



# Media release

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## Subiaco to implement Recharge Scheme in WA

The City of Subiaco will become the first Western Australian local government to introduce the Recharge Scheme at its official launch in early December.

The nationally recognised initiative, which began in Victoria in 2006, provides users of scooters and electronic wheelchairs the option of recharging their devices at identified 'Recharge Points' in community venues, local businesses and city owned buildings.

City of Subiaco Mayor Heather Henderson said: "We are thrilled to be introducing the Recharge Scheme to Western Australia after seeing its success in Victoria and other parts of Australia."

She explained: "People who use electronic devices to access the community are sometimes deterred from spending a lot of time out and about because of concerns that their battery may lose charge sooner than expected, leaving them stranded. By having the option to recharge electronic devices at points throughout the city, we hope this section of the community will be able to spend more time enjoying all that the city has to offer."

The City of Subiaco is what is known as a 'Recharge Partner' and Recharge Points are being installed at various locations throughout the Subiaco Town Centre and surrounds.

The city's Director Community Development Jo Sadler said: "Recharge points have already been established at Subiaco Library, Dôme Café in Subiaco and the Warehouse Café in Shenton Park, and we're seeking expressions of interest from other local businesses and community organisations who are interested in coming on board."

She added: "Participating places across the city can be easily identified by the Recharge Scheme logo sticker on their windows, which will also be displayed above or near the designated power point. The city will provide ongoing support to ensure the recharge area meets the appropriate safety and access requirements."



The official launch event will take place on Friday 5 December from 10.30am at Dôme Café, 26 Rokeby Road, Subiaco.

The launch is part of the city's 16 days of Subi event series which runs from Friday 5 December to Saturday 20 December.

The launch is open to all, however, bookings are essential. To secure a place, contact 9237 9320 or [adminscc@subiaco.wa.gov.au](mailto:adminscc@subiaco.wa.gov.au) by 5pm on Wednesday 3 December.

For more information, visit [www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/rechargescheme](http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/rechargescheme)

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#### **Photo opportunity**

A photo with City of Subiaco Mayor or staff can be arranged on request and media are welcome to attend and take photos at the launch.

#### **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)