COVID-19 update

The City is following the WA Department of Health’s social distancing advice to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and has cancelled a number of large public events, including the Subiaco Street Party, Rokeby-Hill Hoedown and ANZAC Day services, in response to the evolving pandemic.

Some other City programs have also been paused. This includes library programs such as baby rhyme time, storytime and English conversation club as well as our Seniors’ coffee club and other seniors events. For now, opening hours at Subiaco Library and Subiaco Museum will remain the same as well as most library services (loans and public computer access). The library has an extensive range of digital resources that can be accessed online, should anybody wish to visit attending in person or need to isolate themselves.

Lords Recreation Centre is open as usual, but some programs have been suspended. This includes team sports competitions and community fitness classes at Sherston Park Recreation Centre and The Palms.

The City is finalising a Work Continuity Plan to ensure that essential services can still be provided to the community in the event that staff availability becomes impacted.

The COVID-19 situation is evolving each day, and the City’s priority will continue to be the community’s health and wellbeing. We will continue to make adjustments as necessary and as directed by the WA Department of Health.

For the most up-to-date information on the actions the City is taking to help slow the spread of the virus, visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au. For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19, please visit www.healthyw.a.wa.gov.au/coronavirus or call the WA Department of Health’s coronavirus health information line on 1800 020 080.

Ward review to commence

The City’s ward boundaries structure and elected member representation is set to be reviewed again to address the current imbalance of representation – a result from the City of Perth Act 2016.

The review comes at the request of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and will consider a range of options to find a system of representation that best suits the characteristics of the current City and its community.

Community consultation is planned to commence in April, with the formal submission to the department due by October 2020.

For the full story, visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/news.

Tell us your story and win for Neighbourhood Day

At times like these, our neighbours and local community are more important than ever. If you have great neighbours, tell us about them for the chance to tell us your story and win for Neighbourhood Day.

The winning story will also be used as part of a range of communications and marketing materials to help promote and build Neighbourhood Day.

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Submit an expression of interest.

For further information, please visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/grants.

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Milestone carbon reduction plan adopted

The City of Subiaco is the first local government in the state to develop a comprehensive corporate carbon reduction plan, with the goal of becoming certified carbon neutral by June 2020 and switching to 100 per cent renewable energy by 2025.

The plan was endorsed by Council this week and is set to reduce the City’s greenhouse gas emissions by 772 tonnes a year by 2030.

The City has already begun its transition to low carbon operations through the installation of solar panels and energy efficient systems, electric and hybrid fleet vehicles, and increased efficiencies in water use and waste.

The plan is expected to deliver financial savings through more efficient use of energy across City operations, with an expectation that annual costs will decrease over time.

For the full story, visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/news.

Rough sleeper count

The City recently took part in a street count program to gather information about the number of people sleeping rough in the local community.

The Rough Sleeper Count occurred simultaneously in a joint initiative with other neighbouring metropolitan local governments and was the first in this region of this scale.

Between 1am and 3am on Tuesday 17 March, small teams walked and drove designated routes in the City of Subiaco to record the number of people sleeping rough. The data was collected through a secure website and will be collated across local government areas to help plan future initiatives to address homelessness.

For more information about the City’s approach to homelessness please visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/homelessness.

Community Development Grants

The City is looking for a pool of community representatives to join the Community Development Grant assessment panel for 2020. Panel members assess grant applications and meet to review their choices and make recommendations as to which applicants receive funding. There are three grant rounds throughout the year; the panel will meet after each grant round closes.

If you would like to be involved in the decision-making process, please visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/grants to submit an expression of interest.

And if you’re a community organisation with a great idea that you would love to get off the ground, you may be eligible for a Community Development Grant. Funding of up to $5000 is available for innovative cultural and community activities that promote wellbeing and a sense of belonging in the Subiaco community.

For more, visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/grants. Applications close 4pm Tuesday 31 March.

Have your say

The City of Subiaco is inviting public comment on draft Local Planning Policy – 1.9 Design Review Panel. The purpose of the draft policy is to fulfil the Council’s requirement under Local Planning Scheme No. 5 to prepare and adopt a local planning policy which details the operation of, and matters which will be referred to, the Design Review Panel.

To view the draft policy or for more information, including how to submit your comment, visit www.haveyoursay.subiaco.wa.gov.au.

Comments are to be received by 5pm Monday 20 April.

The following item is still open for consultation:

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Complete the Social Infrastructure Plan survey at www.haveyoursay.subiaco.wa.gov.au/SIP and go in the running to win a $100 voucher to your favourite local restaurant.

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