



# Media release

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## New exhibition explores Subi's Benedictine connection

Subiaco Museum's latest exhibition, *Founding 'New Subiaco': The Benedictine Connection*, was launched on Monday night following a special evening talk at Subiaco Library by Dom Christopher Power from the Benedictine Community of New Norcia.

Dom Chris spoke about the historic and modern day connections between Subiaco and New Norcia to a captivated audience, before Mayor Heather Henderson declared the new exhibition officially open and invited attendees to be the first to view the unique collection of stories and artefacts.

The group also enjoyed a 'taste of New Norcia', including wine donated by the Benedictine Community of New Norcia, bread and nut cake donated by the Subiaco branch of New Norcia bakeries, and New Norcia olives, olive oil and dukkah.

2014 marks the bicentenary celebrations of the birth of one of Australia's early leaders, Rosendo Salvado. The City of Subiaco has hosted several events this year to mark the occasion.

City of Subiaco Mayor Heather Henderson said: "There has been overwhelming interest from the community in finding about more about the influence of the Benedictine monks on Subiaco's history and we have sold out all of our bicentenary celebration events so far."

She continued: "Although brief in existence, the legacy of New Subiaco lives on in name, symbolism and memory – in fact, many people may not realise that the city's crest includes a monk and olive branch as a nod to our Benedictine past."

The city is also expecting a big turnout for the 'Salvado and Subiaco' historic walk on Sunday 9 November as part of its See Subi on Sunday walking series.

*Founding 'New Subiaco': The Benedictine Connection* traces the short history of the New Subiaco settlement in the mid-nineteenth century. It follows the journey of Spanish monks José Serra and Rosendo Salvado from their beginnings in Europe to their eventual separation in Western Australia.



The exhibition will run until mid November at the Subiaco Museum, 239 Rokeby Road, Subiaco, Tuesday through Sunday, 2pm to 5pm.

For more information about the exhibitions at Subiaco Museum and upcoming events in the City of Subiaco visit [www.subiaco.wa.gov.au](http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au)

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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)