



Blooms gifted to Perth's newest mums

Tens of thousands of people visited Subiaco last Mother's Day weekend for the biggest and brightest Subi Blooms x Gather festival to date.

On Monday, once the festival had wrapped up, hundreds of flowers from the 18 floral installations were thoughtfully repurposed into bouquets thanks to volunteers from Recycled Blooms.

The bouquets were lovingly decorated with paintings of flowers by students from Subiaco Primary School, and gifted to new mothers and dedicated hospital staff at King Edward Memorial Hospital and St John of God Subiaco Hospital.

Wrapping up its eighth year, Subi Blooms x Gather's jam-packed program this year featured globally renowned florist Bryce Heyworth of September Studio, and The Light Within, a giant illuminated public artwork by Matthew Aberline and The Beautiful and Useful Studio.

This year, the trail was lit up with a new after-dark experience by Festoon and Lotterywest, transforming the town centre into a floral wonderland at every hour of the weekend.

Mayor David McMullen said the festival's evolution places it firmly as a highlight on the City's events calendar.

"Subi Blooms continues to grow each year, and 2026 has been our most dynamic and popular season yet. We've seen Subiaco come alive with colour, creativity, and connection, with significant numbers of visitors coming into our City to enjoy the occasion."

Subi Blooms is presented by See Subiaco, a City of Subiaco initiative.

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

Calling young writers

The City of Subiaco's youth writing award, which is now in its 34th year, is returning in 2026 as the Western Australian Young Writers Award.

This award recognises the innovation, creativity, and originality of young writers across the state, and is open to all Western Australian school students from years one to twelve.

Submissions are set to open on Friday 12 July. Stay tuned on the City's website and Facebook page for more information, including a sneak peek at the series of writing workshops that will be on offer at Subiaco Library in the lead-up to the award.

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

Panel to raise awareness

On Thursday 28 May, Subiaco Library will host a panel of experienced professionals to discuss elder abuse awareness, an important topic to many of our community members.

The session will focus not only on awareness, but on building confidence, understanding your rights, and making informed decisions that support independence and wellbeing.

Learn more about the event and book your spot via www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/events.

Live from Sydney

Subiaco Library will be livestreaming 11 Sydney Writers' Festival events over four days – free of charge!

Highlights in this year's line-up include a 'State of the Art' talk with some of this year's Booker Prized shortlisted writers and winners, a conversation with Antoinette Lattouf, and 'Great Adaptations'; a behind-the-scenes look at the adaptation process from page to screen.

View the full line-up of events and reserve your spot at www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/events.

Spotlight on shutterbugs

The City's Photographic Awards are back for 2026 with a new judge; the award-winning Garry Sarre, who joins a judging panel of Subiaco-based photographers.

There are four categories in the award; Nature; People and Portraits; Open; and AI; and this year, more than \$5000 of prize money will be awarded across a range of categories.

Mayor David McMullen said, "The awards provide a unique opportunity for photographers of all ages and different skill levels to share their unique perspective through a lens. I encourage anyone with a passion for photography to get involved this year."

To submit your best photos, visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/awards.



UPCOMING EVENTS

19
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Coffee Club

Tuesday 19 May, 10am to 11am
Claire's Café, 375D Roberts Road
Free

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Craft Club

Wednesday 20 May, 9.30am to 12.30pm
Subiaco Library, 237 Rokeby Road
Free

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Seated Ballet

Thursday 21 May (weekly),
11.30am to 12.15pm
Shenton Park Community Centre,
240 Onslow Road
\$10

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Move Fit Dance Class

Friday 22 May (weekly), 11am to 12pm
Shenton Park Community Centre,
240 Onslow Road
\$10

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Power Up with Dake Pilkey

Sunday 24 May, 10am to 11am
Subiaco Library, 237 Rokeby Road
(live-stream)
Free

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Elder Abuse Awareness Panel

Thursday 28 May, 10am to 12pm
Subiaco Library, 237 Rokeby Road
Free

To view all upcoming events, visit
www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/events.

Have your say on a greener Hay

The City is set to deliver a series of staged 'greening' upgrades along Hay Street to create a safer, greener, and more welcoming place for everyone.

The Hay Street Greening project aims to increase tree canopy and diversity, and create opportunities for additional landscaping, street furniture, and other public amenities. The upgrades will be carried out alongside essential bus stop improvements by the Public Transport Authority.

To review the draft plans and have your say, visit www.haveyoursay.subiaco.wa.gov.au/hay-greening by Sunday 31 May 2026.

Online services 24/7

Did you know you can access a wide range of City services online? These include requesting a new bin size, making a rates payment, tree pruning services and pet registration and renewal. Visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/online-services.

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