km south of Perth, located on the boundary between the Whadjuk and Binjareb people on Nyoongar country. With a growing population, the City is working to improve and preserve community spaces and facilities for future generations.

Our Sustainability Highlights captures actions and initiatives from across the City's departments, collectively working towards a more resilient, sustainable community. This report captures updates from the 2024/2025 financial year.



Water

As identified in our **2021 Waterwise Council Action Plan**, all three water targets are still on track compared with 2015/2016 baseline data. Ongoing retention of our Gold Waterwise Council status, is achieved through implementation of water efficiency projects, including upgrading older reserves to incorporate water sensitive urban design. Compared with 2023/2024, increases were shown in community and corporate consumption.

↑ 15% corporate potable water consumption.



Two waterwise verge demonstration gardens installed in Golden Bay and Hillman.

↑ 4% community water consumption.



Launched new **Waterwise Verge Subsidy** – since 20 March 2025, 266 waterwise plants installed by residents as part of the program.

↓ 13% below the City's corporate groundwater allocation.



Native Plants Giveaway 2025 – 12,000 native, waterwise seedlings handed out to residents at annual event.



Waste and Recycling

41,589.72 tonnes was landfilled.	16,976.37 tonnes was mixed recycling.	18,861.44 tonnes was green waste.
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↑ 46% waste diverted from landfill.

Total residential waste material collected in 2024/2025, including kerbside bin collections, hard waste verge collections and residential drop off at Millar Road Landfill Facility. From 30 June 2025, the City is moving to a Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) service, this change is expected to improve recovery of material and diversion rates.

Ongoing community engagement on waste avoidance and recovery initiatives included, our Sustainable Parenting and Compost at Home programs, and changes to kerbside service.

E-waste recycling stations capture dry-cell household batteries, printer cartridges, and mobile phones. Since July 2020, **50kg of mobile phones** were recycled across City recycling stations.

6,400 containers recovered at major Summer Series events in 2024/2025.



Callouts received
3,935

Litter and illegally dumped material collected
↑ 531 tonnes



Energy and Emissions

Ongoing projects to reduce energy usage and emissions, including solar installation, LED upgrades and methane harvesting at Millar Road Landfill. In June 2025, real-time solar and energy monitoring was installed at the Autumn Centre to improve measuring energy performance, fault responsiveness and reporting.

Renewable energy – the City signed back on to the WALGA lead Sustainable Energy Project, for a further three years. From April 2025, 24 contestable sites will continue to be powered by 100% renewable energy and see costs savings via this joint contract.

Methane harvesting at Millar Road Landfill and Recycling Facility abated 86,920 tonnes of CO₂e (carbon dioxide equivalent) captured from decomposing waste in the landfill and converted into a source of energy, enough to power 2,357 homes in 2024/2025.



One new solar system installed.



51 LED upgrades across seven locations – including reserves and carparks.



Four Energy Audit Kits – now loanable through the City's Libraries, supported by Switch Your Thinking and Energy Policy WA.



Carbon Neutral Fleet status, via seven carbon credit projects - 3,708 tonnes offset.



Four battery electric vehicles were procured to trial in the City's fleet.



3.93km of new bike paths installed.



Nature and Environment

The new Urban Forest Strategy, expected to be endorsed in 2025/2026, will continue to support increasing canopy across our growing local government area. The City manages 2,170 hectares of public open space, in 2024/2025 increases in canopy and vegetation were achieved through:



Street tree planting: **1,679 street trees** installed during Winter Street Tree Planting and a further **3,890 trees** installed, supported by the WALGA Greening Grant offered to local governments to increase tree canopy.



Community Planting Days: Over seven days, 3,473 seedlings were planted across six reserves, supported by 309 volunteers.



City Reserve planting: 9,756 seedlings planted with assistance from 11 participating schools and organisations.



In 2024, the Council adopted its *City of Rockingham Cats Amendment Local Law 2024* prohibiting roaming of cats from 44 local parks and reserves. The amendment supports keeping cats safe at home while protecting our native wildlife.



Environmental Education and Engagement

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sustainability-related workshops held at City libraries.



New **e-newsletter 'GREEN'** launched late 2024, providing residents with up-to-date information quarterly on sustainability, environmental and resource recovery initiatives.



ReWild Perth – in partnership with Perth NRM and the Perth South West Metropolitan Alliance, the City engaged with ReWild Perth who encourage the community to bring biodiversity back into urban spaces. During 2024/2025, 89 residents were engaged at pop-up stalls (Naragebup Festival and FelineFest) and in-person workshops to gain knowledge to create habitat for wildlife, through adding water sources, native plants for food and shelter, and artificial homes for native fauna. We also engaged 83 year five and six students from Singleton Primary School in the ReWild Your School program, as part of our involvement with ReWild.



Ongoing participation in Grow It Local partnership - **1,321 total members (21% increase from 2023/2024 FY)**.



Clean Up Australia Day – City officers collaborated to support over 1,000 pieces of litter collected across Rockingham Foreshore as part of our Corporate Volunteering Program.



Climate Response

Engagement with community on coastal and heat related hazards for residents most at risk, was a key area of focus in the last financial year.

Heat Vulnerability Project – spanning two years, the WACOSS funded project concluded on 30 June 2025. Aimed at identifying initiatives for residents most at risk to the impacts of extreme heat (with a particular focus on older populations, financially disadvantaged individuals, people with disabilities and those experiencing homelessness). A total of 12 interventions were introduced over the two year period, with half to continue in support of the local community. One intervention included the Home Cooling Subsidy, which reimbursed over 160 residents up to the value of \$150 for home improvements and/or products to reduce heat impacts.

Coastal Hazard Workshop – presented by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology and City Officers, the workshop was designed for local residents living along the coast and focused on increasing knowledge on current and future changes to our coastline and how to prepare for weather events that can impact the local community.

Beach renourishment from Point Peron Sand Trap was placed across four different vulnerable locations.

16,703m³

of sand moved for beach renourishment from Point Peron sand trap stockpile.

Thank you to all internal departments and Rockingham residents for helping build a resilient community.