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On the verge of sustainability: Subiaco verge and garden award now open for nominations

Entries are now open to all green thumbed Subiaco businesses, schools and individuals for the City of Subiaco's Sustainable Verge and Garden Award 2014.

Nominations are invited across four award categories:

- Residential verge award – for waterwise or edible verge developments that comply with the guidelines outlined in the city's verge policy.
- Residential garden award – open to privately owned residential gardens that have street frontage visible to the community.
- Business award – for verge developments, private gardens or greening initiatives within the business premises that provide for staff and customer enjoyment.
- School award – open to primary and secondary schools, for verge developments and gardens or greening initiatives within school grounds.

The city's Sustainable Verge and Garden Award, which is now in its sixth year, celebrates verges, gardens and horticultural features that add to the aesthetic presentation of streetscapes, help strengthen green corridors, and contain elements that contribute to sustainable living practices.

City of Subiaco CEO Stephen Tindale said the city was particularly encouraging local businesses to enter this year.

"The city is aware that a lot of businesses do not have the space for extensive gardens, however, waterwise initiatives such as potted plant displays and native plantings, as well as horticultural features including well maintained trees or hedges, indoor gardens and green walls, are all elements that would be considered during judging."

"Many businesses have a strong focus on water efficiency as part of their corporate sustainability and the awards are a great opportunity for their efforts to be recognised in the community."

Judging will take place in late October and award recipients will be announced in the first week of November.



Winners will share from a prize pool of \$2000 worth of gift vouchers which can be spent at local businesses.

Nominations close Friday 10 October. Forms are available from the city's website www.subiaco.wa.gov.au or at the city's Administration Centre, 241 Rokeby Road, Subiaco.

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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