Welcome to the summer edition of the City Chronicle.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you how delighted I am to be re-elected to Council, and to have this opportunity to serve the people of the City Rockingham as Mayor for another term.

I would also like to thank everyone in the community who cast their vote. To effectively represent the community, Council depends on the involvement of local people. It’s only by having your say that you can have any influence over the way your city is governed, so on behalf of all the City’s Councillors I thank you for your participation.

It has been a busy time since our last edition. Some fantastic new community facilities have been completed and opened - Golden Bay Pavilion, Singleton Sports and Community Centre, and Baldvis South Sports Pavilion are all finished and being put to excellent use by the community. It’s great to see these key elements of our long term plans come to fruition and start delivering benefits to people all over the City. There are more in the pipeline too. You can read them about them on the following pages.

The City of Rockingham is one of the celebration communities chosen to host the Queen’s Baton Relay as it makes its way to the Gold Coast for the 2018 Commonwealth Games. The Baton will be in the City on the afternoon of Friday 23 February. It’s a special moment for our community so I encourage you to come along and watch the many Baton Bearers who will carry it on its journey along two beautiful stretches of our coast in Shoalwater and Rockingham. You can see the route and times on page 5. The Baton will arrive at Churchill Park at about 5.30pm where the City will also be hosting a community event to celebrate the Relay from 4.30pm until 7pm. I’d love to see you there.

Summer is here so let’s make the most of the warmer weather. There is a full calendar of events in the City’s Summer Series (see page 13 for details) and lots of other activities to get involved in. So I hope you can find some time to get out and enjoy yourself here where the coast comes to life.

City of Rockingham Mayor,
Barry Sammels

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Major Projects

Baldivis South Sports Pavilion

Baldivis South Sports Pavilion was officially opened on 7 September 2017 and is now the new home of the Baldivis Soccer Club and Baldivis Little Athletics Centre. The new pavilion includes change rooms, kitchen/kiosk, umpires' room, main hall and storage, with floodlighting to be installed in early 2018 to provide for night training and competition. The project was supported by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries through the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund.

Golden Bay Sports Pavilion

The Golden Bay Sports Pavilion was completed early 2017, with the official opening held on 27 July 2017. The Pavilion is now the home of the Secret Harbour Dockers Sporting Association.

The project was supported by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries through the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund.

Singleton Sports and Community Centre

The Singleton Sports and Community Centre was officially opened on 14 August 2017. The new building includes a club hall, community hall, meeting room, change rooms, umpires' room, first aid room, storage, kitchen/kiosk, as well as a public toilet for reserve users. External upgrades have also taken place, with a new fully fenced nature playground available for community use, as well as a new, larger car park. The project was supported by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries through the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund.

Baldivis Youth Space

Since the Baldivis Youth Space at Tranby Reserve opened in May, it has been given a thorough work out by local youth who also played a big part in coming up with the design of the space to ensure it would be a place that appealed to them, with features they would use. Those features include a 40 m skate plaza, a parkour climbing frame, a ropes course, climbing walls, a chill-out space and four trampolines. The $450,000 project is the first outdoor recreation space in Baldivis. A second, larger space is planned in the future.
Coming Soon

Secret Harbour Inclusive Play Space
Construction of the Secret Harbour Inclusive Play Space is due to commence in November. Designed with an ocean theme, the playground will feature a giant octopus, custom climbing nets, viewing platform, BBQ’s, shelters and a range of other equipment suitable for people of all ages and abilities. Construction is expected to be completed by mid-2018. This project is supported by Lotterywest and Rockingham Rotary Club. The Secret Harbour Inclusive Play Space will be located on the Secret Harbour Foreshore, near the Secret Harbour Surf Life Saving Club.

Baldivis South Community Centre
The City received a $900,000 grant from Lotterywest towards the construction of the Baldivis South Community Centre. The design of the facility will be complete in late 2017 with construction commencing in early 2018.

Skate Park Replacement
The City has commenced a skate park replacement program, with work already underway on Singleton Skate Park. Construction commenced in September 2017 and is expected to be ready for the December/January school holidays. Designs for Port Kennedy Skate Park are currently in progress following consultation with local primary schools. The replacement is expected to be completed in the second half of 2018. Planning for the demolition and replacement of the Cooloongup Skate Park will start in 2018.

Baldivis Dog Park
The City’s second enclosed dog park will be located at Barri Barri Park in Baldivis. Detailed design is in progress and it is expected that the park will be completed mid-2018. The first enclosed dog park, located at Bayview Reserve Rockingham, was opened late 2016.

Mersey Point Jetty
The construction of the new Mersey Point Jetty commenced in September and will be completed by January 2018. The new jetty is being built with steel piles, reinforced concrete headstocks and deck panels. The structure will include a steel frame lower level landing suitable for short-term recreational boating vessel berthing. It will be 76 m x 1.8 m wide along the jetty approach widening to 2 m at the head section to accommodate commercial vessel berthing operations. Handrails will be installed on both sides. The structure has been designed to have a life span of 50 years.

The number of available parking spaces will be reduced for the duration of the project so visitors are asked to use one of the alternative parking options available on Penguin Road and at the end of Seaforth Street located on Arcadia Drive. The City apologises for any inconvenience during the construction period.
Queen’s Baton Relay is Coming

In a few months the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games will be kicking off, but first, we get to be part of the lead-up to this exciting event. After travelling 190,000 kilometres (spread over 288 days) throughout the Commonwealth of Nations (formerly the British Commonwealth), the Queen’s Baton Relay is in Australia, and coming to the City of Rockingham.

We are one of the specially selected ‘celebration communities’ which will host the Baton for several legs of its journey towards the Gold Coast. Baton Bearers will travel a route alongside some of our gorgeous coastline at Shoalwater and Rockingham. It’s happening on the afternoon of Friday 23 February from just before 4.30pm at Mersey Point. The route is highlighted in the map to the right (the red coloured lines), so pick your spot, give yourself plenty of time to get there, and come along to be part of this exciting event.

Around Our Community

New Council

Following the local government elections the City of Rockingham has a new Council.

Back (left to right): Cr Mark Jones, Cr Matthew Whitfield, Cr Chris Elliott, Cr Lee Downham, Cr Andrew Burns

Front (left to right): Cr Joy Stewart, Cr Leigh Liley, Mayor Barry Sammels, Deputy Mayor Deb Hamblin, Cr Katherine Summers
Photovoice

The 2017 Act-Belong-Commit PhotoVoice Rockingham project attracted more than 600 photographic entries and four short films. The 102 finalists were exhibited at the Gary Holland Community Centre. This is the ninth year PhotoVoice has provided an opportunity for local community members to take photos on the theme of Act-Belong-Commit, showing how they enjoy keeping mentally healthy. Thanks to everyone who participated, and congratulations to all the winners.

Here are just some of the wonderful photos that won some of the categories.

All Category Winners

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Sports Stars

The 21st annual City of Rockingham Sports Star Awards were announced on 28 September at a gala event at the Gary Holland Community Centre. The Awards recognise the sporting excellence and achievements of local community members, individually, or as a part of their clubs. The City gratefully acknowledges our sponsors - The Sound Telegraph, Baldvis Health and Fitness, Rockingham F45 Training and The Athletes Foot Rockingham.

This year’s winners are:

**Sportsperson of the Year With Disability:** Leon Larkins (Outrigger Canoe Racing)

**John Brown (JB) Memorial Award:** Aaron Naughton (AFL Football)

**Club of the Year:** Rockingham City Football Club

**Team of the Year:** Singleton Irwinians Cricket Club A Grade

**Junior Sports Star of the Year:** Jordan Callum (BMX)

**Senior Sports Star of the Year:** Steven Ware (Triathlon)

**Volunteer of the Year:** Peta Hogarth (Cricket)

Mike Barnett Sports Complex

The Mike Barnett Sports Complex on the corner of Dixon Road and Goddard Street Rockingham is the City’s premier indoor sports facility. It is home to the Rockingham Basketball Recreation Association and Rockingham Districts Netball Association, and State Basketball League team the Rockingham Flames.

As of 1 January 2018 it will be managed directly by the City of Rockingham. The City will work closely with the current manager, YMCA, to ensure a smooth transition. The decision follows the City taking direct responsibility for the Aqua Jetty in July this year.

Rates Payment Winners

Everyone who paid their rates in full by the due date automatically entered a draw to win a $500 cash prize from NAB. The lucky winners are:

Mr DS McKay & Ms E L Brazier, S E Lawlor & Mr G E Zubrzycki, Mr C Liew, E J Jago, Mrs N K Francis, Mrs M & C B Billingam, Mr GR & Mrs S Kennedy, Mr M A & Mrs T J Llanos, Mr N G Roberts, Mr T D Cowley

Thanks to NAB for providing the cash prizes.
Living Longer Living Stronger

One of the key programs run at the Aqua Jetty is its award winning seniors exercise program - Living Longer Living Stronger. This program is both a fun exercise session and a social event. Classes run Monday to Friday at 11am with an additional circuit class on Fridays at 1pm. Participants are taken through a group warm up and stretch before their individual tailor-made fitness programs, followed by a group cool down stretch, and usually a coffee with friends in our cafe.

Regular social events are held throughout the year with guest speakers, bowling competitions, morning teas, a Christmas Party and trips to the Crown Burswood. The Living Longer Living Stronger program is included within our LiveWell Membership for seniors, giving access to over 20 group fitness classes per week. More information is available on the City’s website or in person at Aqua Jetty.

Portrait of a Veteran

During September, Rockingham Central Library displayed a community art project to honour Australia’s service men and women. Coordinated by Comet Bay College, students and local volunteer artists painted (or drew) portraits of veterans from the Navy, Army and Air Force who served in various conflicts, humanitarian and peacekeeping operations both overseas and in Australia. The exhibition proved to be very popular with the local community. The library was pleased to welcome many of the veterans – young and old, male and female – who came to see their finished portrait.
The Happiness Index is a new and innovative way of measuring the community’s level of satisfaction with living in the City of Rockingham. Through Rock Port, community members are asked to provide an overall rating on their “level of happiness”, and then to select up to six indicators of why they have chosen that rating.

The Happiness Index is based on the net promoter score principle, which measures the degree to which someone would recommend the services or products of a brand to another person. It classifies respondents as promoters (happy and enthusiastic about living in the City), passives (reckon it’s OK but could be better), or detractors (not too keen on living here). It is the first time that such a tool has been used for local government.

Of the respondents during the first six months, 43% are promoters, 14% are detractors, and the remaining 43% are passives. The overall happiness rating is determined simply by subtracting the percentage of detractors from the percentage of promoters. Some quick mental maths determines that the City’s overall happiness score is 29.

Let’s put that into context: two of Australia’s top banks’ scores are -11 and -9.8, while Apple and Microsoft rate at 47 and 45 respectively.

Happiness Index Score - By Age

Remember, if you sign up for Rock Port at www.cityrockport.com.au by 17 December, you will be in the running for some great prizes.

Website Accessibility

Our website is an important source of information for everyone in our community. Our aim is to achieve AA accessibility standards. As a result, our website is currently being audited and enhanced for accessibility to help ensure the City of Rockingham is an inclusive community where people with disability can fulfil their potential as equal citizens.

Rock Port subscribers who participated in a recent survey had positive feedback on our website’s accessibility, with 88% of respondents rating it as very accessible/accessible and 97% of respondents agreeing that the information is easy to read and understandable.
Opportunity for Local Businesses

The City of Rockingham is looking to partner with local businesses for an urban art revitalisation project. If you own a local business, are community minded, and have external wall space that could be painted with local art then we would love to work with you. The Act-Belong-Commit Schools Take pART competition is a City of Rockingham initiative. Schools will be given the opportunity to participate in a hand drawn design competition. The winner of each category will work with a community artist to paint a permanent wall mural in a public space within the City of Rockingham.

For more information please contact the City of Rockingham on 9528 0333, or email customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au
Being Waterwise

Did you know the City and our community are recognised as being Waterwise by the Water Corporation and Department of Water and Environment Regulation?

There are many simple things we can do to save water over summer:

• most reticulation systems can be reduced by two minutes per station and still maintain a healthy garden
• stick to your rostered watering days - a typical suburban garden thrives on two watering days per week in summer
• water before 9am or after 6pm to reduce evaporation
• mulch your garden to create water savings of up to 20%
• cover your backyard pool otherwise you could lose its entire volume of water each year through evaporation
• visit watercorporation.com.au/save-water

Coastal Planning

The City has approximately 37 km of coastline which underpins our identity, prosperity and lifestyle. State Planning Policy 2.6 – State Coastal Planning requires all Local Governments to prepare a Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP) to identify areas of our coastline which may be vulnerable to the impacts of coastal hazards such as erosion or inundation in the future. As part of the development of this Plan, the City will be undertaking detailed modelling of coastal hazards over the coming months. This information will be used to prioritise the City’s Coastal Engineering works in the short term, together with informing management responses to coastal hazards in the longer term.

Want to be involved?

There are four key parts to the development of a CHRMAP and there will be several opportunities for the community to be involved throughout this process. For more information on the project and opportunities to be involved visit: rockingham.wa.gov.au/Services/Town-planning-services/Coastal-Vulnerability

Shoalwater Foreshore Rehabilitation

The City of Rockingham helped Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) successfully apply for a Coastwest grant for rehabilitation works at Shoalwater Foreshore. As part of the project community volunteers led by CVA, and assisted by City staff, removed invasive weed species and planted 3,000 native seedlings. Fences surrounding the project area were also upgraded to reduce pedestrian access through the rehabilitation area. On-going maintenance of the area by volunteers and the City will ensure project objectives are met.
Meet the City’s Recycling Provider

The blue trucks that collect the yellow-lidded recycling bin and green-lidded green waste bin are from SUEZ Recycling and Recovery which began service on 26 June with the commencement of our new three bin system.

Contents of the yellow-lidded bin are processed at SUEZ’s Material Recovery Facility in Bibra Lake. The garden waste in the green-lidded bin is pre-sorted at their Organics Resource Recovery Facility in Bibra Lake before it is transported to North Bannister Resource Recovery Park for composting.

The new system is working really well, with 26% less waste landfilled in the first two months of the new service than the same period last year (with the old two bin system).

If you’d like more information about how to use the bins, check out the video on the City’s website.

Illegal Dumping

Our City is blessed with some beautiful natural attractions, from the coast to the rural bushland in Baldivis. Sadly, some people have no respect for our environment and use it as their own private rubbish tip. There are better ways to dispose of things that still have some life in them. Often they can be donated to charity or sold for profit. If they can’t be sold or given away, they need to be disposed of properly, because illegal dumping is never ok. It damages the environment. It spoils the amenity of our suburbs, and it is a financial burden to the entire community. During the 2016/2017 financial year there were 483 illegal dumping incidents reported to the City. Cleaning them up cost $332,000.

The City’s Rangers are always on the lookout for illegal dumping. Under the Litter Act 1979, illegal dumping can attract an infringement notice of $200 or up to thousands of dollars if taken to court. Littering and illegal dumping of a more significant nature may be prosecuted under the Environmental Protection Act 1986, carrying a maximum penalty of $62,500 (individuals) and $125,000 (corporate bodies).

You can report suspicious activity to the Pollution Watch Hotline on 1300 784 782 (24 hours) or via pollutionwatch@der.wa.gov.au. If you find rubbish where it shouldn’t be, call LitterBusters on 1800 4 Litter (1800 454 883).
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<td>Long Point, Port Kennedy (Port Kennedy Boat Ramp)</td>
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For more information about any of these events contact the City on 9528 0333 or customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au

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Christmas Lights Launch

Join the Red Dress Choir, Tandem, Rockingham Senior High School choir and more as we light the City’s annual Community Christmas Lights display. The Premier, Mark McGowan, will be there. So will Santa. There’ll be community stalls, markets, food vans, and free children’s activities. Churchill Park, 6pm-8.30pm, Saturday 2 December.

New Year’s Eve

Join Shannon Noll, Livewire, The Milkmen and more to bring in the New Year at the Rockingham Foreshore. Featuring fireworks at 9pm and midnight; amusement rides, food vendors, live music, and free children’s activities from 5pm to 9pm. The fun starts at 5pm and finishes at midnight, 31 December.

Thanks to our sponsors: Lotterywest, Media Engine, Total Kooling Solutions, Weekend Courier

Australia Day

Celebrate Australia Day at the Rockingham Foreshore. Featuring live music, free children’s activities, rides, markets, and a fireworks display to end the day. 5pm – 8.30pm, 26 January 2018.

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Community Safety

Rangers
You may have noticed our Rangers looking a little different lately. Their uniforms have been updated with a fresh new look that is both professional and contemporary. The new uniforms have been styled to tie-in with the City's corporate image and are more suited to the range of activities Rangers are regularly required to undertake.

Fire Danger Ratings
Keep up to date with the daily fire danger ratings via a link on the home page of the City of Rockingham's website www.rockingham.wa.gov.au

Total Fire Ban
A Total Fire Ban means you must not:
• light, maintain or use a fire in the open air
• carry out an activity that causes or is likely to cause a fire.

The ban includes:
• hot works (welding, grinding, soldering, gas cutting)
• all open solid fuel fires for the purposes of cooking or camping
• use of incinerators and other activities.

Total Fire bans (if declared) will be listed on the DFES website www.dfes.wa.gov.au and the City's website www.rockingham.wa.gov.au. You can also check by calling 1800 709 355.

Any enquiries can be directed to the City's Fire Prevention Officer on 9528 0333.

Firebreaks
The City is in a Prohibited Burning season effective from 1 December 2017 until 31 March 2018. All burning is prohibited during this time.

Firebreaks and/or slashing must be maintained up to and including 31 May 2018. Firebreak inspections will commence on 1 December in accordance with the City’s Fire Control Notice.

Neighbours Unite
Residents of the City are encouraged to get to know each other through the City’s Neighbours Unite initiative, a locally designed concept to develop stronger, safer, more resilient neighbourhoods.

Neighbours Unite invites you to host a barbecue or activity with your neighbours. You and your neighbours can get together to host an activity and the City will contribute up to $40 toward the cost of food. The City will supply invitations, merchandise and a Neighbours Unite t-shirt for the host. To host an activity or for further information, contact Community Safety at the City on 9528 0333 or visit the City’s website www.rockingham.wa.gov.au

Check your fire danger rating today.
LOW - MORDERATE             HIGH                 VERY HIGH               SEVERE                 EXTREME          CATASTROPHIC
Pool Safety

All home pools require a compliant pool barrier, but please remember that even the best barrier is not child proof. The most important tool in keeping kids safe is supervision. Children up to 5 years old are the most at risk of drowning so keep your eyes on those littlies at all times when they are anywhere near the pool, on either side of the fence.

- Never prop the pool gate open – it is designed to self-close and latch to prevent kids slipping through.
- Keep furniture, plant pots and climable objects away from the outside of the pool fence by at least a metre, and 300 mm on the inside.
- Check windows and openings into the pool are restricted to a maximum of 100 mm, with a device that is only removable by a tool (not a key).
- Have security mesh (not fly screen) covering the opening portion of the window.
- Visit www.kidsalive.com.au for more pool safety information and educational material.
- The Building Commission of Western Australia has a guide book available to download called “Rules for Pools and Spas”.

If you’d like more information about pool barriers, please get in touch with our pool compliance team on 9528 3333.

Home Safety Tips

- Lock your doors and windows to your home when you are in the garden or leaving the property.
- Close and lock your roller door every time you enter and exit.
- Before driving away, ensure your roller door has completely closed.
- Return all garden tools to your shed or garage and ensure your shed or garage is always locked when not in use.

Remember, Community Safety Starts with You

Vehicle Safety Tips

Valuables in your car are an easy target for thieves. It is important to remove all valuable items to keep them safe. It is also helpful to:

- park your car in well-lit areas
- ensure your vehicle is always locked
- close all your windows – even when you’re at the petrol station
- remove any detachable valuable items, such as GPS (and the circle mark it may create on your windscreen)
- refrain from hiding keys in or on the vehicle (wheel arch, bumper bar)
- have your keys in your hand before you get to your car – be aware of your surroundings.

Contact us
City of Rockingham Administration Centre
Civic Boulevard Rockingham
p. 9528 0333 e. customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au

Disability Access and Inclusion

The City’s Disability Access and Inclusion Strategy, and Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, for 2016-2019 can be accessed in various ways:

- The City’s website - www.rockingham.wa.gov.au
- Alternative formats (large print/audio) are available on request by contacting Customer Services on 9528 0333 or by email at customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au
- Hard copies are available at the City’s libraries and the administration building
- Contact Customer Services on 9528 0333 or by email at customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au to request a copy.

Important Safety Contacts in an Emergency

In an emergency call
(for hearing impaired) 000

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