“With facilities and businesses reopening, and our historic Subiaco Oval now ready for action, there’s no shortage of things to do in Subiaco. Whether you’re visiting the library, taking a class at Lords, or bringing the kids to the playground, I’d encourage you to stop by one of our great local retailers, eateries or cafes and help support them as our community recovers together. It’s fantastic that Subiaco is open for business again.” – Mayor Penny Taylor

City reopens as restrictions ease
Phase three easing of restrictions came into effect on Saturday 6 June and the City has now reopened facilities and services for the community.

Children’s playgrounds and Subiaco Skate Park are now open, with drinking fountains and BBQs accessible.

Lords Recreation Centre is now open in full; this includes the gym, showers, change rooms, crèche, café, pool and an updated group fitness timetable.

Subiaco Library is now open to 100 patrons at a time with seating, study areas and public computers now accessible, and Subiaco Museum is also open.

Community Centre bookings will be available from Saturday 13 June and our customer service counter at the Administration Centre remains open in addition to our online services.

In all centres and facilities, physical distancing, good hygiene and the two square metre rule will apply.

Subiaco Oval now open
Subiaco Oval was officially opened last Thursday giving community members access for the first time in decades. The oval is open for general and recreational use at all times outside of school hours and dogs are permitted on leash.

The City of Subiaco worked with Development WA to fast-track community access and reopen the oval sooner than expected.

New AFL goal posts, flood lighting and the heritage restored gates now frame the hallowed turf and temporary toilets and parking are due to open by end of June.

Mayor Penny Taylor said the City was fine tuning the future use arrangements of our historically significant community asset.

Subiaco Oval will be a shared community space, with use by Bob Hawke College students during school hours, access for WAPC training and football programs, junior sports training and competitions and general community and recreation use. The shared user agreement will set out the hours of use, maintenance and management of the oval.

National Simultaneous Storytime goes digital
Subi Library held its first digital National Simultaneous Storytime event last week, with 90 Subiaco Primary School students tuning in at the same time.

The City’s video featured librarian Neave at the helm reading Whitney and Britney Chicken Dives by Lucinda Gifford, with a special introduction from CEO Rochelle Lavery.

"We had a great time participating in National Simultaneous Storytime … thank you for helping us to feel connected to the community during these times," one Subiaco Primary School teacher said.

National Simultaneous Storytime had almost 1.3 million participants across Australia and New Zealand this year, despite restrictions due to COVID-19. The event aims to promote the value of reading and literacy.

Packs support local businesses to reopen safely
The City recently delivered free business hygiene packs to local food and retail businesses to help them reopen their doors safely as restrictions eased in WA.

The business hygiene packs included hand sanitiser, physical distancing posters and floor decals, and business support information, and were handed out to more than 250 food and retail businesses over two days.

Any other businesses that would like to pick up a pack can do so from the City’s Administration Centre.

Mayor Penny Taylor said it was vital for the City to support local businesses to reopen their doors.

“We hope these packs will help alleviate some stress that local businesses are under as they adapt to the easing of restrictions so they can reopen quickly and, most importantly, safely.”

Free parking continues until 30 June
The COVID-19 free parking initiative, which supported front line workers during the pandemic, will continue until Tuesday 30 June.

The initiative has been in place since April as part of the City’s $4 million COVID-19 response package. With restrictions now easing, the City is preparing to return parking fees and compliance back to normal at the end of this month to ensure fair access to parking for everyone.

From 1 July, you will once again be able to use the Easy Park app on your mobile phone for contactless payment or use parking machines at parking stations.

For more information, please refer to street and carpark signage.

Community consultation
Development Assessment Panel application
The City is inviting public comment on an application for the demolition of two grouped dwellings and construction of a three storey multiple dwelling development comprising 12 apartments at 3-5 May Avenue, Subiaco.

To view documents related to the above, visit haveyoursay.subiaco.wa.gov.au or drop into the City’s Administration Centre at 241 Rokeby Road, or Subiaco Library at 237 Rokeby Road. You can also comment via email to city@subiaco.wa.gov.au or by mail addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 270, Subiaco WA 6004. Clearly indicate your name, address and the application to which the submission relates. Comments are to be received by 5pm Friday 3 July.

Heritage Reference Group
The City is inviting expressions of interest from community members who live in, or own property in, the City’s Triangle Precinct. The Triangle Precinct is the area bounded by Rokeby Road, Churchill Avenue and Thomas Street. Successful applicants will be part of a reference group that will guide the review of the Local Heritage Survey of the Precinct. Expressions of interest are open now and close on Sunday 28 June. For further information and to submit your nomination, visit www.haveyoursay.subiaco.wa.gov.au/triangle.

Subi East webinar
DevelopmentWA hosted a live community webinar on Monday 25 May to inform community members of the Subi East Redevelopment master planning process to date and provide insights into some of the conceptual considerations for the development’s precincts (or neighbourhoods). If you missed it, you can view the webinar at www.haveyoursay.devdevelopmentwa.com.au/master-planning.

Live business list
We’re now in Phase 3 of WA’s roadmap to ease COVID-19 restrictions, which means more businesses can reopen, and restaurants and cafes can safely increase the number of patrons dining-in.

To make it easier to support local during this time, See Subiaco has put together a comprehensive list of Subiaco businesses ready to welcome you at www.seebsubiaco.com.au.

Help us add to the list by emailing place@subiaco.wa.gov.au.

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