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Community feedback on the new civic building and gardens

After more than three months of consultation, the City thanks the community for their feedback on the concept design for a new civic building and gardens.

The concept design was developed to give the community and Council something tangible to respond to, and to help shape what comes next. Feedback reflected strong interest in retaining trees and green space, respecting heritage and sense of place, providing accessible community amenities, and ensuring the project represents long-term value for money.

All feedback will be independently analysed and presented to Council to inform future decision-making.

For more information, visit civicprecinct.subiaco.wa.gov.au.

Local clubs score **sports development grants**

Three local sports clubs have received funding through the City's sport development grants, supporting them to deliver inclusive projects and programs that promote wellbeing and a sense of belonging to the City's community.

The recent successful recipients are Daglish Tennis Club, Western Suburbs Cricket Club, and Rosalie Touch Association. Projects supported through the grants include new sporting equipment, plus governance and volunteer workshops designed to strengthen club operations and reduce pressure on volunteers.

For more information about sport development grants, visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/news.



"Our sport development grants, and wider community grants program, are all about strengthening community connection and belonging. By supporting local clubs, we help them to keep doing what they do – providing opportunities for local people to get involved and get active."

~ Mayor David McMullen



Ada Street in Subiaco has been transformed with new greenery, shade, and traffic-calming features as part of the City's ongoing work to create cooler, safer, and more liveable streets.

Running between Redfern and Heytesbury Streets, the project includes new trees, Australian native plantings, garden beds in verges, and stormwater capture to reduce runoff. New seating and a bird nesting box have also been installed, while existing mature trees have been retained and protected.

By increasing shade, the project helps reduce summertime temperatures and combat the urban heat island effect. The concept design was developed in collaboration with nearby residents, following community consultation in May 2024.

"The completed Ada Street project shows how thoughtful greening can cool our streets, support biodiversity, and create more welcoming neighbourhoods. It sits within the City's ongoing program of street upgrades, including the Hay Street greening project, and Subi Streets – which will produce the blueprint for making streets and laneways into more versatile community spaces across our City."

~ Mayor David McMullen

Subi Blooms to light up Mother's Day weekend

Subiaco will bloom with colour, creativity, and light this Mother's Day weekend (8–10 May) as Subi Blooms x Gather returns with more than 12 floral installations.

Following the theme 'Flora Aurora', the much-loved event will celebrate the meeting of blooms and sunshine, bursting with radiant colour by day and, for the first time, glowing after dark. Visitors are invited to experience Subi Blooms in a whole new light as select installations illuminate from sunset, transforming streets and spaces into an immersive botanical art trail.

From 17 April–10 May, visitors can also experience *The Light Within* by artist Matthew Aberline with the Beautiful and Useful Studio – a striking inflatable floral art landscape scattered throughout Market Square Park that comes alive after dark.

In 2025, Subi Blooms x Gather was awarded gold in the Festivals and Events category at the Perth Airport Western Australian Tourism Awards – come along and see why.

Plan your visit and explore the full program at seesubiaco.com.au/subiblooms.



Subi Spritz brings la dolce vita to Subiaco

Subiaco will once again transform into a slice of Southern Europe when Subi Spritz returns from 26–29 March, serving up four days of food, wine, music, and culture across Subiaco and Shenton Park.

With more than 20 events on the program, visitors can expect open-air bars, laneway dining, culinary crawls, outdoor cinema, and pop-up activations. Much loved favourites like the Conti Roll Contest will return, alongside fresh new experiences.

The festival also features a range of free entry events. See highlights below.

The Kiosk at Forrest Walk

4.30pm to 9pm, 26–28 March
Forrest Walk | 18+

A relaxed aperitivo-style pop-up serving spritzes and wines, with DJs soundtracking long, European-inspired evenings.

Espresso Disco pres. SPINS FM

10am to 1pm, Sunday 29 March
Forrest Walk | All ages

A high-energy morning session combining Italo-disco grooves, expertly brewed coffee, and community vibes to kick-start the day.

Euro Sunday Sesh

12pm to 5pm, Sunday 29 March
FOUND Brewing | 18+

A chef-led Mediterranean afternoon featuring spritzes, beers, wines, and DJs spinning Italian, European disco, funk, and Balearic sounds.

View the full program and book tickets at subispritz.com.au.

Final weeks for Subi Night Market

There's still time to enjoy the magic of Subi Night Market before the season wraps up on Saturday 25 April. Held from 5pm to 9pm every Saturday evening at Market Square Park, the market brings together global street food, market stalls, live entertainment, and a lively pop-up bar in a vibrant outdoor setting.

With something for all ages, Subi Night Market offers an easy way to spend a Saturday night.

Visit subinightmarket.com.au for details.



What's on in Subi?



ANZAC Day services in Subiaco and Shenton Park

All are invited to attend free ANZAC Day services in Subiaco and Shenton Park to commemorate those who served and sacrificed.

Shenton Park service

7am, Saturday 25 April
Shenton Park Community Centre

Subiaco service

Proceedings will begin with an 8am march from the Subiaco Post Office, followed by an 8.15am ceremony at the Subiaco Fallen Soldiers Memorial.

Harmony Under the Stars at Subi Night Market

5pm, Saturday 21 March | Market Square | Free

Celebrate Harmony Day with an outdoor movie night and cultural festivities as part of the Subi Night Market. Families can enjoy a screening of feature film *My Neighbour Totoro* alongside a range of cultural activities and performances that celebrate diversity, inclusion, and shared stories. Register at www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/events.



New seated ballet classes launch in Shenton Park

11.15am to 12pm, fortnightly each Thursday
Shenton Park Community Centre | \$10 per class

New chair-based ballet classes are now available, offering a gentle and accessible way to stay active. Delivered by Ballet4Wellbeing, the seated classes focus on graceful, flowing movements set to classical music, allowing participants to move safely and comfortably. No previous dance experience is required, and all movements can be modified to meet a range of physical needs.

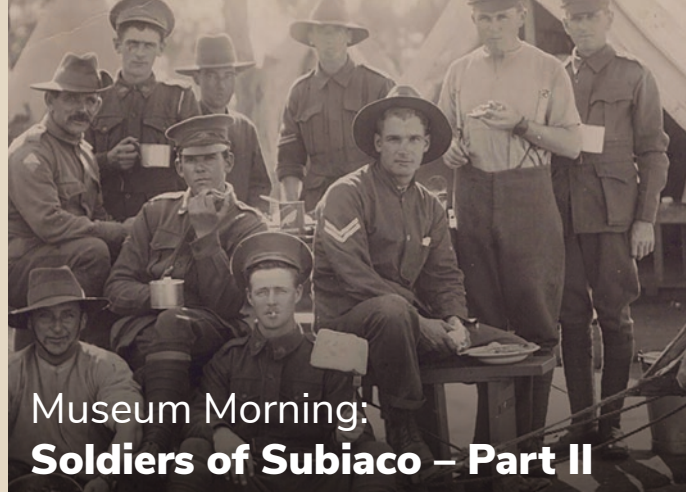
No bookings required.



Friday Film Club at Subiaco Library

6pm to 9pm, Friday 6 March and Friday 1 May
Subiaco Library | Free

Film lovers and the film-curious alike are invited to settle in for world cinema and conversation at Friday Film Club. Sessions are facilitated by WAAPA film academic Dr Damien Spiccia and feature a curated international film followed by a relaxed post-screening discussion. The club aims to foster media literacy, cultural exchange, and community connection in an inclusive environment. Whether you're a seasoned cinephile or new to world cinema, attend and join the conversation. Aimed at those aged 18 to 50 years old.



Museum Morning: Soldiers of Subiaco – Part II

10.30am to 11.30am, Thursday 2 April
Subiaco Museum | Free

This 'Museum Morning' talk continues the exploration of local wartime stories, focusing on how the World War One affected families across the City. Using the soldiers of Olive Street as one powerful example, the session uncovers stories of those who enlisted, those who did not return, and the families left behind.

Museum Morning: How to Read a Dress

10.30am to 11.30am, Thursday 7 May
Subiaco Museum | Free

Discover how fashion tells stories of identity, change, and community history. This session invites attendees to view some of the museum's most fragile garments and learn how clothing can be 'read' as historical documents. Through style, fabric, and form, the talk explores how clothing reflects shifting roles and aspirations in Subiaco's past.



See Subi on Sunday explores Mabel's Table

1.30pm, Sunday 10 May | Mabel Talbot Park | Free

Join the May edition of 'See Subi on Sunday' for a reflective walk coinciding with Mother's Day. Starting and finishing at the corner of Jolimont Terrace and Jersey Street near Henderson Park Oval, the walk explores the legacy of Mabel Talbot, the first President of the Tree Society. Her work helped transform the area from a semi-permanent wetland into the much-loved parkland enjoyed today.



Photographic Awards entries open soon

The City of Subiaco's Photographic Awards return in 2026, inviting photographers across the Perth metropolitan area to submit their work. Entries open from Monday 4 May until 4pm Sunday 7 June, with a total prize pool of more than \$5000 in cash and prizes on offer. For entry details, visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/awards.

Youth Week 2026 brings fun, food, and free events

Youth Week returns in April with two free events.

Movie night

5pm, Saturday 11 April
Market Square

Festivities kick off with a movie night at Subi Night Market, featuring performances by young musicians from School of Rock Perth, food trucks, crafts, free popcorn, and a film.

Laser tag

6pm, Friday 17 April
Subiaco Library

The fun continues with laser tag at the library, offering free food, multiple rounds of laser tag, and a variety of games.



Register at www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/events.



Calling young artists: Shaun Tan Award entries open

Entries are now open for the 2026 Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists, celebrating the imagination and creativity of Western Australian students in Years 1 to 12. The award recognises innovation in visual storytelling, with entries open from Friday 24 April to Monday 18 May. To support entrants, Subiaco Library will host a Q&A with Shaun Tan via Zoom in March and creative workshops in April. For details and entry information, visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/events.



Pipe bands take over Subiaco Oval

The sound of bagpipes will fill Subiaco Oval when the Australian Pipe Band Championships march into town on Saturday 11 April 2026, marking the first time in 30 years the event has been held in Western Australia.

Audiences can expect a spectacular 'battle of the bands', with hundreds of bagpipers and drummers performing across multiple grades and categories. Pipe bands will travel from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, and Singapore to compete alongside six Western Australian bands.

The event also doubles as a Highland Gathering, featuring traditional Highland Games such as caber tossing, hammer throws, and tug-o-war, alongside Scottish Country Dancing and stallholders showcasing Scottish arts and crafts. Proudly supported by the City of Subiaco, the championships promise a full day of music, culture, and colour.

Find out ore at seesubiaco.com.au/whats-on.

Women's self-defence workshops announced

A series of women's self-defence workshops will be held at Subiaco PCYC (450 Rokeby Road, Shenton Park), offering a practical introduction to simple, direct, and effective self-defence techniques.

Facilitated by WestStar Martial Arts, the workshops aim to build confidence in a safe and supportive environment for women of all ages.

Sessions will be held from 1pm to 2.30pm on Saturday 7 March, Saturday 2 May, and Saturday 6 June. Demand for the workshops has been strong, with previous sessions fully booked.

Registrations are essential via www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/events.



Subi Kids Crew calls for new members

Subi Kids Crew (SKC) is inviting children aged 7 to 11 to join a fun and engaging program designed to build confidence, leadership, and civic awareness.

Through hands-on activities, SKC members learn how local government works while developing teamwork and communication skills. Over the years, participants have taken part in projects such as tree planting, children's book shadow judging, and recycling initiatives; making a real contribution to their community.



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Stories revealed through Subiaco's treasured objects

Subiaco Museum is marking its 50th anniversary with 50 Objects, 50 Years, a special exhibition showcasing some of the most intriguing items from the City's 15,000-piece collection.

The exhibition brings together everyday objects and rare artefacts to tell the stories of the people, moments, and routines that have shaped the City over time. Highlights selected by Museum staff include a finely crafted black silk mourning dress from the early 1900s, a child's leather boot uncovered during suburban garden works, and a drumstick linked to the Subiaco Municipal Band, once a fixture of local life.

Other standouts range from a handmade wooden wheelbarrow used by early residents to an ornate commemorative dinner gong marking the switching on of Subiaco's electric lights in 1903. Together, these objects offer an intimate window into the suburb's social, cultural, and civic history.

The exhibition closes at the end of March. You can also browse the collection online. For more information, visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/museum.

New pocket park opens on Bagot Road

The former Subiaco Community Centre site has been transformed into a new pocket park, now open to the public. Drawing from community consultation, the pocket park was designed as a green, shady retreat in the heart of the City's busy commercial precinct.

A key feature of the park is its water-wise design. An intentionally graded swale collects runoff from the surrounding footpaths naturally irrigating vegetation and lowering overall water use.

Other environmentally conscious elements include solar-powered lighting, native plantings, retained mature trees, and a bird watering station.

An integrated public art installation by Noongar Visual Artist, Elder, and Cultural Consultant Sandra Hill – alongside Ceramic Artist Jenny Dawson – and created with Subiaco Primary School students, will be installed later this year. The artwork is titled *Nanninup*, meaning 'a place to stop and rest'.



New businesses



@pilates 24/7 Subiaco

1/531 Hay Street, Subiaco

This new studio offers premium reformer Pilates, mat classes, and Peloton bikes, with 24/7 access designed to fit around busy schedules.

McNally's Irish Pub

88 Rokeby Road, Subiaco

Recently opened on Rokeby Road, McNally's Irish Pub is serving classic Irish fare and drinks in a beautifully renovated space with a welcoming alfresco deck.



Vesla Studio

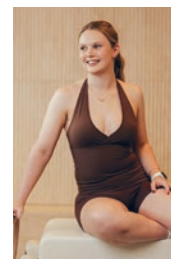
39 Bishop Street, Jolimont

A Nordic-inspired wellness studio featuring a spacious Finnish sauna, cold and warm plunges, and integrated yoga and Pilates classes, with memberships and casual sessions available.

Sola Pilates

385 Rokeby Road, Subiaco

A modern, self-led Pilates studio offering flexible reformer classes guided via individual screens, allowing participants to move at their own pace within booked times.



Get social in Subi!

The silly season might be over, but there's no shortage of lively events to fill your social calendar and keep the good times going. Here are a few of our must-do events.

SEE SUBIACO



Subi Night Market

Every Saturday until 25 April | 5pm – 9pm | Market Square Park

Don't miss your last chance to catch the Subi Night Market for the season! Enjoy global street cuisines, market stalls, a pop-up bar, and live entertainment in a buzzing outdoor setting for all ages. Consider your Saturday night plans sorted! Find out more at subinightmarket.com.au.



Pre Loved Market

15 March | 11am – 3pm | Seddon Street

Perth's favourite vintage market returns to Subiaco. Browse pre-loved streetwear, sustainable fashion, jewellery, vinyl, and more from over 100 curated stallholders, with DJs bringing the vibes. BYO tote and hunt for a unique find – it's sustainable shopping at its best. Find out more at prelovedclothingmarket.com.au.



Subi Spritz

26 – 29 March | Various venues

Subi Spritz will transport you to Southern Europe this autumn, minus the plane ticket. With 20+ events across multiple venues, expect Euro-inspired bites and sips, alfresco dining, open-air bars, culinary crawls, a conti roll contest, outdoor cinema, and so much more. Find out more at subispritz.com.au.



Subi Blooms x Gather

8 – 10 May | Various locations

The much-loved Subi Blooms is back for Mother's Day weekend with 12+ floral installations in Subiaco. This year's theme, 'Flora Aurora', brings bold colour by day – and, for the first time, illuminated blooms after dark. Plus, from 17 April – 10 May, you can experience *The Light Within* by artist Matthew Aberline with the Beautiful and Useful Studio, a stunning inflatable floral art landscape scattered throughout Market Square Park that lights up after dark. Find out more at seesubiaco.com.au/subiblooms.

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