



# Media release

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## Subiaco re-endorsed as waterwise council

The City of Subiaco was recently re-endorsed as a waterwise council by the Department of Water and the Water Corporation, after first achieving the status in 2010.

The Waterwise Council program is a partnership between state and local government that aims to improve water management for public open space and work with local communities to participate in waterwise and behavioural change programs.

Mayor Heather Henderson said being re-endorsed as a waterwise council was a great achievement for the city.

“Perth is experiencing lower rainfall levels and it is important we ensure our usage is efficient and sustainable for the future,” Mayor Henderson said.

“The last twelve months have seen the city complete a re-inventory of scheme water consumption and target improvements for its top ten water consumption accounts.”

The city has undertaken a number of initiatives to decrease water consumption, including installing a real-time data logger of water consumption at Lords recreation centre and a city-wide central control for reticulation.

The city has adopted a system which allows it to modify reticulation remotely outside via a central controller when rainfall events occur. Five scheduled water events were shut down over the 2011–12 summer saving 22 355 kilolitres of groundwater.

Irrigation efficiency at Duke Street cul-de-sac has also been improved, which will save 1524 litres of water per week.

Local governments are required to meet re-endorsement criteria annually.

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**Photo opportunity: A photo can be organised with Mayor Heather Henderson and City of Subiaco’s Coordinator Parks Development, Blake Humble at Duke Street on request.**