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Meet your **new Council**

Local government elections took place in October, with Mayor David McMullen and two Elected Members commencing new four-year terms, two new Elected Members joining the Council, and a new Deputy Mayor, Councillor Rick Powell, elected.

Meet your new community representatives below and find out their favourite things about our beautiful City.

For Councillor contact details, visit **www.subiaco.wa.gov.au**.

Mayor
David McMullen | *Term ends 2029*

"I'm optimistic to be starting another term as Mayor – joined by this group of eight Councillors – as we build on all of the work that has been put in and continue the culture and ways of doing business that have been established by Council and staff these last few years."

Central Ward

"Subiaco has a wonderful 21st-century village feel."

Penny O'Connor | *Term ends 2029*

"I value the City's strong community village feel."

Nicola Johnston | *Term ends 2027*

East Ward

"I love to walk our streets, stopping to chat with friends, old and new."

Mark Burns | *Term ends 2027*

"Subiaco is a welcoming community where people know each other."

Brigitte Pine | *Term ends 2029*

North Ward

"Our community is forward-looking and full of opportunity."

Rosemarie de Vries | *Term ends 2029*

"I love that Subiaco feels welcoming and intimate."

Russell Jones | *Term ends 2027*

South Ward

"Lake Jualbup is the jewel of the City."

Rick Powell | *Term ends 2027*

"I love watching the sunrise over Lake Jualbup."

Danny Fyffe | *Term ends 2029*

City celebrates **award wins**

The City has recently been recognised for excellence in communications, tourism, and events. The Communications and Engagement team received silver at the Golden Target Awards, and SubiPoP won Best Main Street Streetscape and Design. At the WA Tourism Awards, Subi Blooms x Gather took out gold, and the City received silver for Excellence in Local Government Tourism.

Tribunal backs **heritage on Hay Street**

The State Administrative Tribunal has upheld the City's refusal of demolition at 424–428 Hay Street, confirming that demolition in this heritage area requires City approval.

"This site has significant potential. We want to see high-quality development that celebrates, rather than destroys, the heritage in the existing buildings. Our community values its local heritage and developers have a responsibility not to ignore that."

~ Mayor David McMullen

Cover image: The newly unveiled Mueller Park upgrades include a brand new playground, barbecue, water fountain, and shade upgrades.

sunset@subi returns for its 38th season

The City's much-loved sunset@subi concert series returns this summer, bringing free live music to Lake Jualbup and Market Square for the 38th year.

Running every Sunday evening from 21 December 2025 to 1 February 2026 (excluding 28 December), the series features an exciting lineup of performers across a range of genres – from festive favourites to jazz, Britpop, and disco.

Bring a picnic and settle in from 6pm to 8pm. Each show is family-friendly, with Auslan interpreters available at every concert. There's also an on-site dessert van if you're craving coffee or something sweet.

Event Details

Christmas concert	21 December	Lake Jualbup
Adam Hall and the Velvet Playboys	4 January	Lake Jualbup
Shut Down Turn Off – The Little River Band Tribute	11 January	Lake Jualbup
Catherine Summers – Best of British	18 January	Market Square
The Basilios	25 January	Market Square
Boogie Lover Band	1 February	Market Square

For more details, visit **www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/concerts**.

Subiaco sparkles with **Christmas cheer**

'tis the SEEson for Christmas in Subiaco! From twinkling lights to festive drinks and family fun, there's plenty to enjoy this festive season.

From 20 November to 31 December, explore the Subiaco Twilight Trail – an enchanting journey of light installations and interactive displays – or join the treasure hunt for prizes. Follow the Christmas Cocktail Trail from 28 November for exclusive creations from Subi's best bars, and enjoy the Subi Night Market each Saturday in Market Square from 5pm to 9pm.

At Subiaco Library, post your letters to Santa from Monday 1 December and receive a reply from the North Pole every Tuesday (final delivery 23 December). Children under five can meet Santa and his elf at Christmas Storytime on Tuesday 9 December, while older kids can get creative at Christmas Crafternoon sessions from 15 to 17 December.

For more holiday fun, head to **seesubiaco.com.au/christmas** and **www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/events**.

Christmas Day **Community Lunch**

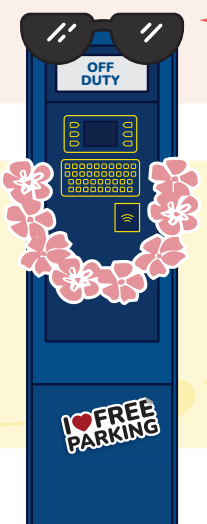
The City is once again supporting the Christmas Day Community Lunch, hosted by Subi Church. Come along and celebrate with new and old friends, enjoy a three-course Christmas lunch, and sing along to your favourite carols.

To RSVP or learn more, visit **www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/events**.

Free parking all weekend and after 5pm on weeknights

Heading out in Subiaco? Enjoy free parking on weekends and after 5pm on weekdays – perfect for dinners, shows, and festive shopping. With more than 10,000 bays available across the City, including SubiPark carparks and on-street parking, there's always a convenient spot.

Plan your visit and explore the map at **www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/freeparking**.



What's on in Subi?

For event details and registration, visit **www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/events**.

December

Triple P Workshop: Positive Parenting for Children with Disability

6pm to 8pm, Friday 5 December
Subiaco Library | Free

Discover positive parenting principles and strategies for carers of children (up to 12) with additional needs.

October

Nothing About Us, Without Us art exhibition

10am to 1pm,
Saturday 6 December
Subiaco Arts Centre | Free

A community exhibition showcasing works by emerging and mid-career artists with disability, promoting inclusion through art.

January

Cultural Storytime series

Various dates, January
Subiaco Library | Free

Enjoy storytime sessions in Spanish, Mandarin, and Italian to celebrate cultural diversity and promote LOTE learning for children and families.

February

Friday Film Club

6pm, first Friday each month
Subiaco Library | Free

From 6 February, join WAAPA film academic Dr Damien Spicca for monthly film screenings and lively post-film discussions.

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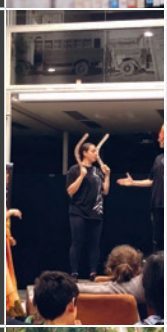

Cultural Storytelling for Kids

Various dates, February
Subiaco Library | Free

Children aged 7–12 can enjoy a storytelling performance by Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company and Barking Gecko Arts, then create and share their own stories in person or using the library's podcasting gear.

February

Community Connect Expo

8.30am to 11.30am, Saturday 21 February
Palms Community Centre | Free

Meet your neighbours and local community groups, learn about local services, and enjoy free family activities at this inaugural expo.

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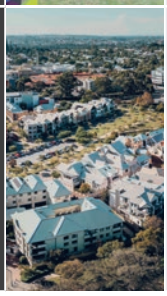


Build your Neighbourhood craft and display

Monday 5 January – Monday 2 February
Subiaco Library | Free

Create your own 3D paper buildings to add to a growing community display at the library and watch the Subi neighbourhood evolve over time.

Craig Silvey Award winners announced

The 2025 Craig Silvey Award for Young Writers attracted more than 1180 entries from students across Western Australia, including regional areas such as Broome, Narrogin, and Pemberton. Congratulations to Daglish local Caleb Kameron, who took out the overall prize for the second time.

Category winners:

Lower Primary: Hans Teo
Middle Primary: Caleb Kameron
Upper Primary: Felix Calautti
Lower Secondary: Shaun Toor
Upper Secondary: Misha Anwar

Photographic Awards celebrate local talent

A record 1250 photographs were entered into the 2025 Photographic Awards, which featured two new categories: People and Portrait and Nature.

Congratulations to Andrea Cotumaccio, who received the overall prize at this year's ceremony.

Category winners:

Overall: Andrea Cotumaccio
Open: Vincenzo Avallone
Nature: Donald Chin
People and Portraits: Samantha de Souza
AI: Tomasz Sobkow
Youth: Oliver Tomkins
Kids: Cameron Pedersen
Resident: Paul Harrison

Special exhibit for **Subiaco Museum's 50th**

Subiaco Museum celebrated its golden anniversary with a special event featuring past and present curators and a preview of its new exhibition: 50 Objects, 50 Years. The exhibition highlights 50 key items from the museum's 15,000-strong collection and runs until early 2026.

SEAT supporting rough sleepers

The Salvation Army's Subiaco Engagement and Assessment Team (SEAT), known for their weekly walk-in support centre at The Third Place since 2023, have extended their services. A new weekly roving assertive outreach service commenced in September, connecting with rough sleepers across the City every Tuesday from 11am to 3pm. The service includes direct, place-based responses which provide food, clothing, sleeping items, referrals, advocacy, information, and advice.

New walking tours to explore **Subiaco's arts scene**

Local tour company Oh Hey WA, with support from See Subiaco, has launched a new series of guided walking tours from October 2025 to May 2026. Whether you're into food, family fun or creative culture, there's a tour to match your interests.

All tours are accessible and comfortably paced, offering an enjoyable way to see the best of Subiaco on foot. To book, visit **ohheywa.com.au/subiaco-art-walking-tours**.

Shape the future of **Subiaco Library**

Take part in our 2025 Public Libraries Evaluation Network (PLEN) survey to help guide future services and improvements.

Scan the QR code to have your say or visit **www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/library**.

Lords levels up

We've pumped up our gym offering with brand-new, top-of-the-line cardio machines and two powerhouse additions to the strength floor. Whether you're smashing a new PB or just getting started, Lords has your workout covered. Don't forget, your full access membership allows you to enjoy our group fitness classes, heated pool, and relaxing sauna.

Where fitness meets community

Become a member today

City achieves carbon neutral status for fifth year

The City of Subiaco has once again achieved Carbon Neutral Certification (for the 2023-24 financial year) – marking five years as a certified carbon neutral organisation.

This achievement is a key target of the City's Climate Change Response Plan (CCRP), which outlines five ambitious goals for reducing corporate greenhouse gas emissions.

Since 2019, the City has reduced its total corporate carbon emissions by 40 per cent. This is significant progress and the result of actions such as switching to renewable electricity, installing energy-efficient systems, transitioning the City's light fleet to electric vehicles, and phasing out natural gas.

The CCRP reflects the City's continued commitment to sustainability and climate leadership.

Book your **green waste collection**

The City's new pre-booked, on-demand green waste service gives you the flexibility to schedule collections to suit your gardening needs.

Residents are entitled to two free green waste collections per year, with additional collections available for a fee. The new model replaces scheduled verge collections, which previously accounted for less than five per cent of all green waste – most of which is now handled through weekly FOGO bins.

To book your green waste pickup, visit **www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/waste**.

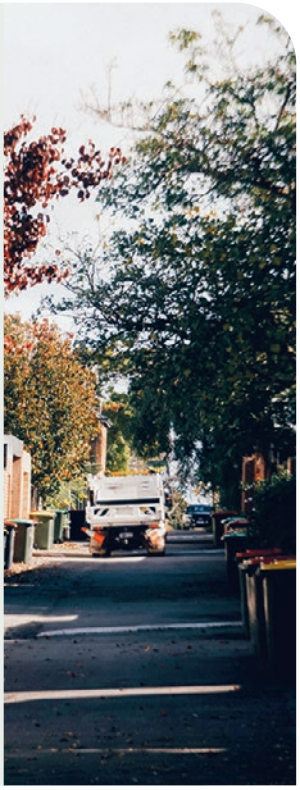
Prepare now for **fire season**

Fire season in the City of Subiaco runs from 1 November 2025 to 31 March 2026, and residents are encouraged to take steps now to reduce fire risks around their properties.

Dry vegetation can present a serious hazard during the warmer months. To stay safe:

- keep grass trimmed to under 5cm
- prune trees and shrubs near structures
- clear leaves and debris from roofs and gutters.

Acting early helps protect your home and community.



In the **know**

News delivered to you

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Visit **www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/online-services**.

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West Tech Fest coming to Subiaco

Subiaco will host its first-ever West Tech Fest satellite event this December, thanks to a new partnership between Startup WA and the City of Subiaco.

Subi Sundowner: Startups on Tap will take place on Monday 8 December at FOUND from 5.30pm to 9pm. The event will connect attendees with leaders in the tech, innovation, and start-up space, with panel discussions, founder stories, and networking opportunities.

West Tech Fest is Australia's longest running innovation festival and draws global thought leaders each year. The Subi Sundowner builds on local momentum following the recent Plus Eight Demo Night at the Regal Theatre.

For more, visit **westtechfest.com.au**.

Help shape the **new civic building and gardens**

The City's Civic Precinct – home to the library, museum, Council Chambers, Rankin Gardens, and more – is a cherished local landmark that has served the community for more than 100 years.

Now, the City is planning for its future. The Civic Precinct is set to undergo a once-in-a-generation redevelopment – and we want your help to shape it.

Residents are encouraged to share their thoughts on both indoor and outdoor community spaces, including the garden area surrounding the new civic building.

Have your say at
haveyoursay.subiaco.wa.gov.au/civic-precinct

Subi Streets: community helping shape our future

The City's Subi Streets initiative is reimagining how every street and laneway in Subiaco looks, feels, and functions – aiming to create spaces that are safer, greener, and more welcoming.

A Community Reference Group is helping guide the project, with members contributing ideas through a visioning session and a recent 'walkshop' exploring the Healthy Streets Approach.

Insights gathered from community drop-in session and online surveys, as well as meetings with local businesses are helping shape a Movement and Place Framework that will set the direction for Subiaco's future streetscapes.

New businesses

Quello Bar

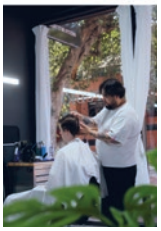
10A Rokeby Rd, Subiaco

Sitting pretty on the corner of Roberts and Rokeby roads, Quello Bar brings coffee, cocktails, and a delicious all-day menu to Subiaco's thriving dining scene.

Sanctum Studio

375A Roberts Rd, Subiaco

Located within the ONE Subiaco precinct, Sanctum Studio offers traditional barbering with a modern edge – including haircuts, beard trims, and buzzcuts.



Cavania

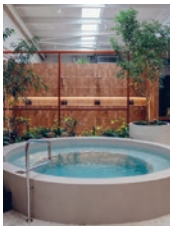
29 Rokeby Rd, Subiaco

A charming boutique offering curated gifts, homewares, fashion, and lifestyle finds from across Australia – perfect for a browse or unique gift.

Nautical Bowls

17/29 Station St, Subiaco

Fresh acai and superfood bowls, loaded with crunchy toppings and house-made nut butters, are now being served daily at this health-focused eatery.



Vesla Studio

39 Bishop St, Jolimont

A Nordic-inspired wellness destination offering sauna, ice plunge, and movement sessions designed to restore balance and wellbeing.

Dive into summer with Subi!

Dreaming of endless sunny days and balmy nights? Subi's social calendar will see you through the warmer days! Immerse yourself in a vibrant lineup of events guaranteed to inspire and delight.

SEE SUBIACO

Subi Night Market

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

Subi Night Market transforms Market Square into a charming European village under the stars every Saturday evening throughout summer. Indulge in mouth-watering street food, artisan market stalls and a buzzing pop-up bar - while immersing yourself in an array of vibrant cultural and arts performances and outdoor movies throughout the season.
Find out more at **subinightmarket.com.au**.

'tis the SEEson for Christmas in Subiaco

20 November – 31 December | Various times and locations

Subiaco sparkles this festive season with experiences for everyone to enjoy. Stroll the Subiaco Twilight Trail and discover breathtaking light installations brought to life with augmented reality, plus a treasure hunt with prizes to be won. Then, toast to the season with the Christmas Cocktail Trail, where Subi's best bars are serving up exclusive festive cocktails throughout December.
Find out more at **www.seesubiaco.com.au/christmas**.

Art Walking Tours with Oh Hey WA

Until 10 May 2026 | Various dates and times

See Subiaco like never before with Oh Hey WA's Art Walking Tours. Explore Subiaco's hidden laneways, best bars, vibrant murals and the stories behind the street art on these guided walking tours. Perfectly aligned with seasonal highlights like Christmas, Fringe World Festival, Subi Spritz and Subi Blooms, each tour offers something new right through to May 2026.
Find out more at **ohheywa.com.au/subiaco-art-walking-tours**.

Subilicious

21 January – 15 February 2026 | Various times and locations

Fringe World Festival 2026 is bringing a knockout lineup of hit performances and unforgettable entertainment to Subiaco. Discover a range of events - from theatre and music to comedy, circus, and everything in between - hosted at some of Subi's best live entertainment venues including Subiaco Arts Centre, alongside quirky pop-up performances at Subi Night Market. Subilicious is serving up a fantastic feast of Fringe-y fun you won't want to miss!
Find out more at **fringeworld.com.au**.

FOR MORE LOCAL EVENTS, VISIT SEESUBIACO.COM.AU

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