

Subi pays costs for parking fine

A \$55 parking ticket issued by a ranger has ended up costing Subiaco council \$350.

Danielle Butler, of City Beach, was given a ticket on May 6 at Subiaco Village for exceeding the carpark's two-hour limit at a time she said her car was not there ("Parking puzzle for court", POST 04/12).

Mrs Butler tried to argue her case with Subiaco council, but it pursued legal action and there was a hearing at Perth Magistrates' Court on Friday.

Subiaco council withdrew its action against Mrs Butler after lawyers for both sides reached a compromise.

The magistrate awarded costs of \$350 against the council.

Lana Paxman, Mrs Butler's lawyer, said: "The sum of \$350 may seem insignificant but it is symbolic that the council has had a penalty imposed on it for taking the matter that far."

Mrs Butler welcomed the court decision but said certain questions remained unresolved.

She said: "We still don't have an explanation as to how the City of Subiaco can issue an infringement in error and, secondly, ignore the several attempts I made to resolve the situation before it got to this stage."