



# Media release

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## Winning city park design sets example

The recently upgraded Dom Serra Grove has won the City of Subiaco the Award for Parks at the 2013 Parks and Leisure Australia (PLA) WA Awards of Excellence, held on 29 August.

Dom Serra Grove (corner Hay and Jersey Streets in Daglish) was honoured as a model of best practice in sustainable design, community engagement and park use. The park was recognised as an excellent example of how to achieve high quality cultural and environmental conservation and efficiency outcomes through community engagement.

Joanne Smith, Deputy President of Parks and Leisure Australia, was one of the judges for this year's PLA awards, and was very impressed by the city's entry.

She said: "The City of Subiaco should be very proud of this delightful space for all to meet, wander, rest, reflect and play."

Mayor Henderson said: "It is a priority for the city and our community that we can enjoy a sustainable environment that is green and leafy. I am delighted that the city has been recognised for our achievements."

The city worked closely with the Benedictine Monk community and a working group of local residents to develop an innovative design that reflected the city's past and the community's vision for this space.

One of the key aspects of the redevelopment was to feature the existing mature olive grove, planted by the Benedictine Monks, and to continue this Mediterranean theme throughout the landscape design.

Reflecting the growing community garden movement in the city, the final design also includes fig, pomegranate and almond trees, as well as beds of rosemary and lavender.

Joanne Smith added: "Competition for the Parks and Leisure Western Australian awards was strong this year and I hope the high standard of the 2013 winners encourages more industry members to put their projects and initiatives forward for best practice recognition."



The Parks and Leisure Australia Awards of Excellence were established in 2003 to encourage professional development and highlight best practice and innovation in the industry.

The City of Subiaco's entry will also be a finalist at the national awards, which take place in October in Melbourne.

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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 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)