



Media release

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City of Subiaco votes unanimously to replace Lords roof

The full council of the City of Subiaco last night voted unanimously to commit funds for the immediate removal of all asbestos and replacement of the roof at Lords recreation centre in Subiaco. Lords was temporarily closed last Friday night as a precautionary measure after asbestos fibres were detected.

City of Subiaco CEO Stephen Tindale said the decision by council was a tremendous outcome and provided certainty and continuity for more than 3500 Lords members and the users who regularly visit the facility.

Mr Tindale said: "The safety and wellbeing of our members, staff, users and local residents is paramount, which is why council has acted decisively to bring forward the replacement of the roof at Lords and deal with this matter expeditiously. The roof replacement program has been fast-tracked and Lords will be up and running again as soon as possible."

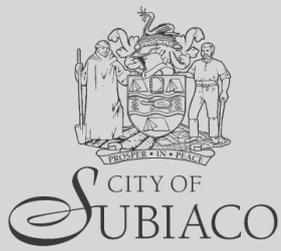
The timing and cost of the roof replacement program will be determined through a competitive tender process.

While Lords remains closed, staff will be conducting a free program of fitness training sessions called 'Lords in the community' at various locations in the city. Details of the time and location of these free sessions are available on the city's website at www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/lords

Last night's decision to remove all asbestos and replace the roof at Lords reaffirms the city's commitment to continue managing Lords recreation centre. The city took over the operation of Lords in 2009. On 25 February 2014, council voted unanimously to retain the facility.

Mr Tindale added: "Lords is a valuable community asset and one of Perth's most important recreational service centres. This investment in the repair and upgrade of Lords ensures that this magnificent facility remains at the heart of the City of Subiaco."

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Notes to Editor

The City of Subiaco is recognised as a local government leader in a range of areas such as environmental and social initiatives, and long-term planning for the future. It is located in the inner metropolitan area of Perth and includes the suburbs of Subiaco, Daglish and parts of Nedlands, Shenton Park, Crawley and Jolimont. A major centre for employment with a diverse and growing business sector, the city provides important services including waste collection, town planning and public recreation facilities, to more than 19 000 residents. The city aims to maintain its vibrant sense of community and enhance the lives and well-being of everyone who lives, visits and works in Subiaco. For more information about the City of Subiaco, visit **www.subiaco.wa.gov.au**