



Roberts Rd

Style: Mix of brand-new townhouses and apartments to character-style homes and cottages

Within 2km: Restaurants and bars on Rokeby Rd, Regal Theatre, Hay St, Ace Cinema, Subiaco Hotel, Station St Markets, Subi Centro, WA Football Commission, train station, St John of God Hospital, Mitchell Freeway

for sale

141 Roberts Rd
Price: \$865,000
Features: 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, carport
Agent: Peter Clements, Caporn Young, 0415 920 920

109 and 113 Roberts Rd
Price: \$2.3 million
Features: 2 large character brick-and-iron homes, zoned R50, on 963sq m
Agent: Simon Martin, Coakley & Martin Estate Agents, 0411 553 368

147 Roberts Rd
Price: \$1.4 million
Features: 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2-car garage
Agent: Ina Schoof-Borkert, Acton Central, 0419 929 811

3/197 Roberts Rd
Price: \$770,000
Features: 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, garage
Agent: Enzo Pagnozzi, Growth Realty, 0411 865 712

125 Roberts Rd
Price: \$1.095 million
Features: 4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1-car garage
Agent: Enzo Pagnozzi, Growth Realty, 0411 865 712

18/454 Roberts Rd
Price: \$1.27 million
Features: 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, penthouse apartment
Agent: Denis Cooling, Empire Property Solutions, 0412 902 372

last five sales

- November 2007:** 2004 brick-and-iron unit, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, \$698,000
- October 2007:** 2001 brick-and-iron house, 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, \$530,000
- September 2007:** 2001 brick-and-iron unit, 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, \$515,000
- July 2007:** 2001 brick-and-iron house, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, \$470,000
- January 2007:** 1900 brick-and-tile house, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, \$350,000

Clockwise from top: Subiaco Oval; places to relax and unwind; Annmarie Matthews; Mueller Park; Princess Margaret Hospital; and Perth Modern.

Pictures: Alf Sorbello

Heart of the action

Subiaco Oval – where fans go to worship their favourite footy team – is the showpiece on Roberts Rd. But there’s more to the street than just footy. **CARMELLE SANDER** reports

Even on a cold, wet, wintry morning, Roberts Rd in Subiaco retains its beauty and buzzes with activity.

Students from Perth Modern hit the pavement with their study books, eager to get to school on time.

Staff and visitors flow to and from Princess Margaret Hospital and locals leave their townhouses and character-style homes and head to work.

Annmarie Matthews has lived on Roberts Rd since 1983 and says there is nothing better than taking a stroll through Mueller and Kitchener parks.

“These are great public open spaces to go for a walk and get some exercise,” she says. “It’s going to be sad to see Kitchener Park go.”

In February, the State Government announced \$1.1 billion would be spent building a new sports stadium at Kitchener Park for sporting events and concerts.

The 60,000-seat stadium is expected to be completed in 2016.

At present, Kitchener and Mueller parks are popular with locals looking to walk their dog or kick the footy.

In the 1900s Kitchener Park was the home ground of tennis, croquet, bowls, cricket and football clubs of the time. Clubs such as the Princess Margaret Hospital Tennis Club were based at the park, and the Kitchener Park Bowling Club was still active in 1980.

While such a wide variety of sporting groups no longer use the area, this green and shaded precinct remains an important part of Subiaco’s public open space, and includes children’s play areas, barbecues, basketball half-court and dog exercise areas.

Stretching from Hay St to Loftus St, Roberts Rd has as its biggest drawcard the home of football in WA – Subiaco Oval.

As the state’s sporting coliseum, the sacred and hallowed turf has seen every emotion

from pure ecstasy to utter devastation. Thousands flock to Subiaco Oval every weekend to watch their favourite teams go head-to-head.

Annmarie says the best thing about living in Subiaco is its great atmosphere and character.

“I love its convenience,” she says. “Roberts Rd is close to many great restaurants like Subiaco Hotel which is one of my favourites.

“The city is also just a 25-minute walk away, which is fantastic.”

Perth Modern School, on the corner of Roberts Rd and Loftus St, opened in 1911 and was WA’s first senior public secondary school.

Designed by Hillson Beasley, chief architect of the Public Works Department (1905 to 1917), it was to be a co-educational faculty, with no corporal punishment, detention or arbitrary or authoritative discipline.

It was only in 1968 that it became a specialist music school.

Today, it is the only fully selective academic school in WA, and all students must first pass an academic entry test before they can enrol.

Just down the road from the school is Princess Margaret Hospital, WA’s only children’s hospital.

The 250-bed, internationally recognised paediatric facility treats about 30,000 children and teenagers every year.

A former attraction on the road was the Subiaco Pavilion Markets on the corner of Roberts Rd and Rokeby Rd.

For more than 20 years, the market was a popular port of call for locals and visitors seeking a unique, funky, non-mainstream shopping destination.

The market, housed in a restored warehouse, was the heart and soul of trendy Subiaco.

More than 60 stallholders displayed a



wide range of stock, including handmade soaps, precious gems, coffee beans, Egyptian artefacts, rare tobacco and Australian jewellery and local fashion.

Sadly, the markets were sold last year, and there are plans to redevelop the land into offices.

Roberts Rd is also home to popular Japanese food chain Wagamama, and is within a few metres from other restaurants and attractions along Rokeby Rd.

These include Llama Bar, Witch’s Cauldron, Funtastico, The Red Sea, Chutney Mary’s and the iconic Regal Theatre.

