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Perth's newest attraction for kids opens in Subiaco

This school holidays Perth families are invited to celebrate the opening of the Theatre Gardens playspace in Subiaco – Perth's newest attraction for kids – at the official launch party on Wednesday 1 October.

City of Subiaco Mayor Heather Henderson will present the new playspace at a short ceremony in Theatre Gardens, Subiaco at 11.30am.

In addition to the formal proceedings, there will be a range of fun activities between 11am and 1pm to keep the kids entertained, including cubby making and origami frog making.

Mayor Heather Henderson said: "The new play facility is spectacular. Children are encouraged to embrace natural play, with organic elements such as water, sand and trees used in the design."

"Theatre Gardens is already a popular spot for the community and visitors to Subiaco, and with the addition of this fantastic new play area for the kids, I imagine we'll see lots of families enjoying the facilities as we head into warmer weather."

Designed and installed by contractor Nature Play Solutions, outstanding features of the new playground include a tight rope walk, water and sand play trays, boulder climb, balancing beams and stilts, puppet theatre and shop front cubby, and basket swing.

The Theatre Gardens playspace was developed in consultation with the community and guided by the city's *Playspace Strategy*, which was adopted by council in 2013.

CEO Stephen Tindale explained: "The city's playspace strategy provides a framework and guiding principles for the planning of the city's playspaces to ensure they are appropriate and support the development of young people."

"In line with the strategy, the playground has been designed in a way which allows for cognitive, physical, social, emotional and sensory development for children of all ages. The addition of elements such as climbing walls, water play and sand provides a challenging and stimulating environment for play."



Theatre Gardens is a district park in Subiaco, bound by Bagot, Hensman and Hamersley roads, adjacent to Subiaco Arts Centre.

The playground will be open to the public from 7am on Monday 15 September, when the fences that currently surround the play area will be taken down by the city's contractors.

More information about the Theatre Garden playspace launch event can be found on the city's website www.subiaco.wa.gov.au

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Photos

Photo 1 – Young Subiaco resident Abbey Haddow, aged four, explores the new play equipment.

Photo 2 – William and Isabelle Haddow, aged ten and six, try out the new basket swing.

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