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## **Safe Active Street providing safety, health and fitness in Nedlands**

***Department of Transport and City of Nedlands collaboration provides safe, people-friendly street for cyclists, walkers and others.***

The City of Nedlands is pleased to announce the completion and activation of the Safe Active Streets program, jointly funded with the State Government, that will form part of a continuous link with other suburbs and districts throughout the metropolitan area.

At a well-attended activation held at 7.30am on Friday 3 December, the Safe Active Street, was officially opened by Her Worship, City of Nedlands Mayor Fiona Argyle and Dr Katrina Stratton MLA, representing the Minister for Transport; Planning; Ports; before special guests Michelle Prior, Francois Sauzier and Ben Mountcastle representing the Department of Transport; Natasha Blycha, Michelle Parsons and Miriam Stanborough from FIVE cycling group; City of Nedlands CEO, Bill Parker; Nedlands Primary School Principal Fiona McBeath and a large group of cyclists, primarily parents, grandparents and children from Nedlands Primary School.

Mayor Argyle said the project was a credit to the City's partnership with the Department of Transport for recognising the location of the safe active street and working cooperatively to see it come to fruition.

Leading up to the activation event, community consultation on the project was undertaken in early 2018 and approved by Council. Designs were finalised early in 2019 and construction completed in November 2020.

"I hope this very accessible roadway will encourage more people to get out of their cars and ride or walk to work," Mayor Argyle said.

"Initiatives like this may also be just what we need to encourage more students from Nedlands and Loretto Primary Schools to ride or walk to school."

The Safe Active Street, which incorporates Jenkins Avenue and Elizabeth Street for approximately 2.2 kms, is becoming a well-known, well regarded, safe link through the City.

Ms Michelle Prior, A/Executive Director, Department of Transport said the Department has worked collaboratively with the City and its community over the past five years to deliver this significant east west route through Nedlands.

"The Safe Active Street will encourage people to walk and ride safely to school, the shops or one of the many local Nedlands destinations.

"Today's event highlights how fun riding a bike can be," Ms Prior said.

### **About the City of Nedlands**

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from the Perth CBD and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the white sands of the Indian Ocean. Covering the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park, the City of Nedlands is home to a population of approximately 22,000 residents.

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