

## Media Release

## Assistance provided to PCHF (Hospice) by the City of Nedlands

The City of Nedlands would like to officially respond to claims the City has not assisted the PCHF in their efforts to build a hospice in Allen Park Swanbourne.

The City alleges these claims are factually false and misleading for the following reasons.

Since receiving the construction management plan from the PCHF builder on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024, the City has provided the following support to the Hospice construction company:

- (a) Consulted with the multiple sporting club users at Allen Park to ensure that safe access to all users could be maintained. The City also pre-approved the Building License for the Hospice, this only took three days to process from the submission date of the License by the PCHF.
- (b) Offered to allow the builder to locate its site offices and materials on the 4000m<sup>2</sup> area of reserve directly opposite Odern Crescent, with compacted limestone and fencing installed to delineate the exclusive area the builder was given, including a portion of the City's carpark for laydown materials.
- (c) Relocated WA Bridge club patron parking to alternate site.
- (d) Allowed the contractor's trades people to park on 1360m<sup>2</sup> of oval space, to the left of the Hospice site, for a period of 18 months free of charge.
- (e) Provided exclusive two-way traffic accessway to allow the efficient excavation of the site.

The Construction Management Plan (CMP) 1 was approved by the State Development Assessment Panel (SDAU) on about 10 October 2024.

In February 2025 the Council gave approval under the local law for the driving of vehicles on to the Class A reserve to allow the use of the area, between the Hospice and the WA Bridge Club, for a crane and laydown area required by the Hospice builder.

In March 2025 the PCHF's builder amended the CMP to accommodate the changing phase of construction. On the attached map, the green hatched area at the Hospice site was excavated ready for construction. The City initially assisted by allowing access by the builder to the light blue area on Odern Crescent, as well as the light yellow area and a dedicated access and turnaround, shown by the pink outline.

Following the City's February 2025 decision, the PCHF was able to move the laydown area next to the Hospice site (ie the orange shaded area plus site amenities), which for them facilitated construction logistics and would shorten the overall construction period.

In early March 2025 the City, the Hospice builder, project manager and a PCHF representative and the SDAU agreed to the additional laydown area, in principle. This was subject to a survey to confirm the area and written confirmation from PCHF

that the community public access to all existing walk trails will be retained throughout construction. Furthermore, that the site will be remediated at the conclusion of the construction. Following the survey, the fenceline was relocated to delineate the new laydown area. The CMP 4 was approved by SDAU.

