



# Media release

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## Practical solutions for sediment control

The City of Subiaco is hosting an information forum for the building industry on behalf of the Western Suburbs Regional Organisation of Councils (WESROC) about its *Sand Drift Prevention and Sediment Control Guidelines*.

The information forum will be held at the Palms Community Centre Subiaco at 11am on Friday 29 November. The session will include lunch and a site visit to Carter Lane.

The city's Acting CEO, Kathy Bonus said she is delighted that the city will be hosting the forum.

She said: "It's fantastic that we have been able to bring the seven western suburbs councils together to tackle this important issue."

Sediment is fragmented material such as silt, sand and gravel that drifts from a site by wind or stormwater, and usually ends up in the river, wetlands or lakes where it harms wildlife and their local habitat.

Sediment can also reduce the capacity of the stormwater system leading to localised flooding and increased maintenance costs.

Dr Vincent Cusack from WESROC said: "Our new practical guidelines will be a great resource for the building industry, and other local governments alike."

The guidelines include six practical measures for managing the problem, including preserving vegetation to stabilise soil where possible, a single entry/exit point and installing sediment control fencing material to help prevent sand drifting onto roads and into the drainage network.

When developing the guidelines, WESROC was also mindful of the abundant use of temporary fence panels throughout Perth and have accommodated a practical solution in the guidelines.

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