

# SUBI GREENWALKS WALMSLEY LANE

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## Vision

Inspired by Subiaco's rich history and European heritage, Subi Greenwalks explores and animates the fine-grain of Subiaco's high-street through upgrades across a suite of smaller laneways and pedestrian routes.

## Overview

The Walmsley Lane upgrade was the pilot project for Subi Greenwalks. Through the integration of lighting schemes, public art, curated gardenscapes and seating opportunities, the upgrade aimed to improve the walkability experience for pedestrians; support the night time economy by increasing the sense of safety for patrons moving to and from Rokeby Road to carparks; increase canopy coverage and stormwater retention; and enhance the village atmosphere of Subiaco.

## Upgrade features

- » Walmsley Windows – Public Art Project.
- » Vertical and overhead vines.
- » Oversized pots, leafy shrubs, cascading creepers.
- » Catenary lighting.
- » Enhanced public seating opportunities.
- » Removed redundant infrastructure including bollards.



PROJECT CONCEPT



WALMSLEY WINDOWS



STAKEHOLDER  
ENGAGEMENT



DETAILED DESIGN



INSTALLATION  
COMPLETED





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## Frequently asked questions

### Why did the City undertake this upgrade?

The City is investing in a number of upgrades to the public realm in the town centre including Seddon Street, Postal Walk, Forrest Walk, Station Walk and Rokeby Road south. Subi Greenwalks complements these larger upgrades by seeking to improve the amenity of a number of micro-laneways and pedestrian routes that intersect with Rokeby Road. The intent is to utilise a number of design elements to enhance the amenity and functionality of these sites including lighting, softscapes, public art and seating opportunities. Overall the project seeks to enhance Subiaco's sense of place by celebrating its leafy, village atmosphere.

### Why is Walmsley Lane being upgraded first and what other laneways are intended to be upgraded?

Walmsley Lane was identified as suitable for a pilot upgrade due to its strong connectivity to Rokeby Road and local businesses, flowing through to some of Subiaco's more hidden gems and to parking opportunities. A number of other laneways intersecting with Rokeby Road have also been identified for upgrades and, subject to feedback received regarding Walmsley Lane, these will be explored further.

### When was the community consulted about this design?

This project trialled an alternative model of community engagement, made possible by the flexible nature of the design that allows for adjustments and redesigns through the project. The Walmsley Lane upgrade serves as a 'pilot' upgrade. Community engagement through a Have Your Say Subiaco survey is open until Sunday 22 October 2023 to understand how the community feels about the upgrade, how it may have changed patterns of use, and to identify what has worked well and what could be done better. This feedback will then be used to determine if any changes to the approach need to be made, and to inform the next Subi Greenwalks upgrade.

### How do I provide feedback?

You can share your feelings about the upgrade, what you think works well and where you think we could do better on future Subi Greenwalks upgrades.

Provide your feedback through the City's Have Your Say Subiaco website until Sunday 22 October 2023. You can access this through the link below. You can also navigate from this link to view our other latest public space consultation and feedback opportunities.

[www.haveyoursay.subiaco.wa.gov.au/greenwalks](http://www.haveyoursay.subiaco.wa.gov.au/greenwalks)

### What impact will the installation have on local businesses?

The upgrade aimed to improve pedestrian walkability of the space, encouraging people to explore the back streets adjacent to Rokeby Road. This is expected to improve visitor awareness of local business offerings in Subiaco, and increase pedestrian traffic to local businesses located off the main street. The design also aimed to increase the capacity of the space to host events and night-time activations, increasing vibrancy of the space in the evening and boosting the local trade.

### When was the installation completed?

Phase one of the installation occurred in March 2023, with the completion of the Walmsley Windows public artwork. Phase two was installed over August and September 2023, with the final stage completed in September 2023. Each stage was scheduled to minimise impact on businesses and the community and included lighting; a tensioned wire system; pots; plantings; and new seating.

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