

Rockingham Strategic Centre Highlights

2024 – 2025



The Rockingham Strategic Centre (RSC) is entering a defining phase in its evolution as the City's civic, commercial and cultural heart. With the approval of the City Centre Plan, a clear and strategic framework now guides the Centre's transformation and future investment.

This report card highlights key achievements delivered between 2024 - 2025, including major planning milestones, public space improvements, significant development activity and continued economic growth.

This report provides a snapshot of how the area is changing over time and shows how the City Centre is evolving into a vibrant and future-ready destination.

What Was Delivered

Public Realm and Assets

During 2024/2025, the City delivered a wide range of improvements to public spaces across our City, including streetscapes, parks, playgrounds and shared community spaces.

In total, 336 new community assets were delivered including:



45 new footpaths and upgrades to 30 street lights for safer and more accessible streets.



28 new shelters, seven bus shelters and 41 pieces of street furniture to enhance public comfort.



26 new play equipment, 101 park signs and improvements to four sports and play surfaces.



Six new CCTV units were installed, along with upgrades to 12 fences and improvements to essential underground services like pipes and connections, helping enhance safety.



Other delivered assets such as new parking areas, water facilities, cabinets and sports equipment.



As part of the 2025 Winter Tree Planting Program, 240 street trees were planted across key areas, along with 102 additional trees in parks and along roadsides.

Infrastructure

During 2024/2025, the City delivered a range of infrastructure upgrades across the Strategic Centre.

Approximately 2.5 km of roads and footpaths were upgraded across the Strategic Centre, including nearly 2 km of road resurfacing and over 600 m of new and improved footpaths, improving accessibility and connectivity for pedestrians, and vehicles.

Key infrastructure works delivered included:



Car park resurfacing at the Operations Centre and Animal Management Facility



Upgrades to the Autumn Centre car park



Drainage improvements along Read Street between Swinstone Street and Farris Street

We also upgraded several local parks and community spaces including:



Churchill Park Play Space with new irrigation systems and controllers



Bell Park shelter and furniture renewal, including new irrigation systems and controllers



Phoebe Hymus Park shelter and furniture renewal

The City invested approximately \$3.95 million to improve roads, parks and local spaces within the Strategic Centre. These improvements help keep our City safe, accessible and enjoyable for everyone.

Planning, Economy and Looking Ahead

Planning and Development Activity



Six Development Applications were approved, representing an estimated \$44.38 million in development value.



Development Applications were assessed efficiently, with 89% determined within required timeframes.



10 new lots were created, including residential sites and a combined light industrial lot, helping support growth in the area.



Building permit applications were assessed efficiently, with 93 applications completed during the period. Of these, 54 applications were determined within 10 business days, while others took longer, generally due to the need for additional information of external approvals.



A total of 99 building permits were issued, along with 18 Residential Design Code assessments, representing around \$30.8 million in development value.

Economic and Community Outcomes

The Strategic Centre has welcomed 16 new businesses, representing around 2% growth in local business activity.

Growth was particularly strong in sectors such as transport and warehousing, professional services, real estate and financial services, showing a more diverse and expanding local economy.



Several place activation and public art initiatives were delivered in collaboration with the City of Rockingham, Rocky Beach Town Team, local businesses and community organisations.

Key initiatives included:

Rockingham IGA Precinct – permanent installations

- Turtle mural
- Portrait wall mural
- Lane Street Art community mural day
- IGA façade community tidy-up and painting day

Sunray Village – permanent installations

- Native birds and wildlife mural
- Community-painted heart mural in the bin room area

Temporary activation

- Kolbe College Road Safety Banner Wrap located at the corner of Railway Terrace and Parkin Street

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Snapshot at a Glance 2024 – 2025



Development



6

Development Applications approved (incl. 2 DAPs)

\$44.38 M

Total value of approved development



10

New lots created

Eight Survey Strata

Two Freehold

one light industry amalgamation

Place Activation



6

Place activation projects delivered

Infrastructure



2.5 km

of roads and footpaths renewed

Investments



\$3.95 M

investment in community infrastructure

Public Realm



240

Street trees planted

11

park and street updates delivered



336

public area assets created across the Strategic Centre

Built Form and Housing



99

Building permits issued



18

Residential Design Code assessments completed

\$30.80 M



in approved building and residential development value

Economy



16

Net new businesses established



+2%

Growth in the

RSC