



# Media release

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## Aboriginal accounts will close gap in Subiaco's history

The City of Subiaco was been awarded a cheque for just over \$23 000 from Lotterywest to support the continuation of an innovative Aboriginal oral history project.

The city has been working with consultants from Australian Cultural Heritage Management (AHCM) to capture the oral histories of thirteen Aboriginal community members on film. The footage will form part of the Subiaco Museum collection and will become a resource for researchers.

The project aims to establish a foundation of knowledge which will enable the city and the community to better understand and celebrate Aboriginal heritage in Subiaco.

Mayor Henderson said: "The city acknowledges there are multiple voices and perspectives in the telling of history, and the Aboriginal voice is one that we would like to increasingly document and incorporate in museum exhibitions and public programs."

She continued: "The result will be a more authentic, meaningful and well-rounded interpretation of the community's rich history that includes the Aboriginal voice."

Ethnohistorian Dr Peter Gifford from AHCM, who is conducting the interviews together with cameraman Clive Taylor, says he's been pleased, but not really surprised by, the Aboriginal response.

"All of these people have had something important to say about Noongar and Aboriginal heritage generally, and how they and older generations have been able to maintain it in the face of constant pressure to do otherwise."

The cheque will be presented to the city by Hon. Peter Collier MLC, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, on Thursday 28 February, at a special presentation ceremony outside the Subiaco Museum.

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### **Photo and interview opportunities**

The Minister, other state government representatives, Mayor Heather Henderson, city councillors and special guests will attend a special cheque presentation ceremony on Friday 28 February at 10.45am. Interviewees for the project will also be in attendance. Photos and interviews may 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)**