



# Media release

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## Behind the scenes tour celebrates 100 years of Subiaco Oval

Football fans will get a rare insight into the 100 year history of Subiaco Oval this January with a free guided tour of the facility as part of the City of Subiaco's See Subi on Sunday walking series.

The tour which takes place on Sunday 11 January, will explore Subiaco Oval's role as a community focal point, and offer participants a behind the scenes look at the oval's operations, including opportunities to view the commentators' box, change rooms and coaches' box.

Partly led by special guest, WA Football Commission director Geoff Glass, the walk will start and finish at the heritage listed Subiaco Oval gates at the corner of Haydn Bunton Drive and Roberts Road, Subiaco, commencing at 1.30pm.

The See Subi on Sunday program is researched, organised and led by city volunteer Marion Gathercole, who has been conducting the walks since they started thirteen years ago.

Ms Gathercole said: "The real joy for many people will be stepping onto the hallowed turf and coming down or going up 'the race' like the football heroes! Participants will need to be fit and active as there are quite a few stairs to be negotiated at various points around the oval."

City of Subiaco Mayor Heather Henderson said the city was pleased to provide an opportunity for the general public to explore the lesser known aspects of the state icon.

"Including the Subiaco Oval in our walking series is a fantastic way to celebrate its contribution to the history and identity of Subiaco, and its impact on the wider community of Western Australia over the past one hundred years."

She added: "The tour will be ideal for football fans of all ages, and is well-timed to provide the perfect free family activity for those looking to entertain their children this school holidays."

The city's See Subi on Sunday walking series offers the community free guided walks through Subiaco that allow participants to enjoy its history, heritage and



beauty. Walks take approximately one and a half hours to complete and are suitable for all ages.

Walk participants with past and present connections to the areas visited are invited to share personal anecdotes that enhance the appreciation of the location explored during each walk.

A brochure containing details of all scheduled walks as part of the 2014–15 See Subi on Sunday walking series can be downloaded from the city's website [www.subiaco.wa.gov.au](http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au)

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### **Photo/Interview Opportunity**

Photographs and/or interviews prior to commencement of the walk can be arranged upon request.

### **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)