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Subiaco panel to improve development outcomes

The City of Subiaco recently established a Design Review Panel to provide expert advice to council on major planning and development applications.

Mayor Heather Henderson said council was very pleased to appoint six high calibre applicants to the panel.

"The panel members bring with them a wealth of experience in planning, including an excellent understanding of the application of good quality design principles to developments," Mayor Henderson said.

"The role of the panel is to provide independent architectural and design advice to council on key aspects of development. This will allow council to be more informed in its decision making, which will ultimately lead to better development outcomes for the city.

"The panel's establishment is an important milestone in improving the assessment of major planning and development applications, and in the promotion of better design and development outcomes.

"The panel will assist council in ensuring the built environment is good quality, sustainable and responsive to its context."

The Design Review Panel is established as a body that council may consult in assessing an application under the City of Subiaco Town Planning Scheme No. 4. Panel members include Charles Johnson, Laura Gray, Philip Griffiths, Dominic Snellgrove, Tony Shrapnell and Peter Jodrell.

The design review process can assist in ensuring that good design principles are embedded from the beginning of a project.

The panel provides design advice on:

- how the development responds to its context and surroundings
- the potential of the building/structure to form a lasting contribution to the sense of place and identity of Subiaco
- the overall design quality and functionality of the building/structure
- the appropriateness of the use of materials and finishes
- the impacts of the development on public spaces.

The Design Review Panel meets on an as-needs basis. The terms of reference for the panel are available on the city's website.

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