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Switch off for Earth Hour

The City of Subiaco, along with thousands of people around the world, will again switch off non-essential lighting for Earth Hour between 8.30pm and 9.30pm on Saturday 23 March.

The city will switch off lights at its Administration Centre and community centres, as well as at Subiaco Library.

Building facade lights on Rokeby Road, up-lights at Subiaco Train Station, and the Rankin Garden memorial clock will also be switched off, while street, park and car park lights will be left on for public safety.

Mayor Heather Henderson said the city's *Environment Enhancement Plan 2012–2016* outlined how it would reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address climate change.

“We have completed a number of energy efficiency projects recently, including the installation of a 20 kilowatt solar panel system on Subiaco Library, solar lights at McCallum Park, wind and solar lights at Rankin Gardens and Dom Serra Grove, and solar bollards at four of the city’s parks and reserves,” Mayor Henderson said.

“We have also replaced 400 watt high bay lights at Lords with 150 watt LED lights and purchased 100 per cent green power for the majority of the city-owned facilities and streetlights in Subiaco.”

To further support sustainability, the city is offering a rebate of \$200 per household for the first fifteen residents who install a renewable energy system and apply.

The rebate is available for systems purchased and installed between Friday 1 March and Monday 3 June 2013. For more information, or to download an application form, visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au

The five Australian towns or suburbs with the most pledges will win a free solar power system, which will be gifted to a local community organisation by World Wildlife Fund Australia as part of the Earth Hour Community Challenge.

For more information on Earth Hour, or to register your pledge, visit www.earthhour.org

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