

Talk About Subi

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A woman with brown hair tied back, wearing a blue jacket and green gloves, is crouching in a garden. She is smiling and looking towards the camera while holding a small plant in a black pot. The background shows lush green trees and a white fence.

**2800 natives
planted at
Mueller Park**

Let us know how we're tracking

The City of Subiaco endeavours to offer the best quality of life for our community whether you're a resident, visitor, or business owner.

To help us do this, we use the MARKYT Community Scorecard as an opportunity for you to rate local services, facilities and programs and share your priorities for the future.

The scorecard takes 5-10 minutes to complete and is open to all community members aged 14 years and older.

Mayor David McMullen encouraged everyone to take part in this important survey.

“Direct community feedback is the ultimate benchmark for our performance.”

“By comparing these results against other councils and past surveys, we can clearly see what's working and where we might need to improve to ensure the City continues to deliver.”

~ Mayor David McMullen

The online scorecard is open from **Monday 19 October** until mid-November. A hard copy of the survey can be sent on request. Randomly selected residents will also be invited to take part in the scorecard via email and mail.

Visit the City's online engagement hub – www.haveyoursay.subiaco.wa.gov.au – for more information and to be involved.



City launches investment publication

The City of Subiaco has launched an Investment Prospectus, outlining the City's economic strengths, infrastructure, and strategic opportunities – providing a case for businesses to locate, invest, or expand in Subiaco.

The document provides an overview of the City's current economic state, including support of more than 25,000 local jobs and more than 5000 businesses.

City of Subiaco Mayor David McMullen said the City proactively supports its local economy.

“We are committed to creating an environment that attracts investment, nurtures long-term success, and enables emerging and established business to thrive.”

The City helps businesses unlock opportunity through a range of initiatives, including a comprehensive online business portal, networking and industry connection, and tailored business support.”

~ Mayor David McMullen

Find out more at www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/prospectus.

Upgrades make Subiaco Station precinct safer

Pedestrians and drivers will notice a safer, more welcoming precinct around Subiaco Station following the major upgrade works on Station and Hood Streets.

The essential upgrades were delivered as part of the City's ongoing Urban Road Safety Program and followed an extensive public consultation process.

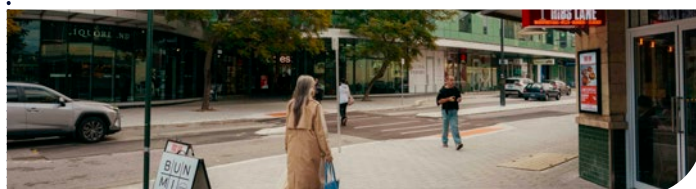
The works introduced a range of traffic-calming and pedestrian-focussed features to reinforce low-speed traffic behaviour and reduce accident risk.

Key improvements include: a wombat crossing on Station Street, safely connecting the train station, Coles and Woolworths shopping areas for pedestrians; raised speed plateaus at the Station and Hood streets roundabout; new on-street parking and loading bays; and footpath upgrades with new and improved paving.

The upgrades also made Station Street safer by closing the centre median island which eliminates the unsafe U-turns and right turns by delivery trucks in the area.

For more, visit

www.haveyoursay.subiaco.wa.gov.au/urban-road-safety.



Your Business now on Instagram

The City of Subiaco's dedicated business brand, 'Your Business Subiaco', is now on Instagram.

If you're a business that has something you would like to the team to consider sharing on the page, such as business milestones or key achievements, email ecodev@subiaco.wa.gov.au.

Scan the QR code or go to www.instagram.com/your_business_subiaco to follow.

City's tree canopy reaches new heights

The City has increased its tree canopy from 20.8 per cent in 2017 to 22.1 per cent in 2026, demonstrating its commitment to expanding and protecting the local urban forest.

This growth comes at a crucial time; across WA, trees face growing threats from climate change and invasive pests like the Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer (PSHB).

City of Subiaco Mayor David McMullen said the City's success was driven by proactive management and rigorous monitoring to retain mature trees, and an ambitious planting schedule.

"Where possible, PSHB-infested trees are actively treated and saved rather than removed," he said.

"Tree retention and long-term tree health is consistently positioned at the heart of City projects. This approach is seen in initiatives such as the Duke Street raingarden, which features native tree species and measures to help actively improve nearby groundwater quality."

An increased tree canopy delivers environmental, economic, and social benefits by cooling hotspots, supporting and improving biodiversity, creating habitats for local wildlife, and enhancing the liveability of our neighbourhoods.

To learn more about the City's approach to increasing its tree canopy, visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au.

Did you know?

Supporting local wildlife:

In the past year alone, the City planted 200 banksia trees – a vital food source for endangered black cockatoos.

Resilient species:

Newly planted tree species are selected for their resilience to PSHB and ability to withstand Perth's hot, dry summer climate.

Biodiversity first:

Plantings are intentionally diversified to ensure the long-term health and resilience of our urban forest.

Explore Subi's pocket parks

Tucked away across its suburbs, the City has a uniquely large number of pocket parks. These little green spaces are where community is made; where locals can gather, relax, play, and meet their neighbours.

As the weather warms up, now is the perfect time to explore these hidden gems so grab the kids, a coffee, or a book and head to one of our pocket parks where you might just meet someone new or discover the kids' next favourite playground.



New Cockitrough for Subi

The City has installed its fourth 'Cockitrough' water station in Theatre Gardens, providing a safe, clean, and low-maintenance water source for local birdlife.

This initiative supports conservation efforts for the declining populations of black cockatoos, while also providing an important water source for other bird species during the hot summer months.

Endangered red-tailed black cockatoos and Carnaby's black cockatoos are frequently observed in local parks and often roost and feed in Theatre Gardens.

What's on in Subi?

Bike Month 7-23 October



For all
Bike Month
events, visit the
City's website.

People on Bicycles Workshop: Learn to Ride

Wednesday 7 October,
9.30am to 11.30am

Nicholson Road Reserve tennis courts

Two consecutive hour-long sessions for kids aged 4 to 12 years old to help them learn to ride. Bikes and helmets available to borrow.

Free Range Bike Workshop

Friday 9 October, 9am to 12pm

Start at Nicholson Road Reserve tennis courts

For kids aged 9 to 13 who can already ride, this experience lets them become bike couriers equipped with maps, radios, and run sheets to complete missions in crews. Please bring a helmet and a bike with two working handbrakes.

Bike Month Storytime

Friday 23 October,
10.30am to 11.30am

Rankin Gardens

A special storytime with books, games, and bubbles for children under 4. Bring a bike, scooter, or helmet to decorate with stickers and bells, and be sure to book a ticket for everyone attending.

Other events

Unfiltered for Mental Health Week

Monday 5 October, 6pm to 7.30pm
Subiaco Library

A free screening of 30-minute youth-made documentary (Unfiltered) exploring disability and mental health, followed by a panel discussion on lived experience. Aimed at teenagers and young adults, this event includes a quiet/sensory-friendly zone.

WA Seniors Week

Sunday 8 November to
Sunday 15 November

In honour of WA Seniors Week 2026, the City is hosting a range of free activities. Head to www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/events for more.

Remembrance Day



Wednesday 11 November
Subiaco Fallen Soldiers War Memorial, from 10.45am

The City of Subiaco, together with the Shenton Park Returned and Services League sub-branch, will be hosting a Remembrance Day service to honour and remember those who have served in times of war, military conflict, and peace.



The City of Subiaco's popular youth writing award recognises exceptional short stories written by WA school-aged students from Years 1 to 12. Judges will now review 725 entries to select this year's finalists, who will be announced at the end of September. The winning stories will be displayed at Subiaco Library from 29 September to 1 November.

Community safety

The City is always looking for ways to make Subiaco even more liveable, safe, and accessible, and works in partnership with WA Police to support crime prevention in our suburbs.

On Thursday 18 September, the City will host a free Secure Your Home session for the community, focused on simple actions that reduce opportunistic burglary risk. Discover practical steps you can take to protect yourself and your belongings. Find all the details at www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/events.

For information and tips on vehicle crime prevention, home security, reporting a concern, and more, head to www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/communitysafety.

Keeping our community safe

Who to call to report an incident or request assistance.



000 Emergencies

- family and domestic violence
- fire
- life or property is threatened
- serious accident or crime
- serious and life-threatening injuries.

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- anti-social and disorderly behaviour
- assault
- burglary/vehicle break-in
- criminal damages
- drug use/drug paraphernalia
- found property/suspicious items
- indecent/obscene behaviour
- reporting family and domestic violence
- stealing/shoplifting (including attempts)
- suspicious or threatening behaviour.

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- abandoned vehicles
- animal control
- busking
- footpath obstruction
- littering
- noise nuisance
- rough sleepers
- street trading.

Next generation of waste trucks arrive

The City has recently welcomed the next generation of waste trucks that are safer, greener, and quieter.

After years of loyal service from the previous trucks, rising maintenance costs for the ageing fleet meant it was time for a modern upgrade to ensure efficient continuity of services for the community.

The new fleet – comprised of four trucks – prioritises safety for all road users, with 360-degree cameras to combat large blind spots and help the drivers maneuver on the City's tight streets and laneways.

The side loader truck has a smart camera to automatically freeze operation of the arm if a person, such as a pedestrian or cyclist, is detected in a danger zone.

With lithium battery fires on the rise, the trucks now have integrated carbon dioxide sensors for early detection of battery fires inside the hopper, enabling drivers to act quickly to minimise danger to themselves and the community.

The City was the first certified carbon neutral local government in WA and continues to prioritise a greener environment with the new trucks having significantly lower carbon emission output.

The new vehicles are also quieter overall to help reduce noise on pick-ups throughout residential areas.

Help name a waste truck!

A competition to name the new waste trucks will be underway shortly. Keep an eye on the City's Facebook page or website for more soon.



Bright future for Market Square

The City recently completed a decorative lighting upgrade for the iconic rotunda at Market Square Park, creating a welcoming environment for evening visitors.

The new lighting blends decorative festoon and architectural lighting elements to highlight the rotunda's character and enable customisable colour settings to support events and activations.

The project delivers safety and structural benefits to the park which hosts major events like the Subi Night Markets, UnWined Subiaco, and many others.

The lighting upgrade was part of a broader maintenance program for the rotunda, which included structural repairs to missing skirting boards, cracked floor tiles, broken bannisters, rusted gutters, and the damaged spire, as well as a fresh coat of paint.



Courtesy of Subiaco Museum:
Calyx Pottery Works
Modeller and Mould
Maker William Brough.

Explore Subiaco Museum

Discover the stories of Subiaco's past at Subiaco Museum. Pop by for free during opening hours – Wednesday to Friday 12pm to 4pm or Saturday 10am to 2pm – or come along to one of the many upcoming events.

Museum Mornings

All sessions run from 10am to 11.30am and are followed by morning tea.

Shopping Trip Along Rokeby Road and Hay Street, Part II | 3 September

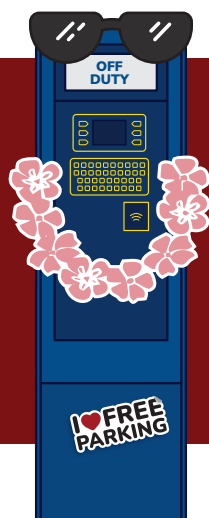
Uncover Subiaco's bustling commercial heart from the early grocers and drapers to the cafes, services, and people who made the streets come alive.

How to Read a Dress | 1 October

See some of the museum's most fragile garments, uncover the stories told through fashion, and unlock the hidden language of dress and style from decades past.

Made in Subiaco Exhibition | 5 November

Discover the surprising range of goods that have been made locally from Metters cookers and Bristle sinks, to wicker furniture, and a 1930s macaroni factory.



Park for free in Subi

Did you know there is free parking in Subiaco every weekend, and every evening after 5pm?

Plus, enjoy the first hour free with a parking session on weekdays at selected carparks, or park from just \$10 a day at various locations.

The City of Subiaco manages 41 on-street and off-street carparks. Our interactive parking map on our website helps you find affordable and accessible parking.

With more than 10,000 parking bays across the City, we'll help you find parking close to your destination.

Find out more at www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/free-parking.

25 years of Subiaco walking tours



OAM recipient and passionate community volunteer, Marion Gathercole, recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of her free monthly walking tours.

The 'See Subi on Sunday' walks are researched, organised, and led by Marion, and have seen hundreds of community members explore our streets and suburbs to learn about a variety of historical topics, including local heritage areas, entertainment in Subiaco over time, and stories behind street and park names.

The walks, proudly supported by the City, are a way to share the area's stories, heritage, character, and beauty in an engaging format – and no two walks are ever the same. Participants are also encouraged to share their own Subiaco stories along the way.

Mayor David McMullen congratulated Marion on this milestone.

"For 25 years through her walking tours, Marion has generously shared her time, knowledge, and passion to help people discover the stories that make Subiaco," he said.

"On behalf of the City of Subiaco, I congratulate Marion on this remarkable milestone and thank her for her extraordinary contribution. We are incredibly fortunate to have dedicated volunteers like Marion."

Upcoming See Subi on Sunday walks

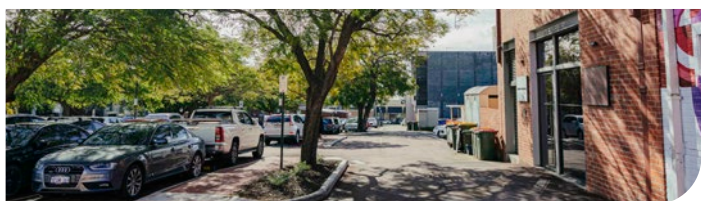
Free walking tours start at 1.30pm, no booking required.

Evolving Subi East | 13 September Observe changes taking place in Subi East and learn about the heritage which is being preserved. Start and finish corner Roberts Road and Hamilton Street, Subiaco.

Creativity and Colour | 8 November Discover the variety of industries in the western Subi Centro area before it was transformed into a residential and parkland area. Explore the colours and hidden treasures while learning about the area's heritage acknowledged in many of the art installations. Start and finish corner Bishop and Upham Streets, Jolimont.



Courtesy of Subiaco Museum: Aerial photograph of Jolimont Park and Hay Street.



Rowland Street Precinct revitalised

The City of Subiaco has completed a coordinated upgrade to the Rowland Street Precinct, transforming the area's carpark, laneways, and public spaces into a safer, greener, and more vibrant hub.

The multi-stage project aims to boost foot traffic for local businesses while improving accessibility and critical drainage infrastructure between Rokeby Road and Rowland Street.

Key highlights of the upgrade include vibrant new public murals for colour and character; a complete carpark renewal to enhance pedestrian access and safety; major drainage improvements to reduce flooding risk; and the transformation of Kannis Lane.

All existing trees, including the precinct's iconic royal poincianas, were protected during construction and retained. The works will improve long-term tree health by optimising local soil conditions and drainage.

Pool safety inspections

According to the National Drowning Report 2025, drowning deaths are on the rise with 10 per cent of deaths (in the 12-month report period) occurring in swimming pools, and 68 per cent of those in backyard pools.

The City of Subiaco is continuing its commitment to safety by undertaking its legislated program of periodic inspections of private swimming and spa pool barriers.

To support the delivery of this program, the City has engaged Royal Life Saving WA to undertake inspections of properties with private swimming pools.

Property owners will be contacted directly with information about the inspection process and any requirements for arranging access.

These inspections help ensure pool and spa barriers remain compliant with applicable safety standards and legislative requirements, reducing the risk of drowning and improving safety for children and the wider community.

The City appreciates the cooperation of residents in helping maintain safe and compliant pool and spa barriers throughout the community.



Proactive approach for avian influenza

The City of Subiaco is taking a proactive, coordinated approach to avian influenza preparedness, with the guidance of state and federal government departments.

Increased environmental audits are being conducted at City-managed lakes, with a focus on high-risk species, particularly ducks and swans. The community is encouraged to report suspected cases to the **Emergency Animal Disease Hotline (1800 675 888)** or **Wildcare Helpline (9474 9055)**.

Residents are encouraged not to touch any birdlife, and to stay informed of avian influenza warning signs, which include birds that can't stand, walk, or fly properly, and swollen appearances.

Visit the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries website for more.

DIY home energy audit kit for residents



Residents can hire a DIY home energy audit kit from Subiaco Library to help them to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save on energy costs at home.

It contains a thermal camera, a power mate energy monitor, a flowrate measuring cup, and an energy efficiency thermometer, as well as an instructional manual explaining how to conduct a variety of tests, tips to reduce energy and water use, and more.

The kits are just one of a range of tools to help residents contribute towards a greener future while the City continues to act at an organisational level.

The kit was provided thanks to the Energy Efficiency Pilot Program, funded by the State Government, and facilitated by Switch Your Thinking.

Annual pet registration reminder

Don't forget – all one-year and three-year pet registrations expire on 31 October each year, regardless of when they were first registered.

Registering your pet helps ensure they can be quickly returned if they get lost.

To renew or learn more, visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/pets.



City keeps rates low

The City of Subiaco has had one of the lowest rates increases in the Perth metropolitan area – 2.9 per cent – after Council endorsed the 2026-27 budget on 30 June 2026.

Although the City's annual increase has been a steady 1.9 per cent for the past four years, this year's increase reflects growing operational costs, including those associated with protecting of the City's tree canopy against polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB) and heat stress.

The 2026-27 budget is funding projects and initiatives to

improve road safety, create better public spaces, preserve heritage, enable vibrancy and activation, and grow the urban tree canopy, as well as resourcing the City to meet emerging and ongoing environmental challenges.

2026 is a revaluation year which means the Valuer-General (a state-level statutory authority) reassessed the Gross Rental Value (GRV) for all metropolitan properties. This is to reflect the gross annual rent the property might reasonably be expected to realise if let on a tenancy, therefore individual property valuations will be different across the City.

Learn more about the budget, paying your rates, and revaluations at www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/budget26.

In the know

News delivered to you

To stay up to date with the latest news, visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/news. You can also subscribe to the City's fortnightly e-newsletter to get the latest direct to your inbox.

Online Services

Available 24/7 on any device, Online Services help you easily submit applications, registrations, and payments – including rates and pet registration. Visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/online-services.

Have your say

Did you know the City has a dedicated online engagement hub for everything community consultation? We'd love to hear from you. Visit www.haveyoursay.subiaco.wa.gov.au.



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Get social in Subi!

Subiaco delivers this spring with a lineup of fun seasonal events.

SEE SUBIACO



Subi Night Market

Every Saturday from 5 September – 8 May | 5pm – 9pm | Market Square Park

Subi Night Market makes its much-awaited return, transforming Market Square Park into a charming European village under the stars. Indulge in mouth-watering street food, artisan market stalls, and a buzzing pop-up bar, while immersing yourself in an array of vibrant cultural, arts and music performances, and pop-up movies throughout the season. Find out more at subinightmarket.com.au.



UnWined Subiaco

24 – 25 October | Various session times | Market Square Park

A much-loved celebration of WA's wine and food scene, UnWined returns to Subiaco for its 16th year. Discover more than 50 wineries, breweries, cider houses, and distilleries, showcasing the very best local drops and flavours. Gather your friends, enjoy a day of tastings, and soak up the sunshine in the heart of Subiaco. Find out more at unwinedeventswa.com.au/subiaco/about.



Pre Loved Market

29 November | 11am – 3pm | Seddon Street

Pre Loved Market returns to Subiaco, bringing together the best in sustainable style. Browse a treasure trove of wardrobe must-haves, accessories, and vintage records while enjoying live DJ sets as you shop. After snapping up some bargains, refuel at one of Subiaco's local favourites. Find out more at seesubiacom.au.



Books in the Brewery

2nd Wednesday of each month | 6pm | Lums Wine Bar

Settle in for an evening of books, conversation, and great food at Lums Wine Bar. Held on the second Wednesday of each month, this welcoming book club is the perfect excuse to enjoy delicious tapas, explore the wine list, and connect with fellow readers. Find the Book of the Month by visiting the website. Find out more at booksinthebrewery.com.au.

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