



Media release

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Subiaco presents the facts about homelessness

Subiaco residents and professionals were educated on issues surrounding homelessness and vulnerability at a forum hosted by City of Subiaco in Shenton Park last Tuesday as part of Homelessness Week.

Guest speaker Anne Maroni, Manager Homelessness Services for UnitingCare West, spoke about the different types of homelessness that exist, including temporary homelessness, homeless children and families.

“Many people don’t know that of the roughly 10 000 homeless living in Western Australia, about a quarter of these are children.”

Ms Maroni explained: “With families, the crisis is often immediate. They haven’t been long term homeless, but even one night for a family on the street is a crisis.”

Ms Maroni also spoke about the types of support available for homeless and vulnerable people in Perth, including the new emergency relief service in Subiaco that was established through a partnership between City of Subiaco and UnitingCare West.

“Emergency relief is short, sharp, crisis intervention – it’s about trying to break the cycle. It’s great that the City of Subiaco was so proactive with recognising that homelessness was out there and wanted to do something to address the issue.”

City of Subiaco CEO Stephen Tindale said the forum was the first event the city has held during homelessness week and is part of a range of initiatives the city is rolling out to address the issue.

“Subiaco has started to feel the impacts of homelessness and we have turned our attention to creating greater awareness in the community and developing ways to reach out to people who are doing it tough.”

He continued: “The city is making an impact through partnerships, referral services and supporting professionals in the field.”

The Subiaco emergency relief service operates fortnightly on Tuesdays between 9am and 1pm at the Subiaco Community Centre, 203 Bagot Road, Subiaco.



The confidential service provides temporary relief to those in need, including financial counselling and referrals to other agencies, such as temporary accommodation providers.

For more information, contact the city on 9237 9320.

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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**