



# Media release

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## City awarded for child friendly approach

The City of Subiaco has been awarded for its child friendly approach to both planning and its ongoing commitment to children's health, at the Environment and Health Local Government Report Card Project and 2013 Children's Week Awards.

Mayor Henderson said: "The city is thrilled to have been acknowledged for its efforts in the engagement and development of young people."

She continued: "Our recent achievements are testament to the excellent work staff do in actively seeking opportunities for children."

The Children's Environment and Health Local Government Report Card Project awarded the city first place in the Nature Discovery category for its *Playspace Strategy* and second prize for the Best in WA Award.

The city's *Playspace Strategy* document provides a framework for the planning of the city's play spaces to ensure they are appropriate and support natural development for young people.

Dr Melissa Stoneham, Deputy Director of the Public Health Advocacy Institute said: "We congratulate the City of Subiaco for its outstanding commitment to creating natural environments which truly support and stimulate the health and happiness of children."

The city also earned itself a high commendation in the Metropolitan Communities Award category at the 2013 Children's Week Awards for its innovative Subi Kids Crew advisory group for children aged seven to eleven.

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L to R: Troy Pickard, President Western Australian Local Government Association, Mayor Heather Henderson, Mayor City of Subiaco, Lianda Gibson, City of Subiaco staff member, David Malone, CEO of Healthway.



## Notes to Editor

The Environment and Health Local Government Report Card Project Awards is an initiative of the Public Health Advocacy Institute of Western Australia.

The report card acts as an advocacy tool to identify and assess local government corporate strategies that affect children's environment and health. The aim is to encourage local government to prioritise and act upon issues that affect children's environment and health.

This is the third year that the City of Subiaco has been awarded at the Children's Environment and Health Local Government Report Card Project Awards. The City of Subiaco was the overall winner at the inaugural awards in 2011. In 2011, the city also placed first in the Child Friendly Planning Approaches, Stimulating Learning Environments and Environments Supportive of Physical Activity categories. In 2012, the city won the Child Friendly Planning Approaches category award.

Subi Kids Crew (SKC) is the City of Subiaco's advisory group for children aged seven to eleven.

The program gives local children an opportunity to have an input into decision making, planning and development and to act as young ambassadors for the city

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](http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au)**