



City of Rockingham

MINUTES

Corporate and Community Development Committee

Held on Tuesday 17 February 2026 at 5:00pm
City of Rockingham Council Chamber



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Corporate and Community Development
Committee Minutes
5:00pm Tuesday 17 February 2026



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Committee Meeting Minutes
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1.	Declaration of Opening																								
	<p>The Chairperson declared the Corporate and Community Development Committee meeting open at 5:00pm and welcomed all present.</p> <p>Acknowledgement of Country</p> <p>The Chairperson noted that the City of Rockingham acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land, the Binjareb and Whadjuk Nyoongar peoples and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders past and present.</p> <p>Recording and Live Streaming of proceedings</p> <p>In accordance with Council Policy this meeting is being live streamed on the City's website, with the exception of confidential items and periods of adjournment or as determined by the Presiding Member.</p> <p>By being present at this meeting, members of the public consent to the possibility that their image and voice may be live streamed to the public. Recordings are also made available on the City's website following the meeting.</p> <p>Please note that clause 8.5 of the City's <i>Standing Orders Local Law 2001</i> provides that "no person is to use any electronic, visual or audio recording device or instrument to record the proceedings of the Council or a committee without the written permission of the Council".</p> <p>If anyone breaches this Standing Order they will be asked to leave the Council Chamber.</p>																								
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	<p>Ms Nollaig Baker Mr Richard Hardy Mr Matthew Emmott Ms Mary-Jane Rigby Mr Paul Hayward Ms Alison Oliver Mr Ian Daniels Mr Justin Fromm (<i>from 5:03pm</i>) Ms Katie MacLachlan Ms Sue Langley Ms Jen Weinman</p> <p>2.3 Members of the Gallery:</p> <p>2.4 Apologies:</p> <p>Cr Kelly Middlecoat Cr David Rudman</p> <p>2.5 Approved Leave of Absence:</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Schmidt</p>	<p>Manager Strategy, Marketing and Communications Manager Community and Leisure Facilities Manager Community Infrastructure Planning Manager Community Safety and Support Services Manager, Community Capacity Building Manager Library and Information Services Manager Infrastructure Project Delivery Senior Economic Development Officer Financial Controller Governance Officer Governance Officer – FOI / Councillor Support</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Deputy for Deputy Mayor Schmidt</p> <p>Chairperson</p>
3.	Responses to Previous Public Questions Taken on Notice	
	Nil	
4.	Public Question Time	
	<p>5:02pm The Chairperson opened Public Question Time and invited members of the Public Gallery to ask questions. The Chairperson noted that questions should relate to the business of the Committee and this is the only opportunity in the meeting for the public to ask questions.</p> <p>There were none.</p>	
5.	Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
	<p>Moved Cr Buchanan, seconded Cr Crichton:</p> <p>That Committee CONFIRMS the Minutes of the Corporate and Community Development Committee Meeting held on 9 December 2025, as a true and accurate record.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Committee Voting (Carried) – 5/0</p> <p>Council Members voting for the motion: Cr Liley Cr Buchanan Mayor Buchan</p> <p>Council Members voting against the motion: Cr Hudson Cr Crichton Nil</p>	
6.	Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes	
	Nil	

7.	Announcement by the Person Presiding without Discussion
	<p>5:03pm The Chairperson announced to all present that decisions made at Committees of Council are recommendations only and may be adopted in full, amended or deferred when presented for consideration at the next Council meeting.</p> <p><i>5:03pm Mr Justin Fromm joined the meeting.</i></p>
8.	Declarations of Members and Officers Interests
	<p>5:03pm The Chairperson asked if there were any interests to declare.</p> <p>There were none.</p>
9.	Petitions/Deputations/Presentations/Submissions
	Nil
10.	Matters for which the Meeting may be Closed
	Nil
11.	Bulletin Items
	<p>Corporate and General Management Services Information Bulletin – February 2026</p> <p>Corporate Services</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Corporate Services Team Overview 2. Project Status Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Website Refresh 2.2 Leisure Management System 3. Information Items <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 List of Payments December 2025 and January 2026 3.2 Monthly Financial Management Report November and December 2025 3.3 Amendment to Rate Record – Non-Rateable Land 3.4 Amendment to Rate Record – Write Off 3.5 Awarding of Tenders by CEO - Delegated Authority 3.6 Lease Tenure Matters 3.7 Leased Property Maintenance Grants 3.8 Delegated Authority to Dispose of Property by way of Lease 3.9 Development Contribution Scheme 3.10 List of Write Offs for Debts under \$2,000 3.11 Kerbside Collection Summary <p>General Management Services Directorate</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General Management Services Team Overview 2. Project Status Reports 3. Information Items <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Meetings and Events 3.2 Use of the Common Seal <p>Governance and Councillor Support</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governance and Councillor Support Team Overview 2. Project Status Reports 3. Information Items <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Freedom of Information (FOI) Requests 3.2 Council Member Requests 3.3 Citizenships

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3.4 Australian Coastal Councils Association Inc. Newsletter3.5 Coming Events3.6 Notice of Motion – Status Report <p>Human Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Human Resources Team Overview2. Project Status Reports3. Information Items<ul style="list-style-type: none">3.1 Recruitment3.2 Workplace Health and Safety Statistics <p>Strategy, Marketing and Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Strategy, Marketing and Communications Team Overview2. Project Status Reports<ul style="list-style-type: none">2.1 Resident Perception Survey 20252.2 Minor Review – Strategic Community Plan 2023-20333. Information Items<ul style="list-style-type: none">3.1 Communications Review3.2 Team Plan3.3 Community Engagement – Share your thoughts3.4 Social Media3.5 Media Tracking <p>Legal Services & General Counsel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Legal Services & General Counsel Team Overview2. Project Status Reports3. Information Items<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provision of Legal Advice<ul style="list-style-type: none">3.1 Legal Advice – Local Government Operational Matters3.2 Litigation
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Committee Recommendation

Moved Cr Buchanan, seconded Cr Crichton:

That Council Members acknowledge having read the Corporate and General Management Services Information Bulletin – February 2026 and the content be accepted.

Committee Voting (Carried) – 5/0

Council Members voting for the motion:

Cr Liley
Cr Buchanan
Mayor Buchan

Cr Hudson
Cr Crichton

Council Members voting against the motion:

Nil

	<p>Community Development Information Bulletin – February 2026</p> <p>Community Safety and Support Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Community Safety and Support Services Team Overview2. Project Status Reports<ul style="list-style-type: none">2.1 Community Hub Needs and Feasibility Study2.2 Assertive Outreach2.3 Social Connection2.4 Crisis/Supported Accommodation Needs and Feasibility Study3. Information Items<ul style="list-style-type: none">3.1 Community Support Services
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	3.2 Rockingham Connect Community Transport Project
	3.3 Community Safety
	Library Services
	1. Library Services Team Overview
	2. Project Status Reports
	3. Information Items
	3.1 November/December 2025 Library Services Statistics
	3.2 Mary Davies Library and Community Centre
	3.3 Baldivis South Community Centre
	3.4 Rockingham Library
	3.5 Safety Bay Library
	3.6 Warnbro Community Library
	3.7 Christmas at the Libraries
	3.8 International Day of People With Disability
	Community Infrastructure Planning
	1. Community Infrastructure Planning Team Overview
	2. Project Status Reports
	3. Information Items
	3.1 Baldivis Sports Complex
	3.2 Safety Bay Foreshore Community Facility Development
	3.3 Anniversary Park Clubroom Redevelopment
	3.4 Lark Hill Sportsplex Northern Expansion
	3.5 Baldivis Men's Shed
	3.6 Autumn Centre Redevelopment
	Community Capacity Building
	1. Community Capacity Building Team Overview
	2. Project Status Reports
	2.1 Cultural Development and the Arts Strategy
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	3.3 First Nations
	3.4 Seniors
	3.5 Volunteer Program
	3.6 Rockingham Volunteer Centre (RVC)
	3.7 Early Years, Children and Families
	3.8 Sport and Recreation
	3.9 Health and Wellbeing
	3.10 Youth Development
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	3.2 Warnbro Community Recreation Centre

	3.3	Mike Barnett Sports Complex
	3.4	Rockingham Aquatic Centre
	3.5	Gary Holland Community Centre
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	3.7	Baldivis Indoor Sports Complex
	Economic Development and Tourism	
	1.	Economic Development and Tourism Team Overview
	2.	Project Status Reports
	2.1	Local Business Network Support
	2.2	Investment Attraction
	2.3	Iconic Economic Development / Tourism Events
	2.4	Destination Marketing
	2.5	Visitor Servicing
	3.	Information Items
	3.1	Major Events

Committee Recommendation

Moved Cr Crichton, seconded Cr Buchanan:

That Council Members acknowledge having read the Community Development Information Bulletin – February 2026 and the content be accepted.

Committee Voting (Carried) – 5/0

Council Members voting for the motion:

Cr Liley
Cr Buchanan
Mayor Buchan

Cr Hudson
Cr Crichton

Council Members voting against the motion:

Nil



12. Agenda Items

Community Development

Community Development Community Safety and Support Services



Report number / title:	CD-001/26	Amendment to Composition of Community Safety and Support Services Advisory Group
File number:	COM/55-10	
Proponent/s:		
Author:	Mr Matt Lewis, Coordinator Community Safety and Support Services	
Other Contributors:	Ms Mary-Jane Rigby, Manager Community Safety and Support Services	
Date of Committee meeting:	17 February 2026	
Previously before Council:		
Disclosure of Interest:		
Nature of Council's role:	Executive	
Attachments:	1. Community Safety and Support Services Advisory Group minutes - 4 December 2025	
Maps / Diagrams:		
Site:		
Lot Area:		

Purpose of Report

To consider a recommendation from the Community Safety and Support Services Advisory Group (**CSSSAG**) to amend the membership to remove the requirement for the representative from the Western Australian Police Force (**WAPOL**) to be the Officer in Charge (**OIC**) at Rockingham Police Station.

Background

At the 22 October 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council approved an amendment to the CSSSAG membership as follows:

That Council APPROVES the amendment to the composition of the Community Safety and Support Services Advisory Committee to include one representative from the WA Police, Officer in Charge Rockingham Police Station.

Details

The requirement for the WAPOL representative on the CSSSAG to be a specific officer from Rockingham Police Station has presented a number of challenges over the past 12 months.

When the incumbent OIC is unavailable, the officer attending the meeting does so on behalf of the OIC and therefore does not have voting rights. The recent resignation of the OIC at Rockingham Police Station from the CSSSAG, along with the recent opening of the Baldivis Police Station, presents an opportunity to amend the composition of the CSSSAG to include a representative from WAPOL. This change will ensure that either the OIC or other delegate from the Baldivis or Rockingham Police Stations can be an approved member of the CSSSAG with voting rights, without the need to formally seek Council approval each time a change in OIC occurs. It also provides the opportunity for either the OIC or approved delegate from Baldivis or Rockingham Police Stations to attend the meetings, depending on the topics being discussed at the time.

Implications to Consider

a. Consultation with the Community

Nil

b. Consultation with Government Agencies

The OIC of Baldivis and Rockingham Police Stations were both consulted on the proposed amendment, with no objections received.

c. Strategic

Community Plan

This item addresses the Community's Vision for the future and specifically the following Aspiration and Strategic Objective(s) contained in the Strategic Community Plan 2023-2033:

Aspiration: 1. **Social - A family-friendly, safe and connected community**

Outcome/Objective: *Community health and wellbeing - Reinforce a strong sense of safety*

Aspiration: 5. **Leadership Aspiration - Transparent and accountable leadership and governance**

Outcome/Objective: *Quality Leadership - Provide community communication and facilitate engagement opportunities*

d. Policy

The proposed amendment to the membership of the CSSSAG is in accordance with Council Policy – Governance and Meeting Framework.

e. Financial

Nil

f. Legal and Statutory

Nil

g. Risk

All Council decisions are subject to risk assessment according to the City's Risk Framework.

Implications and comment will only be provided for the following assessed risks.

Customer Service / Program/Project management / Natural Environment : High and Extreme Risks

Financial / Health and Safety : Medium, High and Extreme Risks

Nil

Comments

Amending the composition of the CSSAG, to appoint a WAPOL representative to the group rather than limiting membership to the OIC of Rockingham Police Station, will ensure continuity of WAPOL attendance as a voting member and enable representation from either the Rockingham or Baldivis Police Stations.

This item was presented to the Community Safety and Support Services Advisory Group at its meeting on Thursday 4 December 2025 where it was supported without change.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Community Safety and Support Services Advisory Group Recommendation

That Council **AMENDS** the composition of the Community Safety and Support Services Advisory Group to include a representative from the Western Australian Police Force, Rockingham or Baldivis Police Stations.

Officer Recommendation if Different to Community Safety and Support Services Advisory Group Recommendation

Not Applicable

The Officer's Reason for Varying the Community Safety and Support Services Advisory Group Recommendation

Not Applicable

Committee Recommendation

Moved Cr Buchanan, seconded Cr Crichton:

That Council **AMENDS** the composition of the Community Safety and Support Services Advisory Group to include a representative from the Western Australian Police Force, Rockingham or Baldivis Police Stations.

Committee Voting (Carried) – 5/0

Council Members voting for the motion:

Cr Liley
Cr Buchanan
Mayor Buchan
Cr Hudson
Cr Crichton

Council Members voting against the motion:

Nil

The Committee's Reason for Varying the Officer's Recommendation

Not Applicable

Community Development Community Safety and Support Services



Report number / title:	CD-002/26	Mental Health Advocacy
File number:	CSV/3675	
Proponent/s:		
Author:	Ms Mary-Jane Rigby, Manager Community Safety and Support Services	
Other Contributors:	Ms Elaine Jensen, Community Development Officer (Community Support Services)	
Date of Committee meeting:	17 February 2026	
Previously before Council:		
Disclosure of Interest:		
Nature of Council's role:	Advocacy	
Attachments:	1. Community Safety and Support Services Advisory Group minutes - 4 December 2025	
Maps / Diagrams:		
Site:		
Lot Area:		

Purpose of Report

To seek Council approval to include advocacy for the increased provision of funding and infrastructure toward specialist and preventative mental health services for the Rockingham region on the City of Rockingham (**City**) Advocacy Position Register.

Background

The spectrum of Mental Health Services is very broad ranging from community based prevention programs, to the very acute levels of care required to support people living with mental illness. The State and Federal Government are primarily the responsible tiers of government to fund these services.

The ongoing demand for mental health related infrastructure and services has been a recurring topic of discussion at the Community Safety and Support Services Advisory Group (**CSSSAG**) meetings since 2019. At its 10 April 2025 meeting, CSSSAG received presentations on mental health within the Rockingham community, including data from the City's Community Support Services Mapping Report (2023), Rockingham headspace and Rockingham/Kwinana Adult Mental Health (Department of Health). These presentations reaffirmed the need for additional State and Federal funding and infrastructure for mental health services in Rockingham.

Details

The Community Support Service Mapping Report (2023) defines mental health as the capacity to interact with people and the environment, and the ability to negotiate the social interactions and challenges of life, without experiencing undue emotional or behavioural incapacity.

The role for local government in mental health is primarily in wellbeing with a focus on supporting initiatives that aid community members along with raising community awareness of available support services. The City does this through the delivery of actions within Community Plan Strategies such as the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Children and Young People's Strategy, Seniors Strategy and the Community Safety and Support Services Strategy. In addition, the City provides community facilities such as libraries and recreation centres to enhance community livability, providing opportunities for community participation in a wide and diverse range of hobbies and interests aimed at enhancing community wellbeing. Further, the city works to develop strategic partnerships to understand local needs and gaps to support advocacy for increased services where appropriate.

The funding of direct service provision for mental health providers and the delivery/operation of relevant infrastructure is primarily the remit of State and Federal governments. Service providers are reporting chronic under-resourcing in this area to meet the growing needs of Rockingham residents.

Data presented at the April 2025 CASSAG meeting that reaffirms the need to advocate for increased funding for mental health services in Rockingham included:

- The five-year average rate per 100,000 Rockingham residents diagnosed with a mental health concern was approximately 20.2% (27,406) in 2020-21.
- Rockingham has higher rates of mental health illness (including depression and anxiety) - at 11.2% compared to the State (8.3%) and Australia (8.8%). (ABS 2021)
- Suicide rates in Rockingham (16 people per 100,000) is higher than surrounding areas in the Perth South Primary Health Network (excluding Mandurah which has the highest) and the State (14.2 people per 100,000) between 2018-2022
- Referral requests for mental health services are exceeding service capacity. As an example, in 2024, the Adult Community Mental Health Service which operates from Rockingham General Hospital (RGH) received 6,620 referrals and had capacity to accept 1,306 of these. The Older Adult Community Mental Health Service which also operates from RGH, received 550 referrals and had capacity to accept approximately half of these.
- The overall rate of mental health occasions of service was higher for Rockingham-Kwinana Health District residents compared to WA State occasions of service. There was a total of 350,290 mental health occasions of service for the Rockingham-Kwinana Health District between 2018-2022. There was a total of 7,757 mental health hospitalisations for Rockingham-Kwinana health district residents from 2019-2023.
- The RGH in-patient Mental Health Unit is the smallest metropolitan unit in Western Australia. It provides 20 adult beds including four locked units and 10 older adult mental health beds, four of which are locked. In 2024, there were 690 admissions for the adult mental health unit and 124 admissions for the older adult mental health unit.
- RGH provides Hospital in the Home (HITH) services for mental health needs. In 2024, 545 patients were supported through this service.
- The severity and complexity of mental health presentations has significantly increased, resulting in clinical services limited to supporting the most acutely unwell individuals and non-clinical services supporting individuals with acute concerns that are typically outside their remit. Non-clinical services are therefore experiencing decreased capacity to deliver prevention and early intervention services. As an example, headspace Rockingham, which is focused on brief and early intervention services for young people aged 12-25 years, reported from October 2024 – December 2024, 27% of referrals were outside of the scope of service due to the severity of presentations.
- In the period 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025, the ALIVE Suicide Prevention Service, which supports individuals 17 years and older who are at low to moderate risk of suicide or self-harm, supported 190 clients and had 1,595 contacts including therapeutic interventions, case management and liaison.

The Rockingham Kwinana Mental Health Advocacy Network have indicated some specific areas of focussed need being:

1. Increase funding to the Rockingham General Hospital Mental Health Unit for beds and staff for the acute level of care.
2. Allocate additional funding to increase the number of sub-acute beds at the Rockingham General Hospital.
3. Allocate funding for a Mental Health Outreach Service focused on homelessness.
4. Allocate increased funding to the Medicare Mental Health Program to enable a facility to be built within the City of Rockingham.
5. Increase funding for peri-natal mental health services.
6. Increase funding for the 360 ALIVE program across the Peel and Rockingham Kwinana (PaRK) region
7. Allocate funding for infant child and adolescent mental health services in Rockingham aligned with National taskforce
8. Increase funding to primary prevention mental health initiatives focused on Children, Youth, Seniors Families, Men, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse, Gender Diverse and First Nations people.

Implications to Consider

a. Consultation with the Community

The increasing demand and need for mental health services has continually been raised by the community and stakeholders during the development of the City's Community Plan Strategies, including the Community Safety and Support Services, Early Years, Children and Young People, Seniors' and Health and Wellbeing strategies.

b. Consultation with Government Agencies

The City is represented on several professional interagency networks that have all identified the need for improved advocacy for mental health services across the region. These are:

- Rockingham Kwinana Mental Health Advocacy Network;
- Peel, Rockingham and Kwinana Suicide Prevention Network;
- Rockingham headspace Consortium;
- Mandurah Kwinana Rockingham Homelessness Improvement Team; and
- South Metropolitan District Leadership Group.

c. Strategic

Community Plan

This item addresses the Community's Vision for the future and specifically the following Aspiration and Strategic Objective(s) contained in the Strategic Community Plan 2023-2033:

Aspiration: **1. Social - A family-friendly, safe and connected community**

Outcome/Objective: *Community health and wellbeing - Strengthen community health and wellbeing*

Outcome/Objective: *Accessible services – Adapt services to meet changing community need*

Aspiration: **5. Leadership Aspiration - Transparent and accountable leadership and governance**

Outcome/Objective: *Quality Leadership - Active advocacy for the community*

The Community Safety and Support Services Strategy 2022-2027 has a specific action to introduce a social and emotional wellbeing pillar to the City's Advocacy Plan to address identified areas. Advocacy for increased mental health services aligns with this action.

d. Policy

The City's Advocacy Position Register represents matters out of the scope of control of local government, but which Council seeks to promote on behalf of the community. The register is maintained in accordance with the Governance and Meeting Framework.

e. Financial

Nil

f. Legal and Statutory

Nil

g. Risk

All Council decisions are subject to risk assessment according to the City's Risk Framework.

Implications and comment will only be provided for the following assessed risks.

Customer Service / Program/Project management / Natural Environment : High and Extreme Risks

Financial / Health and Safety : Medium, High and Extreme Risks

Nil

Comments

The Community Safety and Support Services Strategy 2022 – 2027 has a specific action to introduce a social and wellbeing advocacy pillar. The inclusion of mental health advocacy on the City's Advocacy Position Register aligns with this action. In addition, the Community Support Services Mapping Report (2023) reinforces the need to advocate for mental health service provision locally, including:

- Advocacy for further investment in resourcing the personalised support that some individuals require in order to navigate complex systems.
- Collective advocacy on system challenges including gaps in mental health services and facilities.
- Holistic mental health support including consideration for centralised points offering comprehensive and low barrier early intervention for mental health, including mental health support services.

It is therefore recommended that Council adopts a formal advocacy position in an endeavour to improve the critical shortfalls currently being experienced in mental health service in the Rockingham region.

This item was presented to the Community Safety and Support Services Advisory Group on Thursday 4 December 2025 where it was supported without change.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Community Safety and Support Services Advisory Group Recommendation

That Council **ADVOCATES** for an increase in funding and infrastructure for clinical and preventative mental health services in the Rockingham region.

Officer Recommendation if Different to Community Safety and Support Services Advisory Group Recommendation

That Council **ADVOCATES** to both the State and Federal Government for an increase in funding and infrastructure for clinical and preventative mental health services in the Rockingham region.

The Officer's Reason for Varying the Community Safety and Support Services Advisory Group Recommendation

The minor change in recommendation wording is to clearly specify who the City will be advocating to for funding.

Committee Recommendation

Moved Cr Crichton, seconded Cr Buchanan:

That Council **ADVOCATES** to both the State and Federal Government for an increase in funding and infrastructure for clinical and preventative mental health services in the Rockingham region.

Committee Voting (Carried) – 5/0

Council Members voting for the motion:

Cr Liley
Cr Buchanan
Mayor Buchan
Cr Hudson
Cr Crichton

Council Members voting against the motion:

Nil

The Committee's Reason for Varying the Officer's Recommendation

Not Applicable



Community Development Community Infrastructure Planning Services



Reference No & Subject:	CD-003/26 Aqua Jetty Stage 2 Concept Design
File No:	CPR/1367
Proponent/s:	
Author:	Mr Ian Daniels, Manager Infrastructure Project Delivery
Other Contributors:	Mr Michael Holland, Director Community Development
Date of Committee Meeting:	17 February 2026
Previously before Council:	22 February 2022 (CD-006/22), 12 December 2023 (AS-025/23) 26 November 2024 (CD-038/24)
Disclosure of Interest:	
Nature of Council's Role:	Executive
Attachments:	
Maps/Diagrams:	1. Aqua Jetty current aerial photo 2. Aqua Jetty Stage 2 Overall Site Plan 3. Aqua Jetty Stage 2 High Level Concept Plan
Site:	Lot 533 Warnbro Sound Avenue and Lot 532 Swallowtail Parade, Warnbro
Lot Area:	8.9ha

Purpose of Report

To seek Council endorsement of the Aqua Jetty Stage 2 Concept Design and funding prior to the project proceeding to schematic design.

Background

The Aqua Jetty (**AJ**) is a District-level aquatic and leisure facility serving a catchment radius of over 10 km and a population between 75,000 and 150,000. Since opening in 2003, it has provided aquatic, fitness, sporting, social and crèche services to the City of Rockingham (**City**) community and visitors.

The following is a summary of the history analysis and planning for the facility since 2010.

2010 – Needs & Feasibility Study. This identified the need for expansion to meet forecast population growth.

2017 – Internal Aquatic Facilities Study: This assessed future planning considerations, design standards, usage, program capacity and industry trends. It recommended progression of facility expansion (Aqua Jetty Stage 2).

2018 – Updated Needs Assessment & Feasibility Study. This expanded on the information provided in 2017. It determined that both the aquatic and dry-side infrastructure required upgrades to maintain service levels and support population growth.

The above supported the City in securing **\$10 million** through the WA Recovery Plan Funding Program.

2021–2023 - Design Process and Tender Outcome.

The original consultant team progressed concept and detailed design through to a construction tender which went to market in September 2023. At the Special Council Meeting on **12 December 2023**, given the significant budget shortfall, Council resolved:

That Council:

1. *DECLINE all the tenders for T23/24-39 – Construction of Stage 2 of the Aqua Jetty Aquatic facility, as they exceed the current budget allocations; and*
2. *INSTRUCTS the CEO to investigate redesigning Stage 2 in an effort to reduce the construction costs.*

Following Council's resolution instructing the CEO to investigate a redesign, Officers undertook both internal and independent reviews of the project. These reviews assessed the original design and scope to identify opportunities for reducing the project costs, while ensuring project outcomes and community expectations remained central.

A key recommendation of the review was for the City to appoint a new design team to reassess the current design and produce updated designs focused on:

- Identifying design changes that align with project outcomes while minimising costs
- Reviewing and selecting cost-effective materials and construction methodologies
- Examining the building layout to consolidate and relocate spaces where possible to avoid costly future extension works and lowering latent condition risks
- Reducing the rework/refurbishment works required

Based on the above, Council in November 2024 resolved:

That Council APPROVES the development of a project scope to appoint a new design team to undertake a redesign of the Aqua Jetty Stage 2 project.

In August 2025, following a competitive tender process, the City appointed Carabiner Architects to lead a consultancy team responsible for developing a new design for the AJ Stage 2, then preparing the schematic and detailed designs. The AJ Stage 2 high level concept designs have now been finalised along with estimated costings.

To enable the project to continue to the schematic stage both the high-level concept plans and budget need to be approved.

Details



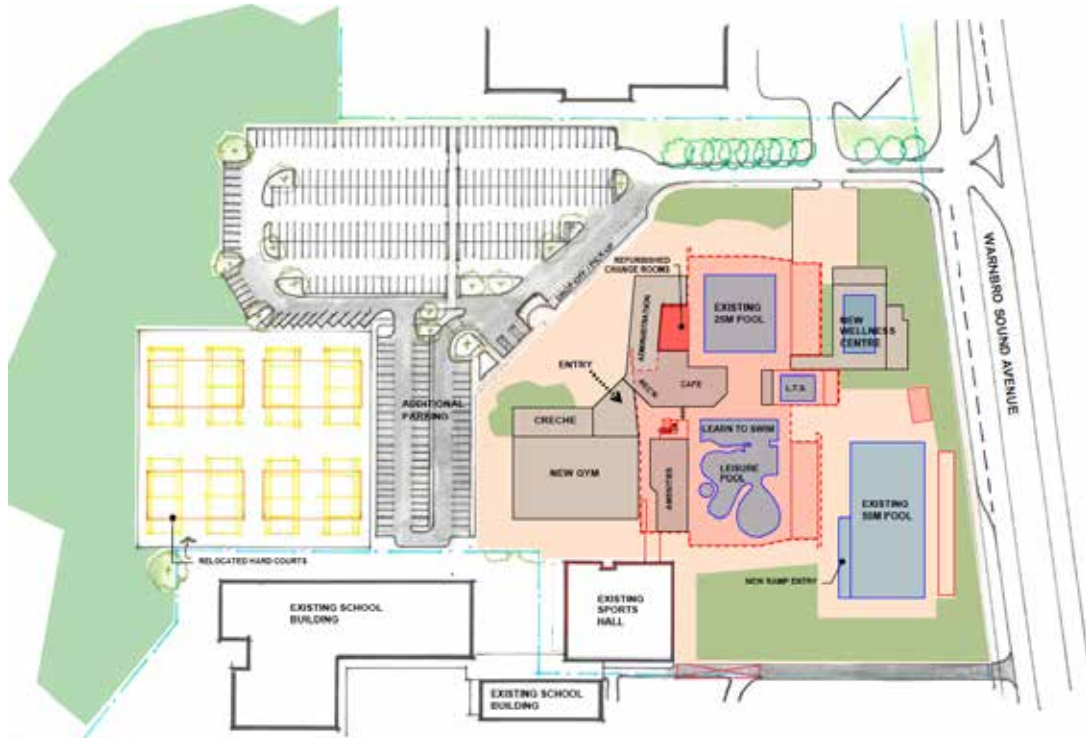
1. Aqua Jetty current aerial photo

Key features of the new design reflect the recommendations from the independent and internal reviews with a focus on minimising construction risk whilst including outcomes from the 2018 Needs and Feasibility Study.

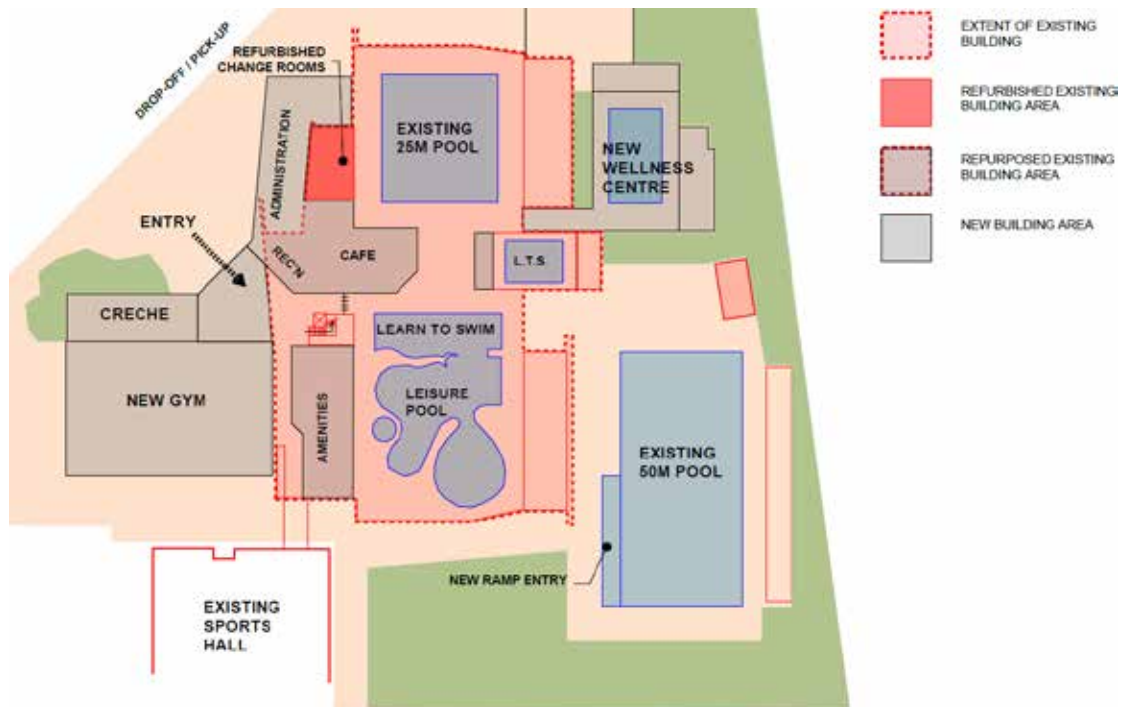
These considerations, together with over \$4m in Asset Management works, have been integrated into the Concept Design. Once delivered, the upgraded AJ will continue to serve as the City's flagship aquatic and leisure facility. Key elements of the concept design include:

- **Wellness Suite:** an accessible and larger hydrotherapy pool, new spa, sauna and steam rooms. This space will also include an adult change facility, storage and universally accessible toilet (UAT). These additions address the current shortage in warm water programmable space within the facility.
- **Water Space:** Reconfigured water bodies to improve functionality, including an expanded learn-to-swim pool that will significantly increase lesson availability and provide additional programmable areas.
- **Water Play:** A redesigned leisure pool featuring new water play areas and interactive elements. The existing water slides, which have high operating and management costs, will be removed.
- **Administration, Reception, Crèche, Café:** A redesigned administration and reception area, with the café and crèche relocated into the central hub. This consolidation enhances customer flow and improves the overall experience for members and visitors.
- **Gym and Group Fitness Spaces:** Substantially larger health and fitness areas, including a 1,000 m² ground-floor gym and expanded group fitness and spin rooms on the first floor. These upgrades increase equipment capacity, improve workout spaces, and support a broader range of programs, enabling higher class volumes and greater member engagement.
- **Change rooms:** refurbishment and extension of the current change facilities adjacent to the leisure pool and 25m pool and gym. Additional change facilities are incorporated throughout to cater for diverse user needs.

- **Water Accessibility:** Improved accessibility across all water bodies, with each pool designed to include either ramp access or a hoist to ensure universal access.
- **Asset Management:** Replacement and upgrade of mechanical ventilation, pool filtration and pool heating systems.
- **Other Key Design Outcomes:** Increased storage throughout, and additional functional layout improvements to enhance operation efficiency.



2. Aqua Jetty Stage 2 Overall Site Plan



3. Aqua Jetty Stage 2 High Level Design Concept Plan

Implications to Consider

a. Consultation with the Community

Consultation was undertaken during the development of the 2018 Needs and Feasibility Study and during the AJ Stage 2 Concept Design in 2021. Feedback received supported the development of the Concept Design in 2021 and remain part of the project scope and High-Level Design Concept Plans.

To further strengthen the project's focus, a new Lived Experience Working Group has been established to provide feedback on accessibility and inclusion considerations

b. Consultation with Government Agencies

Nil

c. Strategic

This item addresses the Community's Vision for the future and specifically the following Aspiration and Strategic Objective(s) contained in the Strategic Community Plan 2023-2033:

Aspiration: 1. **Social - A family-friendly, safe and connected community**

Outcome/Objective: *Connected community - Provide opportunities for community engagement and participation*

Outcome/Objective: *Community health and wellbeing - Strengthen community health and wellbeing*

Outcome/Objective: *Community health and wellbeing - Provide healthy lifestyle opportunities*

Outcome/Objective: *Accessible services - Adapt services to meet changing community need*

Outcome/Objective: *Inclusive community - Build connectivity with our diverse community*

Aspiration: 3. **Built Environment - A built environment carefully planned for today and tomorrow**

Outcome/Objective: *Built infrastructure meets current and future community needs - Plan build and maintain current and future assets*

d. Policy

The AJ Stage 2 Concept Design has been developed in line with the City's Sports and Community Facilities Provision Policy. Specifically, the policy states '*the size and scale of community facilities will be guided by the City's Community Infrastructure Plan hierarchy, a needs assessment and feasibility study*'.

e. Financial

The current high level project cost estimates developed through the concept design process indicate a total project cost of approximately \$62.7 million. This figure includes design, construction, headworks, overheads, contract administration, superintendent fees and contingencies. This estimate assumes construction will commence in 2027 and that the works will be delivered as a single build. The cost estimate has also been reviewed and validated by two independent sources. The City's Business Plan currently provides for a project budget amount of \$40.8M.

The City has been successful in receiving \$10M towards the delivery of this project from the State Government through the WA Recovery Plan. There is also approximately \$9.1M available through developer contribution funds pursuant to State Planning Policy (SPP) 3.6.

f. Legal and Statutory

The AJ Stage 2 concept redesign remains consistent with the requirements of the SPP 3.6 – Development Contributions for Infrastructure, and alignment with the City of Rockingham Town Planning Scheme No 2.

g. Risk

All Council decisions are subject to risk assessment according to the City's Risk Framework.

Implications and comment will only be provided for the following assessed risks.

*Customer Service / Program/Project management / Natural Environment : High and Extreme Risks
Financial / Health and Safety : Medium, High and Extreme Risks*

High Financial, Project Management and Customer Service Risks are involved in this project.

Comments

The AJ Stage 2 Design has been developed to ensure that the facility is better positioned to meet both current and future community expectations. Additionally, the designs also allow increased flexibility in programmable space to ensure that the City's facility management team can optimise the facility to best meet the growing membership base and their requirements.

The current design is less expensive than the original design due to:

- Reduced construction risk and cost by constructing new linked buildings (gym and hydrotherapy) as opposed to undertaking major structural modifications to the existing building.
- Lower likelihood of encountering latent (unknown) conditions in the existing facility, particularly given limited availability of original construction and as-constructed information.

The new areas provide a wide range of health and fitness opportunities for members of the community. These facility and functional improvements will also support increased revenue generation through higher membership capacity and expanded aquatic and dry-program offerings.

The City's project team will continue to work with the architect in order to ensure project outcomes are achieved in line with the consultation findings and functional requirements outlined earlier in this report. This work will be undertaken within the parameters of the Concept Design cost estimate and will involve extensive reviews of schematic and detailed designs, including careful consideration of equipment and material selections. The designs also incorporate more than \$4 million in asset maintenance works identified through the City's Business Plan process. Integrating these works in to the project will deliver long term operational and functional efficiencies.

Subject to Council endorsement of the AJ Stage 2 High Level Concept redesign finalisation of the concept and schematic design works will commence immediately.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. **ENDORSES** the Aqua Jetty Stage 2 High Level Concept Designs inclusive of budget implications; and
2. **ADVOCATES** for additional funding to the State and Federal Governments.

Committee Recommendation

Moved Mayor Buchan, seconded Cr Crichton:

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Committee Voting (Carried) – 5/0

Council Members voting for the motion:

Cr Liley
Cr Buchanan
Mayor Buchan

Cr Hudson
Cr Crichton

Council Members voting against the motion:

Nil

The Committee's Reason for Varying the Officer's Recommendation

Not Applicable



13.	Reports of Council Members
	Nil
14.	Addendum Agenda
	Nil
15.	Motions of which Previous Notice has been given
	Nil
16.	Notices of motion for Consideration at the Following Meeting
	Nil
17.	Urgent Business Approved by the Person Presiding or by Decision of the Committee
	Nil
18.	Matters Behind Closed Doors
	Nil
19.	Date and Time of Next Meeting
	The next Corporate and Community Development Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 March 2026 in the Council Boardroom, Council Administration Building, Civic Boulevard, Rockingham. The meeting will commence at 5:00pm.
20.	Closure
	There being no further business, the Chairperson thanked those persons present for attending the Corporate and Community Development Committee meeting, and declared the meeting closed at 5:24pm .