

Lark Hill Sportsplex nears completion

Stage 1 of the regional sporting and recreation complex at Lark Hill Sportsplex will open in June and planning for Stage 2 is already underway.

The City of Rockingham Mayor Barry Sammels said upon its completion the 270 ha Lark Hill Sportsplex will be one of the largest multi-sports facilities in Australia.

"The facility will provide opportunities for thousands of sporting participants to play a variety of sports from junior to state level competitions, attracting many sporting groups and individuals to the area" said Mr Sammels.

The facilities at the Sportsplex include six rugby fields, two turf cricket playing fields, two synthetic cricket playing fields, twelve turf soccer wickets, four hockey fields, a synthetic hockey field, six soccer pitches, four junior soccer fields and eight softball diamonds.

The sporting facilities will be fully lit to both training level and competition standard.

The clubrooms have been built and connection of services is expected to be completed shortly.

The internal roads and car parks are constructed and the workshop will be completed in mid 2008. A few local sporting groups have already commenced pre-season training at the Sportsplex.

Meetings regarding the operation and management of the pavilions have been held with the user groups. A draft management agreement has been prepared and issued to all prospective user groups.

The large passive recreation area including barbeques, has been constructed and the hockey pitch will also be completed by June 2008.



The RKDO team

The Rockingham Kwinana Development Office (RKDO) brings together representatives from LandCorp, the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, City of Rockingham and the Town of Kwinana.



L-R Bob Jeans, John Di Rosso – DPI, Nicole Fitzpatrick – RKDO, Garry McKeown – DPI, Peter Schifferli – ToK, Simon Proud – LandCorp

The RKDO was established to ensure the Rockingham Kwinana community has access to the full range of facilities and services that can be expected in a strategic regional centre in a significant growth corridor.

This includes ensuring infrastructure and services can be provided for the region, including housing and lifestyle, employment, passive and active recreation, education, health, private investment, sport and tourism.

By helping to facilitate the development of these amenities, the RKDO aims to encourage the creation of jobs and career opportunities for young people by attracting investment to the region and to provide the level of services and facilities the region deserves.

The main projects for RKDO in 2008 include the Rockingham Strategic Centre Revitalisation, Lark Hill Sportsplex, Rockingham Waterfront Village, Rockingham City Centre Transit System, Transit Street, the Kwinana Town Centre revitalisation and the Rockingham Kwinana District Hospital expansion.

Simon Proud, from LandCorp heads up the team, with support from Garry McKeown (DPI), John Di Rosso (DPI), Gary Rogers (City of Rockingham), Bob Jeans (City of Rockingham) and Peter Schifferli (Town of Kwinana).

Rockingham Kwinana District Hospital – a world class expansion

The Rockingham Kwinana District Hospital is currently undergoing a \$100 million expansion to provide a wider range of medical services to the Rockingham Kwinana area.

The Rockingham Kwinana Development Office has been involved in structure planning for the site in response to the State Government objectives to improve the healthcare facilities in the region.

The expansion marks a major milestone for the facility, turning an 80 bed district hospital into a first-class 300 bed general hospital. There will be improved capacity in such areas as the emergency department, renal dialysis, palliative care, general surgery, rehabilitation, mental health, and a high dependency unit.

The redevelopment will consist of two phases, with the first phase expected to be completed in May 2008.

Phase one will consist of the construction of a new area to provide 15 short stay adult's beds and eight short stay children's beds in the emergency unit, a new high dependency unit for critically ill patients consisting of 10 beds and a new 30 bed medical ward.

Member for Rockingham Mark McGowan said the hospital improvements would mean that Rockingham and Kwinana would have one of the best local hospitals in Australia.

"With the rapid growth in population in the Rockingham and Kwinana areas, it's great to see the healthcare facilities move in line with that increase in population," he said.

"The increase in hospital beds will reduce the need for local residents to travel beyond the region to be treated in hospital."



Kwinana at a glance

Population:	25,397
Estimated Growth:	5 percent pa
Number of electors:	14,129
Number of dwellings:	9,370
Number of businesses:	1,305
Total area:	118 sq kms

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'Rockingham Shuttle' commuting locals

The \$15 million Rockingham City Centre Transit System (RCCTS) is now up and running and carrying passengers across the City between the new Rockingham Train Station, the city centre, the Murdoch University campus and the city's popular beachfront. The service commenced operation in December 2007 in conjunction with the opening of the new Perth to Mandurah railway.

The 'Rockingham Shuttle' comprises four modern, distinctively marked gas-powered buses which provide a convenient link to the new railway.

While local residents are benefiting from the easy to use and high frequency service, the Shuttle is expected to attract extra visitors to the area during popular Rockingham events such as the Mussel Fest and the Spring Festival.

A key component of the RCCTS is the extension of Contest Parade from Council Avenue to Chalgrove Avenue to create a pedestrian friendly Transit Street through the city centre. The Transit Street will integrate the shopping and entertainment outlets of the expanded Rockingham City Shopping Centre with existing civic buildings to the north of Central Promenade.

The expanded Rockingham City Shopping Centre will replace the old Rockingham Bus Station which was demolished in early 2008 following relocation of bus transfer services to the Rockingham Train Station in December 2007.

Rockingham Kwinana Development Office representative John Di Rosso of the Department for Planning and Infrastructure said the Transit Street development would

create a vibrant heart for the Rockingham city centre, transforming Contest Parade into a readily accessible precinct.

"The Transit Street will help stimulate economic development and investment in the city by strengthening Rockingham's tourism potential and commercial activity. Already planning and construction is underway for adjoining mixed-use development, including retail, commercial, residential, and entertainment uses" Mr Di Rosso said.

A key project of the Rockingham Kwinana Development Office, the RCCTS is now operated by the Public Transport Authority.

A timetable for the Rockingham Shuttle bus (route number 555) is available at www.transperth.wa.gov.au



New developments for Rockingham Waterfront Village

The Rockingham Waterfront Village is located near the Rockingham beachfront and integrates first class community facilities with beachfront living. It is a key RKDO project undertaken in partnership with LandCorp and the City of Rockingham.

The first stage was completed in August 2005 and involved the transformation of the former Rockingham Oval into a Village Green featuring the stunning new war memorial, children's playground, pathways and extensive public art featuring an impressive water feature by a local artist. The new Village Green is located on the doorstep of Waterfront Village residents.

The development of the Waterfront Village Square precinct has now commenced. The new square will be defined by a new multi-function Waterfront Village Community Centre, planned for completion in mid 2008.

A multiple housing site at Rockingham Waterfront Village is currently being developed by LandCorp. Overlooking the Village Green and future Village Square, this development will combine the vibrancy of inner-city living with a relaxed coastal atmosphere and contemporary village style.

LandCorp CEO Ross Holt said the benefit of living in or near the Rockingham Waterfront area continues to grow.

"With the completion of the Village Green and the addition of the new Community Centre the development of Rockingham Waterfront Village is starting to take shape, offering locals a great outdoor lifestyle close to the beach and transport" Mr Holt said.

Residents will be well connected to transport links via the 'Rockingham Shuttle' bus to the new Perth to Mandurah railway, as well as benefiting from the pedestrian friendly and vibrant Transit Street developments.



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