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WELCOME TO ROCKINGHAM

ave you been dreaming of lazy days of pure relaxation along pristine beaches? An action-packed aquatic adventure equipped with boats, jet skis, surfboards or SUPs? What about a spread of eateries and fun activities to discover with family and friends? Get ready to experience it all when you rediscover Rockingham.

With 37km of spectacular coastline, glowing with ample sunshine and blessed with brilliant sunsets, there is so much to enjoy in this slice of paradise. Spend a day exploring one of our many offshore islands, cast a line or catch some sun along the vast stretches of white sandy beaches, sail or kayak within our well-protected glassy bays, play among the local dolphins or sea lions, or dive our otherworldly dive wrecks.

Discover the town by exploring our cultural and historical centres, where you will learn about Rockingham's rich history and the deep sense of connection to this special place.

And whenever you seek a bite to eat, there are endless cafés along our vibrant foreshore and award-winning restaurants to treat yourself to.

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ONCE YOU DISCOVER ROCKINGHAM YOU WILL FIND THERE IS ALWAYS MORE TO EXPLORE Accessible for all, whether you are seeking a spontaneous day trip, coming from afar, or planning a special weekend away – once you rediscover Rockingham you will find there is always more to explore. It's all right within your reach, being just 45 minutes south of Perth.









Corner Read Street & Gnangara Drive, Waikiki

FAMILY-FRIENDLY, LOCAL COMMUNITY SHOPPING CENTRE, offering customers a relaxed pleasant and stress-free shopping experience without fighting their way through the hustle and bustle of the larger shopping centres.

A great place to meet friends, indulge in some personal pampering, grab a bite to eat at one of the many food outlets or shop for a special gift at one of the many specialty stores.

With a wide variety of retail stores and services, including Woolworths and Aldi Supermarkets, Waikiki Village Shopping Centre has something for everyone!

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Woolworths Supermarket	9591 7334
Dome Café	9528 5145
Dominos Pizza	
Turbo Sushi	
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TOP 10 THINGS TO DO

ROCKINGHAM IS JAM-PACKED WITH HIDDEN GEMS AND ICONIC ACTIVITIES TO EXPLORE. PICK FROM OUR TOP 10 HIGHLIGHTS TO PLAN YOUR IDEAL ROCKINGHAM ITINERARY.

Swim with dolphins

A must-do activity in Rockingham is swimming alongside wild bottlenose dolphins. There are hundreds of resident dolphins that the Perth Wildlife Encounters team have come to know, and once the boat is surrounded by these majestic mammals, just mask up and jump right in. Your guide will brief you on how to swim respectfully alongside these beautiful animals.

Taste one of Rockingham's boutique brews

Thirsty for a locally brewed, craft beer? Open over the weekends during the warmer months, Whitelakes Brewing serves upscale pub meals with stunning views of Lake Walyungup. Access their brews all year round next door at Vernon Arms Tavern. In Safety Bay you'll find Azacca Kitchen, known for delicious share-

style dishes, regular live music and their own craft beer on tap. The new kid on the block to add to the itinerary is Sound Brewing Company, a brewery and restaurant home to 24 rotating taps.



Experience coastal views on an e-scooter

If you need a break from walking, zip around Rockingham on an e-scooter. Not only is it a fun way to see the city and explore the foreshore, but it's also an eco-friendly way to get around. Download the Beam app on your smartphone to locate your nearest scooter and pay as you ride.

Relax at world-class beaches

Stretch out along the pristine white sands of Rockingham's world-class beaches, without the crowds. Many bays are surrounded by lush, tree-lined parks and are north facing, offering wind protection for the calmest, crystal waters. The wellprotected and conveniently located Palm Beach and Rockingham Beach are top family hangouts, while other slices of paradise to discover include Mangles Bay, Penguin Island and the glorious bays at Point Peron.

> **Kayak amongst sea lions or rent a SUP at the foreshore** Capricorn Seakayaking offers an all-ages kayak tour of Penguin and Seal Island, a chance to glide along crystal water and look out for rare sea lions, little penguins and pelican rookeries in

Shoalwater Islands Marine Park. Another way to experience Rockingham's calm waters is on a stand-up paddle (SUP) board, available to hire from Oarsome Hobbies or Surf Mania.



Take in the views at Point Peron lookout

A few minutes' drive from the foreshore will bring you to Point Peron, a popular cape with rugged limestone cliffs and protected bays perfect for swimming and snorkelling. Walk along the Lookout Bridge and admire panoramic views of the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park and come back at golden hour to watch the sunset over the Indian Ocean.

See some of the oldest living life forms on earth and visit our wonderful environmental centre

Lake Richmond is home to a community of thrombolites, rocklike organisms considered one of the oldest life forms on earth. Enjoy a leisurely one-hour walk around the lake, spot waterbirds and wildlife and swing by Rockingham Environmental Centre (Naragebup) next to the lake to learn more about the lake's fascinating eco-system.

Munch on fresh fish & chips on the foreshore

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Rockingham foreshore's Churchill Park is a lush and shady spot to throw down a picnic rug and tuck into crispy fish and chips. Pop across the road and order fresh fish and a generous serve of hot chips from one of several

local options. Afterwards have a dip in the calm waters of Cockburn Sound.

Get pumped on adrenaline with one of our extreme sports

If you consider yourself an adrenaline junkie, Rockingham is the destination for you. Jump out of a plane and marvel at the ocean with Skydive Australia, book a jetpack, flyboard, hoverboard or jetbike experience with Jet Pack Perth, speed around on a jet ski with Jet Ski Tours Perth or try wakeboarding at Perth Wake Park. The adventure is yours.

Dine at award-winning restaurants

You can't beat top notch WA produce, especially when it's paired with ocean views. On the Rockingham Foreshore and a

stone's throw from the beach you'll find Latitude 32, serving up perfectly-cooked steaks and fresh seafood alongside an extensive wine list. Taste the flavours of the Mediterranean with Spanish tapas and sangria at Rustico Tapas & Wine Bar, where the atmosphere is warm and dishes are seasonal and delicious. If it's brunch you're after, the accredited gluten-free and award-winning café, Bayside Barista is the ultimate choice.



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Castaways Sculpture Awards

October 22–30, 2022 Celebrating local art, culture and environmental awareness, the annual Castaways Sculpture Awards showcases sculptural works made from up-cycled and repurposed materials. These must-see works created by emerging and professional Western Australian artists will be displayed at the Rockingham Foreshore. The Maquette and Small Sculpture Exhibition will run at the same time at the Rockingham Arts Centre.

Channel 7 Rockingham Beach Cup & Carnival

November 12–13, 2022 Australia's only beach-side racing event, the Rockingham Beach Cup & Carnival is a revolutionary collision of Rockingham's breathtaking coast and racing culture. Expect an afternoon of entertainment, children's activities, food trucks, stalls and an evening outdoor cinema. The horse race will be held the next day, enjoyed from the free festival space at Churchill Park or licensed ticketed area on the foreshore.

Christmas Festival

December 10, 2022 It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas when the the City of Rockingham's annual evening Christmas Festival lights up the Rockingham Foreshore. Expect food vendors, live entertainment, children's activities, Christmas stalls and a special appearance from the man himself, Santa. The festive lights shine in all their glory from 8pm.

New Year's Eve

December 31, 2022 Welcome in 2023 with a bang. Secure a spot on the grass at the foreshore in the afternoon, buy a tasty dinner from one of the food vans or nearby restaurants and listen to live entertainment as the kids roam free. Get ready for the stars of the show, the impressive firework displays over the ocean at 9pm and again at midnight.

Australia Day

January 26, 2023 Soak up the sunshine and community spirit at Rockingham Foreshore this Australia Day, with free children's activities, food trucks and local acts from 5pm, concluding with a headline





VIBRANT Experience spectacular firework displays over Cockburn Sound on New Year's Eve and Australia Day.

act and fireworks over Cockburn Sound to top off a perfect day.

Kite Karnival & Australian Freestyle Kiteboarding Nationals

January 26–29, 2023 The Kite Karnival featuring the Australian Freestyle Kiteboarding Nationals will make an exciting return to Rockingham this January long weekend. Watch amazing freestyle tricks take place on The Pond, a renowned kite surfing desintation, and join in the festival fun with kite making workshops, face painting, food trucks and more.

Rockingham Foreshore Triathlon

February 5, 2023 Experience Rockingham on the run, ride and swim with the Rockingham Foreshore Triathlon. Suited to both first-time participants and seasoned professionals of all ages, sign up for the triathlon and prepare to breathe in the beauty of Rockingham along the pristine and flat Rockingham Foreshore.

Symphony on the Green

February 18, 2023 West Australian Symphony Orchestra will take over the Village Green on Flinders Lane in February for a wonderful evening of free, live music. Expect classical masterpieces and brilliant scores, plus dinner and drinks from local food vendors.

Multicultural Festival

March 17, 2023 Smell, see and taste vibrant colours and delicious flavours from all around the world at Rockingham's Multicultural Festival. Making an exciting return to the Village Green in March, this event, like Symphony on the Green, is part of the City of Rockingham's Summer Series of free, family-friendly events.

Skate Sculpture Rockingham Rumble

March 23–26, 2023 Entering its third year, watch impressive, nail-biting skate sessions as pros compete in the 2023 Skate Sculpture Rockingham Rumble in March 2023. The state-of-the-art Port Kennedy Skate Park will come alive as skate fans flock to the event, finishing on Sunday 26 with the finals. The event is free to watch and will be live-streamed for those unable to attend.

Performance in the Park

March 25, 2023

Follow Cinderella from rags to riches with an enchanted theatre performance in the park. A unique outdoor performance of Cinderella, Performance in the Park is held at Village Green and offers fun and entertainment for all ages.

More details to come, closer to the event.

For more information on events, go to visitrockingham.com.au/events and rockingham.wa.gov.au/events





LOSE YOURSELF IN THE ABUNDANT ART, RICH CULTURE, AND FASCINATING HISTORY OF ROCKINGHAM.

Art for all

Opening as NAIDOC Week 2022 kicked off, the revamped Rockingham Arts Centre ushered in a new era of arts, crafts, and associated learning for the region. The Rockingham Arts Centre reopened with the launch of temporary exhibition, The Nullians Exhibition, by renowned Nyoongar artist Sharyn Egan.

Sharyn's work was the first to grace the exhibition space, showcasing her collection of Nullians; carved pieces made from the balga, or grass tree.

While an exciting line-up of art is already slated to follow Sharyn for 2022, Rockingham Mayor Deb Hamblin says an annual exhibition program will commence in 2023. "[It] will provide artists and art groups with more opportunities to activate the space and provide programs and activities to the community," she says.

Rockingham's commitment to community engagement and art extends beyond the centre's four walls. Take a stroll through The Village Green, and discover the sculptures abound. Start at 'The Wave' – a curving metal structure complete with sailboat and surfer. There are more than 30 public artworks around town and the foreshore.

Take a tour

With its bountiful land and lake systems, pre-settlement Rockingham was a fruitful hunting ground for the Nyungar people. Fishing and foraging were commonplace in and around the fresh waters of Lake Richmond; a body separated from Cockburn Sound by seaward advancement just 4,000 years ago. But, the coastline just 1km away holds the most significance for the Aboriginal people.

"Point Peron (Boya Kaarla) is spiritually important to the Nyungar people," says Justin Martin, owner of Djurandi Dreaming, a tour guiding and Aboriginal art company based in Wadjuk country (Perth). "Boya Kaarla, or the place of many fires, was known to be



a gathering place for many Nyungar of the past. In some parts of the cape, important men of the Nyungar community were buried."

Justin leads 1.5-hour walking tours through the sacred land, sharing his knowledge and the Nyungar dreaming stories of the area while exploring coastal caves and foraging for native edibles around the point. "Getting out on country is a must-do for all," he says.

Explore what lies beneath

Eleven metres under the surface of the Indian Ocean lies the skeletal remains of the Saxon Ranger. Once a fishing trawler servicing the south coast, the stricken vessel that washed up on the Rockingham foreshore







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is now almost unrecognisable. Its deck and galley have come alive with sea grasses and corals, and the trawler's many nooks and crannies have become hiding holes for fish, octopi, sea stars and more.

The wreck sits just under 2km from shore at Warnbro Sound, marked by a yellow wreck marker visible from the Bent Street boat ramp. Guides aren't necessary to navigate through the wreck if you're experienced, but dive passes are. Purchase a dive pass for a nominal fee from the Rockingham Visitor Centre (19 Kent Street).

Dive into history

Across the way, housed in a quaint Art Deco build circa 1946, is the Rockingham Museum. Step inside and take a step back in time, where photos, artefacts, maps, local newspapers, and the Rockingham Cemetery Records lay out the history of the city and its founding families. Deceivingly small from the outside, you can easily lose a few hours exploring the maze of different rooms. Entry is by gold coin donation. Check the museum's website for up-to-date opening hours. EXPERIENCE LAIDBACK COASTAL LIFE, ARTS, FOOD AND CULTURE ALONG ROCKINGHAM FORESHORE.

ROCKINGHAM FORESHORE

ockingham is where the coast comes to life and there's no place that highlights this quite like the foreshore.

Being the only north facing beach in the Perth metropolitan area, Rockingham Foreshore is pleasantly protected, making for perfectly glassy, calm waters. Go for a dip, rent a SUP (stand up paddle board) from **Surf Mania** or simply sit back and watch the sunset, soaking in stunning coastal views.

Following revitalisations in recent years, amenities have never been better. Laze on the shaded deck chairs for a moment's rest, and/ or go for a walk, run or ride along the **Foreshore Flow** pedestrian path.

Settle in at **Val Street Jetty** or wander south-west along the cape to **Palm Beach** where you can cast a line across the serene waters to catch dinner for the night.

Get even closer to the rich marine life when diving among the Churchill Park Dive Trail. Located around 50 metres out from the Rockingham Foreshore, the dive trail is easily accessed via Flinders Lane car park and features small wrecks. small airplanes, and children's playground equipment. Watch an assortment of sea creatures pass you by, including Western Australian seahorses for those with a keen eye. If you're new to diving, looking to improve your abilities, or for an expert's insights into the area, book in for a tour or lesson with Scubanautics Diving Academy.

In addition to a world of aquatic activities, there's ample art and history to be absorbed too. A short stroll away from the coast you'll find the **Rockingham Arts Centre** where creative workshops and free exhibitions are hosted year-round. Also look out for various public artworks around Rockingham coming to life with augmented reality to stimulate your senses.



A stone's throw away, on the Village Green, visit **The Rockingham War Memorial** to commemorate Australian soldiers missing in action. Observe the powerful monument made to represent the Army, Air Force and Navy, featuring a QF 25-pounder field gun, a propeller, and an anchor.

Empower the kids to learn more about the city on an interactive scavenger hunt. Stop by the Visitor Centre (19 Kent Street) to pick up a map and questionnaire and once you're done, visit the **Rockingham Museum** next door to discover how Rockingham came to be and how it has evolved since.

There's plenty to uncover, from first settlement in 1829 when Europeans established Sulphur Town on **Garden Island** to modern day tourism. Did you know, Rockingham was named after the ship *Rockingham* that arrived here in 1830 as part of



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Destination Spotlight



The Peel settlement scheme, before sinking 5km off the coast at Garden Island?

Continue north-east along the foreshore and nearby, the seaside **Naval Memorial Park** presents another opportunity to reflect on years gone by and honour those who served in the Royal Australian Navy.

After all that reflecting and exploring, you're bound to be hungry. The foreshore features an array of places to eat, drink and be merry. Whether you're after some waterfront scenery or a gourmet restaurant to treat your tastebuds, there are plenty of eateries to choose from along this bustling dining strip.

Ostro Eatery is the ultimate brunch spot, bursting with poke bowls, vegan brekkies and fresh, modern dishes.

For a casual lunch or dinner that's great value, visit the boutique burger joint **Rockin' Burgers**. There's even a 'Little Stevie Burger' for the kids, as well as plant-based and gluten free options.

If you're seeking a fine dining experience to finish off your

day in style, Latitude 32 and Rustico Tapas & Wine Bar serve exceptional food with unbeatable ocean views. While Latitude 32 specialises in premium cuts of meat and fresh seafood, Rustico serves a series of share-style dishes that are exploding with flavour. Try the fried goat's cheese with orange blossom honey or the farmhouse smoked chorizo with pear cider glaze, and you'll quickly understand why they're awarded Gold Plate.

For a place to stay that's centrally located and perfectly comfortable, you can't go past **Anchorage Guest House**. Guests can relax outside in the garden, on the balcony and observe the fish in the pond from the bridge at this elegant guest house a short stroll from the foreshore.

Cee & See Caravan Park is a great option for families or groups of friends wanting a casual camping or chalet experience with spectacular views over Cockburn Sound. Quest Rockingham offers a luxury experience through its stylish apartments, perfect for couples looking to relax.

JUST BEYOND THE FORESHORE

Go beyond the foreshore, south-west along the cape and at the southern end of Cockburn Sound is the iconic **Point Peron**, a whole new world of wonder that is integral to Rockingham's identity and military history. From its rugged limestone cliffs to its protected beaches, Point Peron offers the perfect outlook of **Shoalwater Islands Marine Park**, panoramic sunset views, and the **Cape Peron Loop Trail**, ideal for bushwalking. Grab your snorkel or paddle along the crystal-clear waters – you might even spot the resident bottlenose dolphins.

AT A GLANCE

THINGS TO DO

Relax at Rockingham Beach / Rent a SUP and paddle the ocean / Dive the Churchill Park dive trail / Skydive over the Rockingham coast / Hire an e-scooter and ride the foreshore flow trail / Cast a line at Palm Beach or Val Street jetty / Visit the Naval Memorial Park / Visit the Rockingham War Memorial / Visit Rockingham Museum / Visit Rockingham Arts Centre / Rockingham Theatre / Cruising Yacht Club of WA

PLACES TO EAT & DRINK

Rustico Tapas & Wine Bar / Latitude 32 / Eight on the Beach / Steel Tree @ Sunset / The Pink Duck Beach Bar & Bistro / Mini Bar / Lulu's Café / Ostro Eatery / Chandlers Kitchen / Fusionz Café and Bar / Jaffelato / Lavoro Italiano Restaurant / Little Hanoi / Spices on the Ocean / Bean at the Beach / Spill the Beans / Rockin Burgers / Exclusive Chinese / Kinnaree Thai Restaurant / Vat 116

WHERE TO STAY

Hotels & Apartments | Quest Rockingham / Hotel Clipper / Anchorage Guest House / Reflections, Nautilus, Boardwalk, Coastal and Spinnakers apartments by Rockingham Apartments / Waterfront Apartment / Azure Apartment Private Holiday Home & Apartments | Harrison Retreat / Seavalor Holiday Home / Esplanade Rockingham / Bell Street Unit / Palm Beach Townhouse / Bayside Apartment / Seaview Beach Apartment / Valerie's Hideaway / Seaview on Kent / Coastal Soul@Aria / Seascapes@ Nautilus / Beachfront@Nautilus / Oceanview@Aria / Nautilus 68 / Palm Beach Guest House Caravan Parks | Cee & See Caravan Park







A HUB FOR FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES, RETAIL THERAPY AND COSY PUBS WITH PLENTY OF CHARACTER, CENTRAL ROCKINGHAM IS A FABULOUS SPOT TO SPEND A RELAXED DAY EXPLORING.

ocals and visitors alike are drawn to the one-ofa-kind, laidback lifestyle Rockingham offers. There's something for everyone here – be it shopping, culture or nature.

Indulge in retail therapy at **Rockingham Shopping Centre**, brimming with the latest apparel and beauty boutiques, or head to one of the local cinemas to catch a film on the big screen.

If you have the kids in tow, stop by **iPlay** arcade after your shopping and film fix, or visit **Zone Bowling** towards the foreshore for a good time for the whole family.

If it's hearty or gastro-pub fare and a fresh tap brew you're after, the options are abundant. Visit **Sound Brewing Co** and take your pick from 24 beer taps, with a smorgasbord of regional Western Australian beers as well as their own locally crafted brews available. As they say at Sound Brewing, 'it's not just a beer, it's a way of life'.

The Pipers Inn prides itself on being Western Australia's only authentic and traditional Scottish Bar, while stop by the **Swinging Pig** for a classic English themed bar and bistro with a quintessential Australian atmosphere.

Groove Train takes things in a different direction with its diverse menu of modern Australian cuisine with European influence. The atmosphere, vibrant and light for breakfast, becomes plush and energetic for lunch. As the sun crosses the sky, the relaxed café

THINGS TO DO

Rockingham Shopping Centre / Zone Bowling / Take the kids to iPlay / Visit the cinema / Enjoy a round of golf at Rockingham Golf Club / The Life Spring

PLACES TO EAT & DRINK

Sound Brewing Co / Swinging Pig / The Pipers Inn / Groove Train / Sporting Globe / Lone Star

WHERE TO STAY

Leisure Inn / Rockingham Holiday Village / Yaran Suites

by day transforms into a casual restaurant and bar by night. From classic breakfasts and vegan specialities, to burgers, wood fired pizza, and pasta, to pier to paddock mains – the menu is expansive.



JOIN US AT BELL PARK FOR THE ROCKINGHAM TWILIGHT MARKETS SERIES. 5PM - 8PM.

ENJOY A NIGHT ON THE FORESHORE

- ★ Live music
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- ★ Spectacular views ★ Food vendors
 ★ Handmade stalls ★ and lots of activities
- ★ Handmade stalls
 ★ and lots of a
 ★ Local businesses



Destination Spotlight

BEYOND THE COAST, YOU'LL FIND THE HIDDEN GEMS OF BALDIVIS AND KARNUP FRAMED BY TOWERING TUART TREES.

njoy tranquil, welcoming country atmospheres when visiting Baldivis and Karnup – two communities not to be overlooked when exploring the region.

Baldivis holds tucked-away treasures, with **Baldivis Children's Forest** being one of our all-time favourites. Thanks to the local community's efforts, this unique 20-hectare conservation reserve is open to the public and remains a beautiful spot to take the family on a day out.

With magnificent flora and fauna to discover as well as barbecue facilities, this bushland haven is a great way to explore the outdoors with your little ones. If you're visiting during the colder seasons, you might want to wear



some gumboots!

Another picturesque setting, **Golden Ponds** is a hub that has it all. Set on 100 acres of charming countryside and surrounded by stunning lakes, it's the ultimate wedding destination, weekend getaway, spot to eat or place to fish. You can even catch marron!

Speaking of food, awardwinning **Brother of Mine** is a top recommendation for a satisfying breakfast or lunch with a welcoming community atmosphere. Roasting their own coffee on site, enjoy the freshest of brews and wholesome 'Full English' breakfast to wake you up in the morning.

Whitelakes Brewing might pique your interest if it's a laidback lunch you're after. And for those looking for authentic italian, **Catalano and Co** will not disappoint.

As the region's oldest winery, **Peel Estate Wines** celebrates over 40 years of history. This charming winery regularly hosts a series of family-friendly live music events. Simply bring a picnic and savour the relaxing atmosphere and natural surroundings – and of course, a glass of wine (or two)!

Look out for the regular high tea and music and markets events held at **Peel Manor House**, too.

AT A GLANCE

THINGS TO DO

Perth Aqua Park

Wander Baldivis Children's Forest / Taste wine at Peel Estate Wines / Have high tea at Peel Manor House / Play at Perth Aqua Park / Adventure Bonney's Water Ski Park / Cast a line or get out on a canoe at Golden Ponds / Sunday sessions at Whitelakes Brewing

PLACES TO EAT & DRINK

Whitelakes Brewing / Vernon Arms Tavern / Catalano & Co / Steel Tree / Brother of Mine / The Continental Bar & Bistro / The Chase Bar & Bistro / Golden Ponds

WHERE TO STAY

Golden Ponds / Peel Manor House / Lakeside Lodge Baldivis Short Stay





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VENTURE PAST ROCKINGHAM AND YOU'LL FIND AN AQUATIC PARADISE THAT IS SECOND TO NONE.

oth Shoalwater and Safety Bay boast never-ending aquatic itineraries – with immersive outdoor activities such as diving, snorkelling, and kayaking, to name a few.

Just off Shoalwater's sparkling shores, you'll find one of Western Australia's most protected marine areas, **Shoalwater Islands Marine Park**. Spanning 6,000 hectares, Shoalwater Islands Marine Park is home to the famous **Penguin Island** and playful bottlenose dolphins, sea lions and little penguins – which happen to be the smallest of their species!

Cavernous reefs provide excellent diving and snorkelling opportunities through the marine park. If it's waves you're chasing, check out the surf break to the west of Penguin Island.

Penguin Island is open to visitors from mid-September to early June and is easily accessible by ferry. So whether you're admiring the magnificent little penguins up close at the **Penguin Island Discovery Centre**, spotting sea lions on a wildlife cruise or swimming alongside dolphins with **Perth Wildlife Encounters**, it's sure to be an unforgettable experience. Birdlife is also abundant across the marine park and can be observed from the purposebuilt network of boardwalks along the coastline and on Penguin Island. Look up and spot pelicans soaring above the water.

Similarly, Safety Bay is an aquatic paradise and perfect for thrill-seekers, with kite surfers flocking to **The Pond**. This worldclass kitesurfing destination is frequented for its mirror-like flat water conditions and consistent winds. The Pond hosts many international and local kitesurfing competitions, much to the awe of spectators who love catching the sport in action.

If you're looking to get out and ride some waves, **WA Surf** can be found near **Safety Bay Yacht Club** for lessons and equipment.

Worked up an appetite? Head to **Azacca Kitchen**, which has quickly become a crowd favourite thanks to its craft beer, flavoursome dishes and beachside views to complement. With its tempting selection of seafood and prime meat cuts, heavily Western Australian wine list and lengthy selection of cocktails, you'll be spoilt for choice.

For a casual evening meal, there's **Bayside Fish Shack** at **Bayside Shopping Centre**, where traditional fish and chips meets an extended menu of inspired creations. Enjoy their renovated courtyard dining area or takeaway for a sunset picnic on the beach.

Further down the coast towards Waikiki, the smell of authentic spices, stir fries and coconut curries will lead you directly to **Kao Suay Thai Cuisine**. This is perfect for hungry families or groups looking to share and taste an array of flavours.

Café Barco is another hotspot not to miss. With views looking out towards the ocean, it's the perfect place to enjoy fresh, wholesome food and quality coffee.









THINGS TO DO

Ferry or kayak Shoalwater Islands Marine Park / Kite surf at the Pond / Learn to kite surf with WA Surf / Watch the penguins feeding at Penguin Island / Seabreeze Kitesurf School

PLACES TO EAT & DRINK

Bayside Barista / Azacca Kitchen / Pengo's Café / Virasat Indian Restaurant / Penguin Tucker Box / Cardamom Indian Restaurant / Charthouse Café / Jariya's Thai / Kao-Suay Thai / Café Barco / Bayside Fish Shack / The Bent Chip / Malibu Fish & Chips

WHERE TO STAY

Manuel Towers B&B / The Royal Dolphin B&B / Surfside at Sunset / Hello House



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Destination Spotlight





ENJOY A FAMILY AFTERNOON OUT IN PORT KENNEDY AND WARNBRO, WHERE THE HIGH-ENERGY ACTIVITIES WILL KEEP THE KIDS ENTERTAINED FOR HOURS.

nother stunning set of coastal suburbs, Port Kennedy and Warnbro are the perfect family hotspots for an active day out with the kids.

With spectacular coastal views, Links Kennedy Bay golf course offers the ultimate day on the green for any golf fan. But it's the site's impressive playground 'The Nest' that will have the kids begging parents to bring them back time and time again. This new addition, which is part of the club's redevelopment, is found opposite the modern bistro, Birdie at Kennedy Bay, and is brimming with activity.

Have the kids try their hand at one of its several mini golf courses and discover if they show natural talent for life as a pro. The rope bridge, nest swing, soft rock walls and giant slide will keep them busy all afternoon. We recommend a bite to eat at Birdie while you're there, which takes pride in supporting local farmers and sourcing fresh ingredients for its delicious dishes.

If the little ones have more energy to burn, visit the **Rebound**

Arena Indoor Trampoline Park where you can test gravity and embrace the aerial freedom of trampolining. Or take the adrenaline up a notch at Lazer Blaze for a round of laser tag.

There's something to entertain any age, and plenty of good excuses for parents to embrace their own inner child.

Down the road in Waikiki you'll

also find the **Waikiki Village Shopping Centre**, packed with eateries for a casual bite to eat and a variety of shops to explore. Stock up on supplies for a picnic lunch or sunset dinner to enjoy at the stunning and serene **Waikiki Beach**.

Take the plunge and dive the **Saxon Ranger Dive Wreck**, sunk in the Warnbro Sound.







THINGS TO DO

Play golf at Links Kennedy Bay / Launch your boat on the water / Visit 'The Nest' playground / Visit Rebound Arena Indoor Trampoline Park / Play at Lazer Blaze / Walk the Warnbro Beach Trail / Cycle along the coast / Feel liberated at Warnbro Free Beach / Waikiki Village Shopping Centre / Waikiki Beach / Saxon Ranger Dive Wreck

PLACES TO EAT & DRINK

Port Kennedy Tavern / Warnbro Tavern / Ellie's Café / Birdie Kennedy Bay / Mrs Bicky's / Pinjarra Bakery

WHERE TO STAY

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Destination Spotlight

CLEAN, GREEN, AND RELAXED, THE SUBURBS OF SECRET HARBOUR AND SINGLETON BOAST EXCELLENT PARKS AND BEACHES THAT SPRAWL AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE.

SINGLETON

urrounded by a spectacular coastline and laid-back lifestyle, it's easy to let time slip by while enjoying the good life in Secret Harbour and Singleton.

Secret Harbour Beach has garnered a reputation as the only beach in the Perth metro area that has waves all year round, so come equipped with your surfboard or hire one when you arrive to experience another aqua-packed adventure.

Singleton also has a spectacular coastline with clear waters, 2.5 kilometres of pristine white sand and a beach appreciated by both surfers and bodyboarders for its consistent waves, averaging over one metre. It's regarded as a great spot for a bit of beach fishing, with mulloway and tailor in good supply.

The kids will go mad for the Harbour Playground along Secret Harbour's foreshore. This oceanthemed attraction is dominated by a soft-fall giant octopus, tempting kids to climb to the top by gripping its many coloured tentacles.

The idyllic **Tuart Park** is another wonderful spot outdoors to explore. Take the time to enjoy its peace and tranquility.

After you've got your fitness fix and the kids have burnt off energy, enjoy a bite to eat or peruse the local shops at **Secret Harbour Square** – a hub for vibrant bars and casual cafés.

Come summer 2022, **Secret Harbour Surf Life Saving Club** will be opening a new café called the Surfing Mermaid, serving Asian style and contemporary meals and snacks.

Keep your eye on upcoming events at the Surf Club too. Soak up the best views in town with Friday Sundowners and Sunday Sessions on the Sundeck, featuring live music and games nights.

Head over to the **Whistling Kite** where the fun continues, with DJ Sunday Sessions and Friday Sundowner specials.

For information on all locations and highlights contact the friendly and helpful team at the **Rockingham Visitor Centre**, 19 Kent Street, Rockingham, phone O8 9592 3464, or visit **visitrockingham.com.au**

AT A GLANCE

THINGS TO DO

Play golf at Secret Harbour Golf Links / Surf waves at Secret Harbour Beach / Learn to surf with a local surf school / Cycle to the foreshore / Cast a line at Singleton Beach / Take the kids to Harbour Playground or Vista Play Park / Shop at Secret Harbour Square / Launch your tinnie / Bring your pooch to Secret Harbour dog beach

PLACES TO EAT & DRINK

The Whistling Kite / Secret Harbour Golf Links / The Harbour / Yogi Indian Cuisine / Secret Asian Kitchen / Dons & Sushi Bar / Dome Café / Jamaica Blue / Secret Harbour Chinese Restaurant / Singleton Beach Café

NATURE'S GIFTS

HIKE, SWIM, KAYAK OR DIVE... THE CHOICE IS YOURS WHEN IT COMES TO ROCKINGHAM'S INCREDIBLE AQUATIC PARKS.

CCKINGHAM LAKES REGIONAL PARK showcases an incredible variation in landscape, from coastal plains to rich wetlands – the natural flora, fauna and attractions found within the park are beautiful and diverse. Bushwalking, scuba diving, swimming, mountain biking, snorkelling and wind surfing are all possible here, so take your pick and begin your adventure. Entry to the park is free.

Explore some of the park's main attractions...

CAPE PERON

Hidden within rugged limestone cliffs are sandy beaches, offshore reefs, underwater caves, and coastal hiking trails – this is Cape Peron, considered the hub of Rockingham Lakes Regional Park.

Here, ocean enthusiasts can dive and snorkel along the beach, or launch their boat, while hikers can enjoy impressive lookouts, historical bunkers, and artefacts from WWII. Embark along the hiking trail for excellent coastal views of the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park.

LAKE RICHMOND

Visit Lake Richmond and walk among some of the oldest living lifeforms on our planet, as you ponder the origins of life on Earth. These living fossils called



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thrombolites are estimated to be 6 million years old.

Enjoy a stroll along the boardwalk, which loops around the lake, and observe flocks of wild pelicans, black swans, a variety of ducks and heron, as well as other significant flora and fauna. A purpose-built lookout allows visitors to view the lake and thrombolites safely, without impacting the natural surrounds.

LAKE WALYUNGUP

A 430ha salt lake that reaches 3.5 metres at its deepest point, Lake Walyungup is popular with land sailors and perfect if you're looking for an easy, flat track to enjoy a relaxing walk.

PAGANONI SWAMP

Located on Rockingham's southern border, Paganoni Swamp is one of few intact vegetation communities in the metro area inhabited by threatened species, including the Carnaby's black cockatoo. Meander the relatively short (approx. 1 hour) informal walk trail and you're likely to spy brushtail possums, quenda, reptiles, and other mammals.







SHOALWATER ISLANDS

MARINE PARK is a sanctuary of wildlife, stunning shores, reefs and deep waters to explore. Together with its island nature reserves, the marine park encompasses over 6,000 hectares and stretches from Garden Island's causeway to the southern tip of Becher Point. Here, you can add diving, snorkelling, swimming with dolphins, kayaking and wildlife cruises to your itinerary. Entry to the park is free. *Explore some of the park's main attractions..*

PENGUIN ISLAND

Penguin Island is a must-see destination within the marine park, home to the largest known breeding colony of little penguins in Western Australia. Just 12.5 hectares in size, the island sits within a necklace of reefs, islands, and rocks, which begin in the waters of Safety Bay and extend to Point Peron.

Catch the ferry (departing hourly) from Mersey Point to reach Penguin Island and once you're there, visit the incredible Penguin Discovery Centre, enjoy a relaxing walk along the island's breathtaking perimeter, or go snorkelling within the crystal waters to observe the rich marine life.

Make sure to look around before laying your towel down on the sand – sea lions often visit from Seal Island and can be seen sun-baking on the beach.

SEAL ISLAND

Did you know that the Australian sea lion is the rarest seal species in the world? You can find these cool, playful creatures lounging around and playing in their natural habitat at Seal Island, which lies north of Penguin Island.

This rugged limestone island is home to an abundance of impressive wildlife. As well as many sea lions, you can find little penguins, colonies of pelicans and thousands of other sea birds. On a calm day, the water is so flat it is like a mirror, perfect for gliding along in your kayak or with your SUP (Stand Up Paddle) board.

As one of the area's breathtaking natural wonders, Seal Island should undoubtedly be on your list of things to see when you next visit Rockingham. Simply hop on your kayak and paddle out to the island to respectfully admire resident sea lions – many of which might swim up closer to you to get a closer look. While people are not permitted to be on Seal Island, it's a stunning spot to observe from a respectable distance.

Alternatively, opt for a guided kayak tour with Capricorn Sea Kayaking, or a guided cruise with Perth Wildlife Encounters for a little more luxury and plenty of insights.

THE SISTERS

Find The Sisters peeking out above the water's surface at the southern end of the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park. These limestone reefs welcome marine life, making it a fantastic spot for scuba diving and snorkelling.

The reef walls are coated with soft and hard corals, anemones, sponges, and sea stars. Sea cucumbers, nudibranchs and bryozoans are scattered over various underwater surfaces, while crayfish and molluscs hide under ledges and in caves.

SAXON RANGER DIVE WRECK

The Saxon Ranger was brought to Australia from the UK in the early 70's to work the south coast trawler fisheries out of Albany and Tasmania. Encountering an unlucky bout of weather, it washed up during a gale in 2003 on the Rockingham foreshore, before it was salvaged and purpose-sunk in Warnbro Sound in 2006.

The incredible Saxon Ranger Dive Wreck remains in Warnbro Sound and is just one of the many sites that make up Rockingham's West Coast Dive Trail, and well worth exploring for any aquatic adventurer with the necessary skills.

The wreck can be reached by boat via Bent St Boat launching facility, Carlisle St boat ramp, Donald Drive boat ramp and Port Kennedy boat launching facility. Remember to purchase a recreational dive permit before diving the Saxon Ranger.



WONDERFUL WALKING TRAILS

ROCKINGHAM IS TEEMING WITH TRAILS TO EXPLORE – FROM LAKE LOOPS AND FOREST WALKS, TO COASTAL JOURNEYS AND THE FORESHORE FLOW.





Penguin Island Boardwalk Walking Trail 1.5km | easy

Beginning at the Penguin Island Discovery Centre, this easy loop trail allows walkers to closely observe the impressive flora and fauna of the island.

Cape Peron (Wanamalu) Loop Trail 3.6km | moderate

The Cape Peron (Wanamalu) loop track offers excellent views of the area's abundant marine life from the cliff top. Operators such as Off the Beaten Track and Djurandi Dreaming offer guided tours of the area.

Tern Island Nature Reserve 8.7km return | easy

Tern Island Nature Reserve is a wonderful spot to view local wildlife or watch kitesurfing at The Pond. Begin at the carpark at the end of Boundary Road and follow signs along the coast to journey through the reserve before turning around at the tip of Tern Island.

Foreshore Flow

23.5km (one-way) | easy

The Foreshore Flow is a paved path designed to be shared by commuting cyclists and pedestrians. It offers spectacular views from the Rockingham foreshore, passing cafés, beaches, and cultural heritage icons. Begin at Weld Street, walking south-west.

Lake Richmond

3.1km | easy

Enjoy a leisurely walk around Lake Richmond. Wander along the boardwalk to view a critically endangered thrombolite community, which extends over three hectares.

Warnbro Beach Trail 14.8km | moderate



This long beach walk begins at the northern end of Warnbro Beach and follows a mix of shared paths and sandy dune trails. This moderately challenging walk could be made easier with the use of two cars, with one based at the southern end of the beach to avoid the return. Some parts are dog friendly – refer to dog beach areas.

Cooloongup Walk Trail 9.8km | easy



Begin this flat loop trail on the corner of Gibb Road and Willmott Drive. It runs through scrub and bush, offering shade in some sections and is a mix of sandy and paved terrain.

Lake Walyungup Loop 5.8km | easy



An easy loop trail around the shallow, saline Lake Walyungup.

Don Shepherd Nature Reserve & Nyoongar Trail 575m | easy

Don Shepherd Nature Reserve is a small reserve located on the corner of Baldivis Road and Karnup Road. The reserve is a mixed woodland, consisting of Banksia, Tuart, Jarrah and Casuarinas with an understorey containing lovely flowering shrubs. The entrance of the trail is found opposite the carpark off Karnup Road.

Baldivis Children's Forest 2km | easy

Baldivis Children's Forest is a unique public reserve of 20 hectares and contains tuart woodlands and a conservation category wetland. Local students have played a key role in establishing plants indigenous to the area.

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AQUA PACKED ADVENTURE



KNOWN FOR ITS PRISTINE BEACHES AND MARINE HAVENS, ROCKINGHAM HAS MANY TOURS AND BOOKABLE EXPERIENCES TO CHOOSE FROM TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE COAST, FROM JET SKIING TO SNORKELLING WITH SEA LIONS.

Catch a ferry to Penguin Island

You haven't toured Rockingham without a trip to Penguin Island. Hop on the ferry that takes you across Shoalwater Bay and in just five-minutes you will arrive on the island where you'll be surrounded by an abundance of aqua-activities. Pay a visit to the Penguin Island Discovery Centre and watch the penguin feeding, the best spot to see penguins up close. Afterwards, laze on the beautiful beaches, snorkel, explore the nature trails and try to spot sea lions cruising past. If you're spending the day on the island, pack a picnic lunch or order from Pengo's Café before you hop on the ferry. Please note, Penguin Island is open from mid-September to early June and closes in winter for breeding.

Snorkel with rare sea lions in the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park

An exciting new snorkelling experience has just launched in Rockingham. The 3 Island Snorkel, Wildlife & Seafood Cruise is a 2.5-hour tour that takes you to three renowned snorkelling locations in the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park. Spot dolphins and penguins before jumping in the water to frolic with Australian sea lions. When you're not in the water, graze on a platter of fresh seafood on the boat. Tours commence this November.

Scuba with Scubanautics Diving Academy

Discover the underwater world of Rockingham by masking up and scuba diving with Scubanautics



Diving Academy. Whether you are a complete beginner or are looking to up-skill, Scubanautics runs scuba courses and club dives all year-round. If you are already qualified, visit their dive store to hire equipment and adventure to the Saxon Ranger shipwreck in Warnbro Sound, Little Penguin Trail on Penguin Island, Churchill Park Dive Trail or Point Peron.

Learn to kite surf with WA Surf

If you've ever wanted to learn to kite surf, this is the place. Rockingham is known for its incredible windsurfing conditions and is home to an internationally recognised windsurfing bay called The Pond. If you'd like to learn from the best in the business, book a kitesurfing or wing foiling lesson with WA Surf in Safety Bay. You can hire or purchase gear if you've already mastered the art of kite surfing, or book a lesson between October and April.

Zip around on a jet ski

Discover Rockingham's coastline on a thrilling jet ski, available to hire or experience as part of a tour. Jet Ski Tours Perth run tours around Cockburn Sound and Garden Island, but if you would rather explore the beach by yourself, hire out one of their jet skis and take it for a spin within designated areas of the Sound. No licenses or previous experience necessary.

Feel the thrill of a jet pack experience

The first of its kind in Western Australia, Jet Pack Perth offers four awesome experiences on jetpacks, flyboards, hoverboards and jetbikes. After a brief training session with the experienced and friendly crew, hit the water for a memorable aqua-packed adventure. If you can't get enough of the thrill, jetski hire is available from the same location.

Sky dive over Shoalwater Islands Marine Park

Get your adrenaline pumping and go sky high with Skydive Australia. After taking the plunge,

your immediate reward will be unbeatable, oncein-a-lifetime views (and photos) of Rockingham's incredible marine havens. Observe Shoalwater Islands Marine Park, Garden Island, Penguin Island and world-class beaches, all while you hurtle through the sky at 200km an hour. The jump involves an incredible 60 seconds of free falling, and five to seven minutes of floating down to soak up the views.

Take a 60-minute glass bottom boat wildlife tour

To experience the ruggedly beautiful Penguin Island, Seal Island and Bird Island from a new perspective, book a 60-minute glass bottom boat cruise around Shoalwater Islands Marine Park to spot dolphins, sea lions and native birdlife. Between September and June, Perth Wildlife Encounters offers a Dolphin, Penguin and Sea Lion Cruise, and a winter edition experience called the Winter Wildlife Cruise.

Try wake boarding at Perth Wake Park

Tear up the water with a wakeboard or kneeboard at the state's only cable wake park, Perth Wake Park. First-timers can join introduction sessions on the beginner friendly lake, and experienced riders can head straight to the obstacle-filled main lake. Once you have worked up an appetite, visit the café or the brand new bar. At the same location is Perth Aqua Park, a large inflatable water park open in summer.

Bask on a sunset cruise

Gaze upon an iconic Western Australian sunset onboard Perth Wildlife Encounters' luxurious Sunset Cruise. Snap photos at golden hour, spot dolphins gliding along in the boat's wake and if you're feeling adventurous, jump off the boat to enjoy a sunset swim. Gourmet platters are included and you're welcome to bring your own drinks. The sunset cruise is only available for groups of at least 10 people or private charters.





THE JUMP INVOLVES AN INCREDIBLE 60 SECONDS OF FREE FALLING ...

> THRILLING Test your bravery through Skydive Australia or embark on a scenic cruise with Perth Wildlife Encounters (left).

As the beach should be accessible for all, Mobi-Chairs are available to hire free of charge from the Rockingham Visitor Centre (19 Kent Street) and the Cruising Yacht Club. These portable chairs can be taken down on beach access matting during the summer months and into the water.

Find out more at the Visitor Centre.

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GET OUT ON THE WATER

THE COOL BLUE WATERS OF ROCKINGHAM'S 37-KILOMETRE COASTLINE ARE BEGGING TO BE EXPLORED. MAKE A DAY OF IT AND DISCOVER THE BEST SPOTS TO LAUNCH YOUR BOAT. By MADELEINE STEPHENS

iscovering the Australian sea lions at Carnac Island, throwing in a line and catching some snapper, or scuba diving in the deep blue surrounded by rich marine life is just a boat ride away.

Plan your day on the water by getting to know the lay of the land, and sea. Rockingham boasts a variety of public jetties and boat moorings, six local boat ramp sites, and ample facilities and attractions to make your day a breeze.

To get started, bring your own boat or rent one from **Rockingham Boat Hire Bait and Tackle**. Call ahead at the shop to stock up on bait or to hire rods and fishing gear.

Palm Beach East and West

The Palm Beach boat ramps are located the closest to Rockingham's town centre. Venture to the shops and pack a picnic for the morning before taking your boat for a spin either via the west or east boat ramp.

Boat trailer parking is available at Palm Beach Boat Ramp West,

while cars can be parked along the Esplanade to access both sites.

The eastern site has two boat ramps and a holding jetty, while the other has one ramp and a holding jetty. They both allow boat users to launch their vessels straight into Cockburn Sound, where squid can be caught.

If fishing isn't your thing, this is the perfect place to launch a boat and motor out to nearby Carnac Island, where you can watch sea lions bathe on the beach.

Both boat ramps are set to undergo an upgrade in the coming months.

Point Peron

Point Peron is the largest boat launching site, with six ramps, three holding jetties and ample parking bays.

It provides easy entry to the wide-open ocean, where snapper and dhufish can be caught in the depths.

This site is the most convenient to use to access the fruitful seas around Garden Island, where whiting, squid and salmon can be found.

Bent Street

Grab a coffee from Safety Bay's **Café Barco** before setting off for the day from the Bent Street Boat Ramp nearby.

The facility is one of the most convenient ramps to use to reach some of the most popular attractions in the area, including Penguin Island and Seal Island.

It allows you to launch your boat straight into the calm waters of Warnbro Sound where you can fish for herring and King George whiting. It's also a great base for a snorkelling trip around Penguin Island.

The site has two ramps and one holding jetty.

Carlisle

Located in the suburb of Safety Bay, Carlisle Boat Ramp provides good access to Penguin Island for a day of exploring.

The site is best for small boats, being a sand launching facility without a ramp.

There is limited parking, with about 12 boat trailer bays available, so make sure you get in early.

Donald Drive

There are a few more boat trailer parking bays available down the road at the Donald Drive Boat Ramp.

Adventurers can launch their boats via the beach, as there is no jetty at this site.

According to Rockingham Boat Hire Bait and Tackle owner Baden Brockwell, it only provides good access at high tide and requires a four-wheel drive vehicle.

There are no public toilets at Carlisle or Donald Drive boat ramps so visitors should plan ahead.

Port Kennedy

If you are holidaying to the south of Rockingham, your closest gateway to the ocean is the Port Kennedy Boat Ramp.

It provides easy access to fish in the fertile grounds of Port Kennedy, where you might get lucky and catch bluefish or Australian salmon.

The boat ramp is suitable for



Call Baden on +61 437 771 149 to lock in your boat, bait and/or fishing gear for your next day out on the water.



TEE OFF ON WORLD-CLASS COURSES WITH FRIENDLY WILDLIFE AND COASTAL VIEWS. By CLAIRE TYRELL

R ockingham and surrounds is a paradise for the avid golfer looking to test their skills across a range of courses.

The region's proximity to the ocean and fairly flat terrain make it ideal for links-style courses, consisting of dunes and sandy soils.

Leveraging Rockingham's natural splendour, the courses' designs mean there are sweeping views to enjoy as you make your way around the holes.

Claire Tyrell spoke to some local golfers to glean their experiences of what's on offer.

Rockingham Golf Course

Situated about 6km east of the town centre, Rockingham Golf Club's origins date back to 1947.

The course offers a variety of terrain, with the first nine holes being classed as golf link and the remaining nine being surrounded by a greater proportion of trees and higher soil quality.

It is not uncommon for native fauna to spring up on the grass, while kangaroos and birdlife often grace golfers with their presence.

For local golfer David Franklin, who has been playing the sport for 25 years, the wildlife, the stunning greens and fairways are the highlights of the course.

David says if you're up for a

challenge, the fourteenth hole is the most likely to test your abilities. "The length and shape of the hole (make it a challenge), and the green has many slopes and deviations."

Though it's not all tough. Any type of player from beginner to experienced, from junior to senior can feel comfortable yet challenged at Rockingham Golf Course, which is nice and open says David.

Once you're finished with your game, take a break at the club house for the best vantage point of all. From here you can observe the tee box, the eighteenth green and part of the fairway, driving range, practice facility, and some native wildlife too.

If you're hungry, the salt and pepper calamari is a treat.

Secret Harbour Golf Links

This course, about an hour south of Perth, attracts golfers from around the globe.

Designed by Australian golfing great Graham Marsh, Secret Harbour Golf Links reflects the traditional Scottish courses, making it a unique challenge for WA players.

We spoke to the club's general manager Ben Sweeny, who first got into the golfing Links Kennedy Bay

game 28 years ago.

He told us the course catered for a range of experience levels.

"We have the course set up to suit all skill levels from beginners to pros," he said.

"Using different starting tees golfers of all levels can tee off a starting position that suits their game. Black tees are for professionals, blue tees are for competition players and white and red tees are for social and beginner players."

He added that the fourth hole was one of the most scenic parts of the course, where you can tee off overlooking a picturesque view and test your putting skills.

He described the eighth hole as a course highlight, providing some expert tips on how to tackle it.

"Depending on wind you need to hit anywhere from a six iron to driver," he said.

"Make sure you don't go too far otherwise you are in the water. Your next shot is straight over the



water onto a slippery green - too far and you are in the bush, too short and splash. The green has many slopes, so it takes some skill to sink your putt."

When asked about his favourite club house meal, Ben says he can't go past a steak sandwich.

Links Kennedy Bay

About 17km south of Rockingham, you'll find Links Kennedy Bay with a reputation renowned for excellence. It has been repeatedly included in Golf Australia's top 10 courses across the country, including in 2021, just prior to the commencement of redevelopments set to be complete in 2023.

Golfing great Graham Marsh has been commissioned to redesign the new 18-hole course, so we can expect standards of excellence to be maintained from Links Kennedy Bay, which in the meantime offers a modified nine-hole course.

Its new clubhouse is a great example of its attention to detail. The clubhouse recently won a prestigious accolade at the WA Architecture Awards, commending it for blending into the natural landscape.

Its flagship venue, Birdie Restaurant, certainly won't disappoint either. Book in for lunch at its locally-focused bistro and bar and watch the kids run wild at 'The Nest' playground within eyesight.





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FAMILY FUN

8am Wake up by the foreshore with one of our fabulous family accommodation options. The three-bedroom, two-bathroom family house,
Harrison Retreat, and the spacious, family-friendly SeaValor Skyfall with panoramic sea views, are both great options.

9am Start your morning at one of the many famous beach-front cafés along our foreshore – the 'Little Lulu's Breakfast' or 'Little Lulu's Pancakes' from **Lulu's Café** will go down a treat with the kids.

11am Head to Safety Bay and take a five minute ferry ride across beautiful Shoalwater Bay to meet the world's smallest penguins on **Penguin Island** and enjoy penguin feeding on the island. Take your snorkels to swim in the crystal-clear water.

12pm Make sure you plan ahead with a packed lunch or snack as there is no food available on the island. Alternatively grab some fish and chips from **Pengos Café** before or after your visit.

3pm If you have more energy to burn, take the kids to **Rebound Arena** and discover the gravity-defying fun of trampolining.

6:00pm Enjoy a picture-perfect picnic in **Shoalwater Foreshore Reserve**. The ultimate place for family time with a barbecue, great playground and wondrous sunsets!



GROUP ADVENTURERS

8am Wake up in the stylish **Quest Rockingham** apartments, just a two-minute stroll from the glimmering, calm foreshore.

10am Explore **Shoalwater Islands Marine Park** from a unique perspective with a sea kayaking tour. Take in Rockingham's beautiful coastal scenery, admire the diverse marine life and encounter many species of native wildlife.

4pm Enjoy a well-earned rest on your balcony before heading to one of our award-winning restaurants.

6pm Watch the sun go down over the jetty while enjoying a sumptuous meal at **Latitude32**.

8am Wake for a morning walk on the Boardwalk with a coffee from **Jaffelato**.

10am Take a tour on the scenic, glass bottom wildlife boat cruise from **Perth Wildlife Encounters**. It's the perfect way to experience the marine wildlife from a close distance.

12pm Explore **Penguin Island** for more wildlife excitement. Watch the penguin feeding at 12:30 or 2:30pm, walk the trail and observe one of the largest pelican rookeries in WA.

6pm Relax with your group of friends at **Lavoro** for good food and wine.

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NATURE EXPLORER

8am Spend the night at Cee & See Caravan Park directly on the Rockingham Foreshore and wake up to a spectacular sunrise. Stroll over to the stunning beach and take a refreshing morning dip.



10am Kick-start the day with a hearty breakfast from **Ostros** – the 'Big Brekkie' or 'Vegan Mama' will get you going.

11am Soak in Rockingham's natural beauty and embark on one of our many walking trails, including the **Lake Richmond Loop** where you can spot the ancient thrombolites (see page 26).

2pm Take the plunge and explore the magnificent **Shoalwater Islands Marine Park** by snorkelling, scuba diving or kayaking its crystal clear, calm waters.

5pm (seasonal)

Stretch out with a free outdoor yoga class on the beach (Available in summer only through the City of Rockingham's Summer Series).

6pm Have dinner at **Azacca Kitchen** and watch the golden sun set over the water.

9pm Sleep well, ready for an 8am start for your swim with wild dolphins through **Perth Wildlife Encounters**.





7am Wake early and take a cycle along our Foreshore Flow

paths taking in breathtaking beaches.

8am Fuel up with a 'Breakie Bagel' to-go from **Bean at the Beach** and grab a Bulk Nutrient protein shake and raw, keto treat for the road.

9:30am For those who want to get the heart racing, experience the ultimate skydive by free falling over the spectacular Rockingham coastline with **Skydive Australia**. Views don't get better than this.

12pm Celebrate your free fall with lunch at **Chandlers** and a glass of bubbly. Try the 'Chilli Crab Linguine', 'Slow Cooked Pork Belly', or 'Buttermilk Chicken Burger' – you've earned it.

2pm Up for more? Take flight and choose from several thrill-seeking adventures with **Jetpack Perth**. Fly with WA's first coastal water jetpack and flyboard experience. Or try your hand at cable wakeboarding with **Perth Wake Park**. It's fast, exhilarating and adrenaline pumping! Whether you're a pro or a beginner, they have you covered.

4pm Wind down at the world-famous Safety Bay **"Pond**" to watch all the action from the impressive kite surfers as they catch the afternoon sea breeze.

5pm Have a drink and dinner at **Café Barco** and cheers to an outstanding action-packed day.

MAPS OF ROCKINGHAM



Police Stations & Hospitals

Rockingham Police Station 13 14 44 21-23 Whitfield St, Rockingham WA 6168 Rockingham General Hospital 08 9599 4000 Elanora Dr, Cooloongup WA 6168

Swimming Pools

Aqua Jetty 08 9591 0888 87 Warnbro Sound Ave, Warnbro WA 6169 Rockingham Aquatic Centre 08 9591 0830 Council Ave, Rockingham WA 6168

Libraries

Rockingham Central Library 08 9528 8683. Dixon Rd, Rockingham WA 6168 Safety Bay Library 08 9528 8611 197 Safety Bay Rd, Safety Bay WA 6169 Mary Davies Library 08 9591 0800 17 Settlers Ave, Baldivis, WA 6171 Warnbro Library 08 9528 8577 Swallowtail Parade, Warnbro WA 6169

Community Centres

Gary Holland Community Centre 08 9592 3464 19 Kent Street, Rockingham, WA 6168 Mary Davies Community Centre 08 9591 0800 Settlers Ave, Baldivis, WA 6171

Sports Grounds

Lark Hills Sportsplex 08 9528 0333 Warnbro Sound Ave, Port Kennedy, WA 6172



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8	Dome Secret Harbour Inset B
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12	Skydive Australia Inset A
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