



Media release

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New Subi service to provide support for vulnerable, homeless

The City of Subiaco has partnered with UnitingCare West to provide emergency relief for vulnerable and homeless people in Subiaco.

The confidential service, which started on Tuesday 8 July, will provide temporary relief to those in need, including financial counselling and referrals to other agencies, such as temporary accommodation providers.

City of Subiaco Mayor Heather Henderson said:

“Homelessness is an increasing issue in Subiaco and throughout the Perth metropolitan area. This city is pleased to partner with UnitingCare West to provide emergency relief to those who need it the most.”

She continued: “This new service will provide much needed support to homeless people, as well as those in our community that are living below the poverty line and families that are doing it tough.”

Drop-in sessions with an experienced support worker from UnitingCare West are available fortnightly on Tuesdays between 9am and 1pm, at the Subiaco Community Centre on Bagot Road. Alternatively, a confidential appointment can be made by contacting 9237 9320.

The establishment of a new support service for vulnerable people was an action identified as part of a Homelessness Forum with key stakeholders hosted by the city in October last year. Forum attendees included local service providers, state government agencies and various not-for-profit organisations.

Subiaco community members interested in finding out more about vulnerability and homelessness and what the city is doing to address these issues, are invited to attend a free session with guest speaker from UnitingCare West on Tuesday 5 August. Full details are available on the events calendar on the city's website www.subiaco.wa.gov.au

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Photo opportunity

A photo with representatives from UnitingCare West and City of Subiaco 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**