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New online services launching

New online services are launching over the coming months, making it easier to access the services you need, when you need them. These include applications, registrations, and rates payments – which will be available to residents and businesses 24/7, on any device. You can still call us or drop in to chat to our friendly staff in person.

Get the latest information at **www.subiaco.wa.gov.au**.

City achieves Gold **Waterwise** recognition

The City of Subiaco has achieved Gold Waterwise Council status from the Water Corporation for the ninth consecutive year, recognising its long-standing commitment to water conservation and environmental sustainability.

As one of the first councils to achieve gold recognition in 2016, Subiaco has maintained its leadership position since becoming a waterwise council in 2011.

The City's proactive efforts to improve waterway health and restore natural assets include a range of initiatives that boost water quality and reduce invasive species. These include the Waterwise Verge Rebate Program, eco-zoned park gardens, the Cliff Sadlier Park living stream, floating islands at Subiaco Common Lake, and innovative greening projects such as the Duke Street raingardens.

Visit **www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/news** for more information.

"Our ongoing Gold status as a Waterwise Council recognises a firm track record of sustainable water management practices. This is becoming increasingly important as climate change impacts our water supplies. Our actions today directly impact the future of our environment. It's important that we continue to show leadership in this space by putting sustainability at the forefront of our decision making."

~ Mayor David McMullen

Safe Active Street project launched

Shenton Park residents and visitors are now enjoying safer, more accessible and attractive travel routes thanks to the the Safe Active Street project, which has delivered new low speed road environments across Evans Street, Excelsior Street, and Keightley Road. The upgrades include raised plateaus, coloured asphalt, widened footpaths, and improved signage. Over the coming six months, the City will undertake work to understand the impact of the project and its success.

Help shape Subi streets

Subi Streets is a City-wide initiative that will create a long-term blueprint for how every street and laneway in the City looks, feels, and functions over the next decade and beyond.

This winter, the City is consulting the community to shape the project's vision and principles, with the development of detailed frameworks to follow. Learn more at **www.haveyoursay.subiaco.wa.gov.au.**

Lower speed limits for **safer roads**

Speed limits are set to reduce from 50km/h to 40km/h on local residential and some distributor roads, following Council's endorsement of a city-wide speed reduction plan that's part of a joint proposal across several inner-city local governments. A successful trial by the City of Vincent has shown that lower speeds reduce crash rates, promote walking and cycling, and boost community satisfaction with minimal impact on travel times. Find out more at **www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/news**.

"Projects like these – and others in the City's pipeline – complement each other. They reflect the City's commitment to designing streets that are not only safer, more sustainable transport routes for all road users; streets should also be enjoyable public spaces too. Whether it's through lower speed limits, upgraded infrastructure, or long-term planning, we're working to create spaces that support active (human powered) travel, and a healthy way of life for our community."

~ Mayor David McMullen

Cover image: After Subi Blooms x Gather, Recycled Blooms volunteers wrapped leftover flowers into paper decorated by Subiaco Primary School students. The bouquets were given to new and expectant mothers and healthcare staff at King Edward Memorial Hospital (KEMH) and St John of God Subiaco Hospital.

Subi Blooms x Gather captivates Subiaco

WA's premier floral festival, Subi Blooms, once again transformed Subiaco into a lively canvas of colour, creativity and culture over Mother's Day weekend. This year's festival, themed *Roots to Bloom*, was delivered in collaboration with Gather: A Floral Community and brought together more than 30 of Perth's top florists to showcase floral installations across the City. Visitors explored a 15-stop floral trail through Subiaco's streets and shopfronts, with each creation celebrating personal, cultural, and natural connections. A standout feature was *REFLECT*, an immersive, large-scale installation by ACID.FLWRS on Seddon Street, which invited visitors to step inside and engage in playful, reflective moments. This year, Subi Blooms added extra charm with a flower vending machine, workshops, and the Gather Village pop-up hub on Postal Walk. Sustainability remained a key focus, replacing floral foam with compostable Sideau.

Join us to celebrate NAIDOC Week's golden anniversary

NAIDOC Week 2025 will run from Sunday 6 July to Sunday 13 July, and marks 50 years of the national week-long celebration. This year's theme, *The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy*, honours the achievements of the past while looking ahead to a bright future.

Subiaco residents and visitors can enjoy a vibrant program of performances, workshops and cultural activities throughout the week.

The City is proud to collaborate with Yirra Yaakin to present the highly acclaimed children's show *Kaarla Kaatijin*, along with the annual Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, both held at the Subiaco Arts Centre.

Other highlights will include a bush pharmacy workshop led by proud Noongar Yamati Yorga woman Sharon Wood-Kenney, a traditional art activity, Aboriginal dance workshop, Indigenous games and a Noongar Storytime.

NAIDOC Week is a time to celebrate and learn about the oldest continuous living culture on Earth, and to recognise the strength and legacy of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC Week 2025 program

Yirra Yaakin Performance *Kaarla Kaatijin*

12.30pm, Monday 7 July
Subiaco Arts Centre

Storytelling and Indigenous games workshop

10am, Tuesday 8 July
Subiaco Library | 5-12 years

Bush Pharmacy workshop

2pm, Tuesday 8 July
Subiaco Library | 5-12 years

Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony presented by Yirra Yaakin

9am, Wednesday 9 July
Subiaco Arts Centre

Aboriginal art workshop

10am, Thursday 10 July
Subiaco Library | 5-12 years

Aboriginal dance workshop

2pm, Thursday 10 July
Subiaco Library | 5-12 years

Noongar Storytime

10.30am, Friday 11 July
Subiaco Arts Centre

Aboriginal basket weaving workshop

9.30am, Saturday 12 July
Subiaco Library | 10+ years

Cultural awareness workshops

10am | Wednesday 9 July and Saturday 9 August | Subiaco Library

Short Back and Sidewalks brings **connection and care**

Since 19 February, Subiaco's homelessness support walk-in centre has hosted Short Back and Sidewalks, offering free haircuts and grooming services. This initiative provides meaningful connections through personal care and conversation.

12 to 2pm, every six weeks
The Third Place Subiaco

Refugee Week 2025

Join the Centre for Asylum Seekers Refugees and Detainees (CARAD) for an insightful presentation and Q&A session. Tea, coffee, and nibbles provided. Attendees are encouraged to donate non-perishable food staples, household cleaning consumables, and sanitary products to the CARAD pantry.

10 to 11am, Saturday 21 June
Subiaco Library

What's on in Subi?

June

Museum Mornings: Trams and Trade

10am, Thursday 5 June
Subiaco Museum | Free

Explore the history of trams in Subiaco and their role in shaping Rokeby Road.

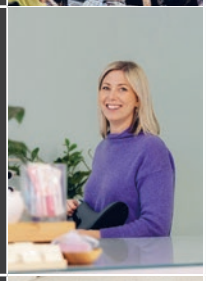
June

Advocare Community Education: World Elder Abuse Awareness

11.30am, Thursday 19 June
Subiaco Library | Free

Empowering seniors to recognise, prevent and respond to elder abuse through awareness and support.

June



Business workshops

9.30am to 11.30am,
Wednesday 11 and 25 June
Subiaco Business Centre | Free

Digital skills sessions covering Meta Ads Manager and LinkedIn for local business owners.

July

Researching your property and its history

10am, Thursday 3 July
Subiaco Museum | Free

Learn how to uncover your property's past, including ownership, old photos and original plans.

July

Youth quiz night

6pm to 9pm, Saturday 26 July
Subiaco Library | Free

A fun-filled evening for ages 12 to 25 with trivia, prizes, and friendly competition.

June-July

Tech, Tea and Treats series

Various times | Subiaco Library | Free

Monthly talks on tech topics followed by one-on-one help and tea with sweet treats. Visit **www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/events** for more information.

Museum set for refurbishment

Subiaco Museum will undertake its first significant refurbishment since the 1970s, including new lighting, interactive displays, audio-visual elements, improved exhibit signage, and updated cabinetry. The Museum will temporarily close from Thursday 3 July to Sunday 3 August to complete these exciting improvements.

Shaun Tan Award exhibition opens soon

The City is proud to present the 23rd annual Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists.

Kids from year one to twelve across Western Australia were invited enter their artwork. A selection of standout entries will be on display at Subiaco Library from Monday 7 July to Sunday 3 August, showcasing young talent from across the state and inviting the public to vote for the People's Choice Award.

Entries open: **Craig Silvey Award for Young Writers**

Young authors in WA, from year one to twelve, are invited to submit their original short stories of up to 2000 words for the Craig Silvey Award. Entries open Friday 18 July.

Starting in June, young writers can join workshops with Cristy Burne, Mark Greenwood, and Chenée Marrapodi to build their skills.

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

Photographic Awards return for 2025

The City of Subiaco's Photographic Awards are returning in 2025 with two exciting new categories – 'People and Portrait' and 'Nature' – and the addition of award-winning photographer Stef King to the judging panel. Stef, a Subiaco-based advertising and portrait photographer, brings a wealth of experience, having worked with leading brands and has captured some of Australia's most well-known figures.

Photographers of all skill levels aged six and over can submit up to four entries across the new and existing ('AI' and 'Open') categories. Entries are open until 8 June.

Finalists will have their works exhibited at Subiaco Library from 4 August, with the public invited to vote for the People's Choice Award.

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

Upcoming green and hard waste collections

The City's next **bulk green waste** collection will begin on Monday 16 June. Residents may place loose green waste on their verges the evening prior, with collection occurring throughout the week. There's no limit to the volume of green waste in large piles (not in bags), but piles must be clearly visible from the road. Commercially lopped large branches or tree limbs will not be collected.

The next **bulk hard waste** collection is on Monday 4 August. This is an opportunity to dispose of large items that can't be reused or repaired. Items must be placed on the verge by 7am on collection day. Please separate mattresses and e-waste from general waste, as they are collected separately.

Waste placed behind fences, in driveways or laneways will not be collected. Residents in multi-unit dwellings should check with their Strata or Property Manager for designated bulk waste areas.

Smart solar bins across the city

Eighteen solar-powered smart bins are now operating across the City. These compacting bins alert City waste crews when full, reduce overflow and litter, and improve waste collection efficiency. Their rollout will continue as older bins are replaced.

Enrol to vote and make your voice count

Local government elections are coming up in 2025 – now's the time to check you're enrolled to vote.

Council makes strategic decisions that affect everyone in the community, so the City encourages all eligible ratepayers to vote. More votes mean better representation.

If you live, own property, or run a business in the City, you may be eligible to vote. You must be on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll.

For more information, visit the City's website or head to **www.elections.wa.gov.au/oes** to check your enrolment.

Celebrating waste sorting wins

The 2025 bin tagging program, run by the Western Metropolitan Regional Council, wrapped up in April. The program gave households simple, helpful tips about how to sort their rubbish correctly, which led to fewer instances of waste being placed in the wrong bins.

Congratulations to the six households who won prizes for excellent or improved waste sorting during the program!

WA's first electric ride-on mower

The City is embracing cleaner, greener maintenance with WA's first all-electric ride-on mower. Replacing a diesel model, the new mower can run up to eight hours on a single charge and will maintain parks and reserves across the City.

Keeping Lake Jualbup healthy

Two new solar-powered paddle aerators have been installed at Lake Jualbup to help keep the water healthy for aquatic life. These floating devices add oxygen into the lake water, reducing the risk of harmful algal blooms. They work best when the lake is full after rain and may be turned off during dry periods.

Creativity finds a home in Subi **with SPACEMRKT**

The City of Subiaco has teamed up with urban renewal specialists SPACEMRKT to transform temporarily vacant commercial spaces into short-term pop-up activations for artists, creatives, and small businesses.

While the local commercial vacancy rate has fallen, creative activations bring colour, community, and curiosity to empty shopfronts – while also showcasing the benefits of trading in Subiaco. Through these temporary transformations, the City aims to support local talent, boost foot traffic, and highlight the value of investing in our vibrant town centre.

Jackson's celebrates

70 Years

Established in 1955, family-run Jackson's Drawing Supplies is turning 70, with its Subiaco store operating since 1961. Now the flagship location, the Subiaco store continues to be a go-to for artists seeking quality materials and inspiration.

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In the **know**

News and updates

The City is always working to deliver a high level of service and make the City of Subiaco a better place to live, work and visit. To stay up-to-date with the latest news, visit **www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/news**.

Online services

You can submit a request online, at any time of day, for a wide range of City services, including requesting a new bin size, making a rates payment, tree pruning services, or pet registration and renewal. Using these online forms make it easier and quicker for the City to respond to your query. Visit **www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/online-services**.

Get the latest direct to your inbox

Subscribe to the City's fortnightly e-newsletter for opportunities to have your say, updates about Council decisions and how they affect you, and more. Head to **www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/enews** to sign up and start getting the latest direct to your inbox.

New businesses

The Embassy by Devlin's

87 Rokeby Road, Subiaco

Timeless dining with juicy steaks, freshly shucked oysters, and a New York baked cheesecake that will have you coming back for more. New bar The Foreign Office can be found behind The Embassy and is a great addition to Subi's buzzing bar scene.

Pino's Empanadas

137 Rokeby Road, Subiaco

Perth's first-ever dedicated empanadas bakery is serving up traditional fillings, including spiced beef and curry chicken, as well as vegan options and irresistible sweet treats.

Ribs Lane

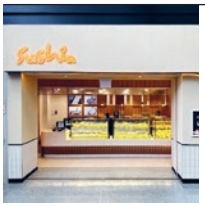
29 Station Street, Subiaco

Serving racks on racks of signature slow-cooked, melt-in-your-mouth American-style BBQ ribs.

Kivari

1/1-11 Rokeby Road, Subiaco

The latest store for this well-loved Australian fashion label that consciously creates quality clothing utilising natural fibres and alternative manufacturing methods.



Sushia

7/29 Station Stret, Subiaco

A stone's throw away from the train station, this grab-and-go spot is serving up high quality sushi at takeaway prices.

Casa del Dolce

85 Rokeby Road, Subiaco

This house of sweets brings traditional Italian pastries to Subiaco, including their famous cannoli.

Mr Lo

5/375 Hay Street, Subiaco

Asian fusion dishes made from the freshest ingredients.

Skin Avenue Collective

5/217 Hay Street, Subiaco

Redefining beauty and confidence with cutting-edge, non-invasive treatments.

Koko Cafe

Koko Cafe

29 Station Street, Subiaco

A cosy, pet-friendly cafe in the heart of Subiaco.

Vale Gabor Hamory
a steward of Subiaco's stories

Born 22 April 1925, long-time volunteer and local history champion Gabor Hamory has passed away peacefully at just shy of 100.

A founding member of the Subiaco Historical Society, Mr Hamory was a driving force behind preserving local heritage through his tireless research, especially on street names and museum collections.

Mayor David McMullen extended condolences to Mr Hamory's family and recognised his enduring contribution to the Subiaco community.

Celebrating
Sylvia Wright

At 90 years young, Sylvia Wright continues to inspire as a dedicated volunteer with the City's Positive Ageing program. Sylvia coordinates the weekly Coffee Club for older adults, organising venues, keeping records and helping foster a welcoming community. Her contributions were formally recognised last year when she was named Volunteer of the Year. In May, Mayor David McMullen joined Sylvia and friends to celebrate her 90th birthday.

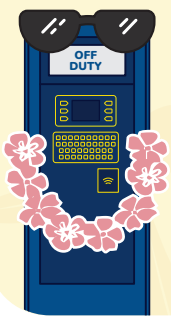
New Park Street playground
now open

The renewed Park Street mini park playground has officially opened with new swings, a scramble net, slide, and tunnel.

Informed by community input, the playground is designed with natural textures and a traditional style. The space encourages both play and skill development, while retaining trees, gardens and seating.

Mueller Park playground
upgrade underway

After community engagement and public voting on the new design, Mueller Park's playground is being replaced. The new play space is expected to be ready mid-2025.



FREE PARKING IN SUBIACO

Free parking makes Subi
weekends and weeknights even better

I ♥ FREE PARKING

Enjoy free parking all weekend and after 5pm on weekdays in Subiaco. Whether you're heading out for dinner, shopping, or to see a show, it's easier than ever to park close by. Choose from more than 10,000 bays across the City, including on-street parking and SubiPark carparks. Plan your visit and find a convenient spot using the interactive map at **www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/freeparking**.

Get social in Subi!

The weather might be cooling down, but Subi's warming up to entertain you this winter. Here are some of our essential event recommendations.

SEE SUBIACO

Subi Farmers Market

Every Saturday | 8am – 12pm | Subiaco Primary School

Discover the buzz of Subi Farmers Market every Saturday from 8am to 12pm. Enjoy fresh local produce, gourmet treats, artisan goods, and live music in a vibrant community atmosphere. It's the perfect weekend outing for foodies, families, and market lovers alike – right in the heart of Subiaco.
Find out more at **subifarmersmarket.com.au**.

The Show Must Go On!

21 June | 7.30pm – 9.45pm | Regal Theatre

This unique theatre show includes multiple tribute acts all appearing on the same bill: Freddie Mercury (Queen), David Bowie, ABBA, Madonna, Robbie Williams, Blondie, and Elvis Costello. There really is no other tribute show as fast moving as this one!
Find out more at **regaltheatre.com.au**.

Oyster Season at The Subi

Thursday 26 June | 5pm – 7pm | Subiaco Hotel

Join Shucks and Nibs at The Subi on the last Thursday of June and indulge in the ultimate oyster experience! Savour the best of the sea with a curated selection of the freshest oysters starting from just $2 each, and pair the experience with their premium wines and cocktails.
Find out more at **seesubiaco.com.au/whats-on**.

The 7 Stages of Grieving

30 June – 12 July | Subiaco Arts Centre

The 7 Stages of Grieving by Welsey Enoch and Deborah Mailman is an engaging, moving, and empowering play. Told by a single compelling narrator, a collection of vignettes examines the timelessness of the Dreaming, the trials of reconciliation, as well as the importance of kinship, speaking truth to power and the joy of telling your story your way.
Find out more at **yirrayaakin.com.au**.

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