

## Media release

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### Subiaco shines at state parks and leisure awards

The City of Subiaco brought home two awards at the annual Parks and Leisure Australia (WA) Awards of Excellence on Thursday 25 June for excellence and innovation in the management of community parks and leisure facilities.

From an impressive five nominations across three categories, the city took out the top prize in the Minor Playspace category for the popular Theatre Gardens nature playspace, and also received high commendation in the Use of Technology category for its augmented reality public art project *Subiaco pARk*.

City of Subiaco Mayor Heather Henderson said that the awards demonstrate the city's strong vision for the future of parks and leisure facilities and a fresh approach as a leader at the forefront of technological innovation in public art.

"Subiaco is renowned for its leafy parks and green spaces, and our parks and environment team work extremely hard to make the areas multifunctional with the installation of innovative playspaces like the one in Theatre Gardens," Mayor Henderson said.

"It is fantastic to see our dedicated teams get the recognition they deserve. The Theatre Gardens playspace has been very well-received by the community and is one of the most popular playspaces in Perth."

Meanwhile, *Subiaco pARk* received a highly commended award in the hotly contested Use of Technology category for outstanding achievement in the integration of technology. Subiaco pARk was presented as part of the Perth International Arts Festival visual arts program and was one of the first sculptural augmented reality exhibitions in Australia.

"The city takes great pleasure in working with the community and other partners to continually improve play and public spaces throughout Subiaco, so these awards are a win for the City of the Subiaco, and an achievement for the entire community to share," Mayor Henderson said.

For more information about parks, the Theatre Gardens playspace or Subiaco pARk visit [www.subiaco.wa.gov.au](http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au)

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**Photo and interview opportunities with Mayor Heather Henderson are available on request.**

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**Notes to the Editor:**

The City of Subiaco was nominated for the following initiatives:

**Category: Leisure and/or Open Space Planning**

- City of Subiaco Public Open Space Plan
- City of Subiaco Playspace Strategy

**Category: Use of Technology**

- Subiaco pARk
- Irrigation Management

**Category: Playspace – Minor**

- Theatre Gardens playspace