

# SUBIACO : BUSH TO SUBURB

1851 ~ 1945

(MUNICIPALITY - 26 MARCH 1897)

# Heritage achievements 2022

## The importance of heritage

The unique and rich history of the City of Subiaco is woven into the built fabric of our buildings and places, as well as our cultural institutions. The community highly values its rich history. The City recognises the importance of protecting places of cultural heritage significance. Together with the stories of our City, this enhances our sense of identity and preserves it for future generations.

## This year at a glance

### Subiaco Museum



- 2319 Visitors (includes two months closed for renovations (January) and the fire at 241 Rokeby Road (September))
- 42 Research enquiries
- 43 Events including 14 school visits
- 3 Exhibitions:
  - City of Subiaco Art Collection (including online exhibition),
  - School Days; Subiaco Primary School 125th Anniversary
  - Subiaco Bush to Suburb; Heritage Map
- Launch of Museum Mornings activities for seniors

### Planning services



- 1 Local Heritage Survey completed (West Subiaco Precinct)
- 1 Local Heritage Survey commenced (Daglish Precinct)
- 22 Development approvals for heritage listed places granted
- 2 Heritage Areas expanded
- 9 Heritage Grants approved
- 10 Residents accessed the heritage advisory service

# OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE

## New donations

The museum received a number of donations to the collection in 2022, however one of the stand-out donations was a skirt and bodice dated between 1900 and 1920.

City resident Melissa donated the garments, which belonged to her great grandmother Abrilda McKennay. Abrilda lived on Onslow Road in Shenton Park, and this dress with beautiful beadwork, black lace and sequined panels was believed to be a handmade funeral or mourning dress.



Another large collection of items was received from the family of a former resident. The items, which belonged to the donor's father, included a handmade wooden model boat (which is undergoing conservation), wood working tools, a school bag and a number of related items. The donor also brought in her father's travelling trunk full of books, handmade toys and teddies and an old stereoscope viewer.



## Digitising the collection



In 2022, the museum launched an online collection via CollectionsWA and we quickly became one of the most prolific collections on the digital platform with over 1500 records.

The team worked with the University of Western Australia's

Digitisation Centre to have more than 600 images professionally digitised. While the images were offsite being digitised, the museum team worked to research the history of the images to update our collections records. These records, and many

others, have been uploaded to the online platform which allows the community to conduct their own searches on the museum's collection. The team also used one of the newest features of CollectionsWA, geotagging of records, to indicate the location of the image.

The museum also held two behind-the-scenes open days to have objects from the collection photographed. With the help of a professional photographer, more than 500 objects were photographed over the two days. Visitors were invited to ask questions of the curators, as well as watch how the team handles and stores our diverse collection.



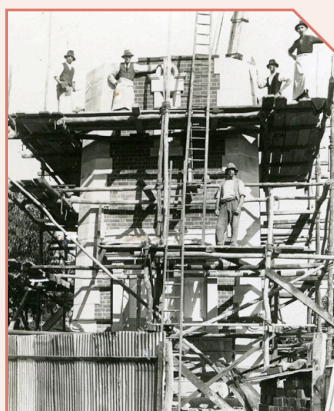
**More information >**

*City of Subiaco  
CollectionsWA database*

# OUR BUILT HERITAGE

## Subiaco Fallen Soldiers Memorial

The Subiaco Fallen Soldiers Memorial was constructed in 1923 to commemorate fallen soldiers from the First World War. It was designed by architect Ernest Hugh Hamilton and is considered an excellent representation of an Interwar Free Classical style clock tower. It is rare as a war memorial with a clock, and unique in Western Australia as a war memorial featuring chiming bells.



This year saw the preparation of a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for the memorial. The CMP provides the City with a framework, including conservation and management schedules, to ensure the ongoing conservation of the memorial's significant heritage values and fabric.

## Heritage areas expanded

Heritage areas are areas deemed worthy of special planning controls to conserve and enhance their cultural heritage significance and character.

This year saw the expansion of both the Chesters' Subdivision and Kings Road Heritage Areas to include an additional 28 properties. As part of this process it was revealed that a number of the houses included in the expanded Chesters' Subdivision Heritage Area were actually speculative developments built by Fredrick Sedgley – the same builder that was responsible for the construction of the Subiaco Fallen Soldiers Memorial.

Click [here](#) to discover more information on the properties included in the expanded heritage areas.



## Local Heritage Surveys

A Local Heritage Survey (LHS) provides the City with a cultural and historical record of the area and tells the story of the development of the district.

This year the City completed the review of the LHS for the West Subiaco Precinct which resulted in a further 11 places (one of which comprises of a group of two properties and another a group of five properties) being included in the LHS. A Heritage Reference Group of local community members provided valuable input into the review process.

The City also initiated a review of the LHS for the DalGLISH Precinct.



## ENGAGEMENT AND PROMOTION

### Family activities program

The Subiaco Museum continued to run family activities in 2022 after their successful launch in 2021. The program included 11 different activities aimed at teaching heritage skills, activities and games. The events proved very popular again with many of the programs sold out.

Stand-out favourites included: a Day on the Green, where families learnt how to play croquet and lawn games; Museum in a Box, a hands on activity for children to see how items are collected and curated for museum collections; and an Old Fashioned Wash Day, where participants were invited to get their hands dirty, cleaning clothes with buckets and wash boards.



### Heritage Map

This year the museum team worked with Planning Services to commission a beautifully detailed heritage map, entitled 'Subiaco: Bush to Suburb, 1851-1945'.

The map was created by local artist Mary Yates, who is renowned for her unique pictorial maps that reveal incredible historical detail. The intricate map explores the history and heritage of Subiaco following colonial settlement of the area, from the arrival of the first Europeans in 1851 to the end of the Second World War in 1945.

The map took many months to create, and is completely hand-drawn, featuring a number of beautiful watercolour illustrations.

Limited edition signed prints of the Heritage Map, as well as other merchandise items, are available for purchase at the Museum.



**More information** > *Heritage map unveiled at Subiaco museum*



### New social media platform

The museum and library have a new social media platform providing information, programs and events to meet the educational and cultural needs of the City > [www.facebook.com/subiacolibraryandmuseum](https://www.facebook.com/subiacolibraryandmuseum)

# 2022 HERITAGE AWARD FINALISTS!

The Western Australian Heritage Awards recognise outstanding commitment and contribution to heritage conservation, adaptive reuse, interpretation, tourism and promotion in Western Australia.

In 2022 the City was announced a finalist in the category of Contribution by a Public or Private Organisation. This is fantastic recognition of the City's hard work and commitment to identifying, protecting and promoting Subiaco's rich heritage and history.



## VIDEOS



Discover some the videos we made:

- > *Musical moments in history at Subiaco Museum*
- > *Go behind the scenes at Subiaco Museum*
- > *Inside the Fallen Soldiers Memorial*
- > *Family Activities at the Subiaco Museum*

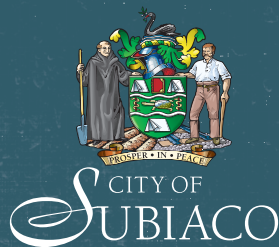


## OUR HERITAGE STORIES

Rediscover some of the news we shared by clicking on the links below.



- > *City of Subiaco nominated for State Heritage Award*
- > *Council approves heritage grant applications*
- > *Heritage map unveiled at Subiaco Museum*
- > *Planter boxes to be wrapped in heritage photography*
- > *City endorses heritage area additions*
- > *Restoration project given green light*
- > *The City turns 125*
- > *Subiaco Museum marks International Women's Day*
- > *Heritage grants help revamp 1920s corner store*
- > *Second year of museum school program underway*



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