



“The impacts of COVID-19 are going to have a dramatic impact on the day-to-day lives of our community and the operations of the City for some time to come. We have some challenges ahead but we are strong and we will get through this together.” - Mayor Penny Taylor

COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Strategy

The City has prepared a COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Strategy to help guide the recovery of the community during and after this coronavirus pandemic.

Objectives of the strategy include protecting the health and wellbeing of residents, businesses, workers and visitors through non-contact programs; and minimising the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on vulnerable members of our community, community groups, sporting clubs, cultural organisations and our business community.

Mayor Penny Taylor said the City was implementing a range of measures to provide relief to the community and businesses.



Local cycling business is booming

With gyms closed and social restrictions in place, accessible outdoor exercise that you can do solo or with a small group has made a resurgence, in particular – cycling.

Subiaco is blessed with a number of great cycling shops, including Bike Bug on Rokeby Road which has seen a large spike in sales during the COVID crisis, according to owner Clive De Senneville.

Subiaco Mayor Penny Taylor said it was fantastic to see the community supporting these local businesses.

Read the full story, including how you can have your input on a new Bike Plan that will help manage future growth of cycling infrastructure in the City, at www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/news.

Staff redeployed to help community

The City of Subiaco has redeployed more than 20 staff members after its recreation centre and library were forced to close due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The move comes after Local Government Minister David Templeman urged councils to keep staff in jobs and redeploy them where possible to help their communities as well as the economy.

Netball referees, creche assistants, and fitness instructors are among those who have been placed into other teams that have seen a sudden increase in workload due to the crisis.

“They have taken it in their stride and pitched in to help out the rest of the organisation and the community during this time,” CEO Rochelle Lavery said.

“We even have one staff member who has been checking in with vulnerable Lords members, over the age of 65, to help out where she can, which I know our community has really appreciated.”



Community drawings and messages bring joy to hospital workers

King Edward Memorial Hospital received a colourful makeover last week to help bring smiles to the faces of patients, staff and locals during this difficult time, thanks to artist and Subiaco local, Kelly Canby.

Kelly said she hoped the art would help doctors, nurses and all hospital staff see how grateful everyone was for their efforts and that families from all over Subiaco would come down with chalk and leave a thank you message of their own, or paint a rainbow to go in the windows.

Mayor Penny Taylor said: “Our frontline workers are doing an amazing job and we can’t ever thank them enough. I hope this project helps bring a smile to their face during this time.”

Read the full story at www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/news.

Here’s when you can expect to get onto Subiaco oval

Subiaco Oval may be open for general community use much sooner than expected thanks to an interim agreement between the City and DevelopmentWA.

Students at Bob Hawke College started using the oval for outdoor and physical education classes last week and the broader community should have access in the coming weeks.

“During negotiations, the City identified the opportunity to open the oval to the community as an interim measure, while the long-term shared user agreement was being finalised. So we’re also working separately with Development WA to facilitate interim community use in the next few weeks,” CEO Rochelle Lavery said.

The interim user agreement is expected to go to Council for consideration this month. Once finalised, the community will be able to play and exercise on the oval – for the first time.

Mayor Penny Taylor said community use of Subiaco Oval has always been the priority for the City.

Read more at www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/news.

Celebrate Mother’s Day weekend with a walk

This weekend’s See Subi on Sunday free guided walk has been cancelled due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, however, we still encourage you to celebrate Mother’s Day by taking a beautiful walk around our historic leafy City.

You can find various self-guided walking routes at www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/walks including Walking Subiaco – the City Centre, which features Theatre Gardens (the site of Tigers Well camp for tent dwellers), Harvey House (originally the Subiaco Industrial School and Reformatory), KEMH Memorial Garden (a place for quiet reflection), and 1939 KEMH (WA’s largest maternity hospital with art deco façade).

City staff member to raise money for frontline workers

To raise funds for local Perth doctors and nurses working on the COVID-19 frontline, City of Subiaco staff member, Jamie Burton, will be completing a gruelling 500km 24 hour solo cycling challenge this month.

All proceeds will be donated to local café, Wholefood Circus, who will pay his kindness forward to healthcare workers, covering the cost of their coffees and muffins during this difficult time.

If you would like to get involved, you can donate directly to Wholefood Circus (107 Nicholson Road, Shenton Park) – just remember to mention Jamie’s name.

Read the full story at www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/news.

New partnership to contribute to a more sustainable City

The City has joined the Cities Power Partnership (CPP) to help it transition to renewable energy and achieve ambitious carbon reduction targets set out in the recently-endorsed Carbon Reduction Plan.

CPP is Australia’s largest local government climate network and will give the City access to resources and networking opportunities as it moves towards a greener future.

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.

Help inform Subiaco’s bike plan

Have your say on our Bike Plan to help manage future growth of cycling infrastructure in the City. Visit www.haveyoursay.subiaco.wa.gov.au.

Be in the know

Sign up to our Subiaco Snapshot e-newsletter to receive regular updates on matters that affect you. Visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au.

Live business list

It’s never been more important to support local businesses so whether you’re after a takeaway dinner, a much needed haircut, a gift for Mum for Mother’s Day or something in between, look locally first.

An array of City businesses continue to operate in a limited and safe capacity. To view them all visit www.seesubiaco.com.au/live-list.



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