Vulnerable tenants given much needed rent relief

As part of its COVID-19 relief package, the City offered a rent relief package to vulnerable social and commercial tenants of City-owned buildings to provide practical and real assistance to local businesses and organisations.

Men’s Shed Subiaco was one such social tenant who was offered 12 months’ rent free, making a big difference to the organisation which is an important part of the local community.

Subiaco Community Men’s Shed Secretary Doug Stewart said it would have been a struggle without the rent relief.

Vulnerable commercial tenants were also given rent relief on a case-by-case basis to help them stay afloat.

Red tape cut again to support local businesses

As part of its $4 million COVID-19 relief package the City cut red tape and waived fees on many services, including outdoor dining permit applications.

In order to further support businesses during this unprecedented time, the City will now fast track new outdoor dining permit applications and extend the expiry dates of all current permits.

The additional reduction in red tape should allow more hospitality businesses to comply with the newly introduced 4sqm rule for up to 20 patrons.

“We want to ensure businesses can adapt to the changing environment quickly and help to alleviate some stress during this unprecedented time,” Mayor Penny Taylor said.

Projects fast tracked to support jobs and local economy

The City of Subiaco will fast track more than $2.5 million of capital works projects to help stimulate the economy, support local businesses, benefit the community, and help workers stay employed during COVID-19.

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The City will look at engaging local businesses to complete the work where possible.

National Volunteer Week

The City usually celebrates its dedicated volunteers during National Volunteer Week (Monday 18 May to Sunday 24 May) with a lunch, but this year looked a little different as an online award ceremony was held instead.

The City is very fortunate to have 57 dedicated volunteers who gave over 1000 hours of their time to our community last year, contributing to preserving and sharing local history, planting thousands of trees and native plants, managing a community garden for some of Subiaco’s most disadvantaged residents, delivering books to local aged care facilities, and much more.

Mayor Penny Taylor said: “On behalf of the City of Subiaco, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all our volunteers—you have had a significant impact on the lives of so many people in our community and our City would not be the same without you.”

Artist callout - help spread moments of joy

The City is seeking local artists and performers to spread Moments of Joy across our community. You can apply for funding to deliver unexpected and creative moments.


Community consultation

Cliff Sadler Reserve Living Stream

The City is proposing to install a living stream in the drain outlet at Cliff Sadler Reserve to improve the function and appearance of the existing drain, and would like your comments.

The living stream will have many benefits including flood and erosion control, improving water quality and creating a diverse habitat for wildlife such as frogs. The project will be delivered in partnership with the Water Corporation.

For more information or to comment, visit www.haveyoursay.subiaco.wa.gov.au before Tuesday 8 June 2020.

Bicycle parking facilities

The City of Subiaco is inviting public comment on draft Local Planning Policy – 5.2 Bicycle Parking Facilities (LPP 5.2). The policy is a reviewed and amended version of Local Planning Policy 2.14 – End of Trip Facilities (LPP 2.14). The review of LPP 2.14 responds to the changes in the broader planning framework that have occurred since its adoption in 2009 and to address the needs of people electing to use bicycles as a form of transport.

For more information, to comment, or to view the draft policy, visit www.haveyoursay.subiaco.wa.gov.au before 5pm Friday 12 June 2020.

Apply for a community grant

The City is providing funding for community organisations, not-for-profits and service providers to support social connection, inclusion and resilience in our community during the pandemic. Grants up to $5000 are available and applications are open until Monday 15 June. Find out more on www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/Your-council/Community-support.

Live business list

As of this week, restaurants and cafes can now reopen for dine-in services in a limited capacity. To make it easy to support local during this time, See Subiaco have put together a comprehensive list of Subiaco businesses reopening at www.seesubiaco.com.au, so you can start enjoying delicious meals at your favourite eateries once more.

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