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Subiaco wins state award for irrigation

The City of Subiaco was a winner at the Irrigation Australia Ltd WA Awards of Excellence, presented at a ceremony held at Crown Perth earlier this month.

The city received the Local Government Improvement and Efficiency Award in recognition of its commitment to sustainable park development and water efficiency.

City of Subiaco CEO Stephen Tindale said: "The city is devoted to maintaining a diverse and sustainable network of public open space for the enjoyment of residents, businesses and visitors to the City of Subiaco through responsible water management. It was very rewarding to be honoured for our continued efforts in this area."

The city was commended for its irrigation program which is based on local evapotranspiration (ET) data. Evapotranspiration is the movement of water to the air from sources such as soil, plants and water bodies.

City of Subiaco CEO Stephen Tindale said: "The city closely monitors evapotranspiration data gathered across the city by two local weather stations. By knowing the rate of water loss, the city is able to efficiently manage its watering schedules."

He added: "Active public open space such as Rosalie Park is watered on a five day per week ET replacement irrigation schedule, while passive public open space such as Theatre Gardens is set to a three day per week watering schedule in line with domestic bore users."

The city also uses fourteen soil moisture sensors as monitoring tools to track moisture levels and determine the effectiveness of irrigation.

Judging criteria for the award included innovative use of materials technology, water efficiency aspects, environmental responsibility, and maintenance and sustainability.

For more information about the city's water conservation initiatives visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au

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Pictured is City of Subiaco coordinator parks development, Blake Humble accepting the award from Irrigation Australia's Tracy Martin.

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**