MAYOR’S MESSAGE

2014 is going to be a big year and one where critical decisions around Local Government Reform will be made. On July 30 2013, the Minister for Local Government announced that the City of Nedlands would be merged into one western suburbs council. In March of this year, the City responded to the Minister of Local Government’s proposal by lodging submissions that opposed the proposed ‘G7’ merger. The City also lodged submissions against other local governments that proposed changes to the City of Nedlands boundaries.

As a financially viable council with excellent plans in place including our ten year strategic community plan which was developed in consultation with the community, we believe there should be no forced amalgamations and that you, the community, should get to have a vote on the final decision. The months ahead are critical and I encourage you to keep informed on what is happening with the reform by visiting the City’s website.

We are looking forward to starting to plan for the redevelopment of the Collegians Amateur Football Club’s clubrooms on the David Cruickshank Reserve in Dalkeith. In September 2013, Council approved over $1.7 million for the project and early this year the Department of Sport and Recreation also announced that they would be giving the City $500,000 towards the project from their CSRFF grant fund. This will be a massive boost for the club, to update its facilities.

With a full program of community events coming up, including the Waterwise Garden Competition, an array of exhibitions at the Tresillian Community Centre and the Emerge Youth Art Awards, we also have a very busy six months ahead with our capital works and parks program in keeping with our ten year Strategic Community Plan. With all this in mind, it will be a busy and exciting period ahead which we are very much looking forward to.

COMMENORATE ANZAC DAY 2014

Remembering our fallen heroes is so important to Australians. Therefore it is a privilege for the City of Nedlands to partner with the Nedlands Returned Servicemen’s League in providing the Anzac Day ceremony.

On Friday 25 April at 9am an Anzac Day service will be held at the Nedlands War Memorial, Cnr Waratah Ave and Birdwood Parade, Dalkeith.

Community members are invited to join us to commemorate Anzac Day and enjoy some refreshments following the service.

For more information please contact Community Development on 9273 3518 or council@nedlands.wa.gov.au
WATERWISE GARDEN COMPETITION 2014

This winter the City of Nedlands will be running our annual Waterwise Garden Competition showcasing the City’s waterwise gardens incorporating Waterwise design principles.

Thanks to Anderson Davies Real Estate, there will be $2,000 in prizes available in 2014. The competition is also supported by the City of Nedlands and the Water Corporation. The City is an endorsed Waterwise Council and is committed to further water conservation education in the community.

To make the competition as inclusive as possible there are three categories to choose from when nominating a Waterwise garden; residential, business and school, or food garden.

Gardens will be judged on eight key criteria:
1. Waterwise strategies
2. Design and general layout
3. Mulching and compost
4. Waste minimisation
5. Encouraging native wildlife
6. Biodiversity and conservation features
7. Complementary planting and shading for moisture retention and wind protection
8. Innovative Waterwise food gardening practices (for Waterwise Food Garden category).

Residents intending to redevelop their verge are reminded that the City requires an application (no fee attached) in line with its Nature Strip Development Policy. An application form containing guidelines is available on the City’s website or by calling the City on 9273 3500.

Individuals can nominate any residential, business, school or food garden in the City that they believe to be a great example of a Waterwise garden. Residents can nominate multiple gardens, and can also self-nominate.

Nominations for the Waterwise Garden Competition 2014 open on 1 May and close on 29 August 2014. Judging will take place during the first week of September with winners announced at a presentation ceremony in late October.

Entry forms will be available from the City’s administration centre, libraries and community centres or online at nedlands.wa.gov.au/water-efficiency

COASTWEST RESTORATION PROJECTS 2014

Two restoration projects are due to commence in Allen Park with funding received through the Department of Planning’s Coastwest Grants Program.

The City of Nedlands in partnership with the Friends of Allen Park will commence the project “Restoration and Linkage of Flyash Hill and Swale”.

This project aims to revegetate the nature strip along Odern Crescent and the isolated dune “Flyash Hill” with the remainder of Allen Park.

The City of Nedlands in partnership with the Swanbourne Coastal Alliance will commence the project “Restoration and Linkage of Bush Forever Site 315 and Swanbourne Dunes”.

This project aims to restore the degraded edges of the Bush Forever Site and also connect it to the remainder of Allen Park and the coastal greenway.
RAILWAY RESERVE GREENWAY PROJECT

The City has commenced stage 2 of a project to create a green corridor along Nedlands section of the rail reserve. This project will revegetate part of the nature strip on the eastern side of the railway line north of the Karrakatta underpass.

Following removal of grass, weeds and limestone rubble, certified ‘dieback free’ mulch will be laid over the greenway project area in anticipation of the planting of water-wise, locally occurring, native trees, shrubs and groundcovers in June. This project will assist with the City’s aims of protecting biodiversity within the City, providing improved habitats and connectivity for local fauna and increasing the City’s capacity to absorb greenhouse gas emissions.

WESROC NATIVE PLANT SUBSIDY SCHEME

The City of Nedlands is once again supporting the WESROC Native Plant Subsidy Scheme which runs throughout May.

This is a great time to buy native plants to create an award-winning Waterwise garden as residents can purchase up to 80 plants at the subsidised rate of $1.50 each from APACE Nursery in North Fremantle.

Take proof of residence along with you to access the subsidised rate. Waterwise gardening design tips are available at watercorporation.com.au.

The City of Nedlands is proud to support this yearly event as part of its Waterwise Council program.

UPCOMING PARKS CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS

- As part of programmed upgrades to local playgrounds, the City of Nedlands proposes to create a nature based play space at Point Resolution Reserve. This will replace the existing manufactured play equipment with a play area more sympathetic to the natural surroundings. It is envisaged that the nature space will encourage children to become more in touch with nature. The project is currently in the design phase and will be subject to Swan River Trust approval. Construction is expected to begin in May 2014.

- In April 2014, the City is due to commence construction of a footpath and small staircase from the Swanbourne Beach lower car park to the Naked Fig Café. This will address current safety concerns with patrons accessing the café via the car turnaround area. The City will endeavour to retain vegetation where possible.

- Works are currently underway to renovate the Lawler Park Tennis Courts and adjacent huts. The works will include repair and resurfacing of courts, new concrete flooring for huts and new furniture. The huts will be refurbished whilst retaining their original character. The City will keep the court booking officers up to date with progress on these works in an endeavour to minimize disruption.

Any queries related to the above mentioned projects should be directed to Daniel Lewis, Parks Projects Coordinator, on (08) 9273 3500.
Please place your bulk rubbish on the dates as specified in the City’s Residential Waste Service 2013/2014 brochure.

Please visit nedlands.wa.gov.au for more information on collection dates in your area or alternatively contact the Administration Centre on 9273 3500.

Please be advised that it is an offence to dump any rubbish or unwanted material outside of the bulk rubbish collection times and failure to comply with the City’s bulk collection conditions may result in a $200 fine. In addition to any other costs incurred by the City to clear any materials from your verge area.

Would you like to keep up to date on what is happening in the City? Then sign up to our online newsletters and get regular updates emailed to you. There are a range of different newsletters to choose from including community engagement, community events and Tresillian Community Centre updates.

To sign up, go to the City’s website on nedlands.wa.gov.au and click on ‘subscribe to a newsletter’.

**Shenton Bushland:**
All volunteers are welcome to join the Friends of Shenton Bushland Inc. Anyone with an interest in Perth’s natural bushland is welcome – whether to help with weed control, writing newsletters, planning and setting out guided walks, maintaining our website, doing flora surveys, liaising with local schools, distributing newsletters, or photographing flora and fauna, there are plenty of opportunities! The Friends of Shenton Bushland meet every Sunday from 8 am to 10 am to undertake activities in the bushland. Please contact Dani on 0420 334 601 if interested.

**Allen Park:**
The Friends of Allen Park meet the first Saturday of every month and every Tuesday during the week to undertake activities in the bushland from 9 am to 11 am. Please contact Lesley on 0431 728 230 if you are interested.
ARt - Language - Lifestyle

Courses commence Monday 5 May! There are 58 different courses on offer. The art courses include the new Egg Tempera Painting, Abstract Painting with renowned artist Rob Fortani, Printmaking Relief (Moku Hanga) and also Introduction to Bookbinding and Book Repurposing.

New Personal Development courses with Dr Patricia Sherwood will be offered.

Our extremely popular French course has two new classes: French - Absolute Beginners and French – Beginners Refresher. Italian courses are held both in the day time or evening.

Also on offer are courses in Pottery, Life Drawing, Painting, Needle Craft, Lead Lighting, Up-cycling, Pilates, Yoga and Computing.

Youth and Children

Courses for children and youth are now open for enrolment. Tresillian has 19 different courses for children and teens each term including Fun with Cay, Cartoons Comics and Caricatures, Kite Creations, Eclectic Lamps and Fashion Illustration. Also special feature events such as Freestyle Now are running as well as Scooter workshops at the Nedlands Skate Park. Remida Junk Bugs Workshop is a fun and educational way to introduce children to recycling.

School holiday activities commence Monday 14 April and continuing through to Thursday 24 April.

For further information contact Tresillian Community Centre on 9389 1977 or Tresillian@nedlands.wa.gov.au

Download a copy of the full Term 2 program and The Buzz at nedlands.wa.gov.au

Tresillian Community Centre is a vibrant creative hub in a friendly environment – All Welcome!
The Journey of the Double Sunrise – the Catalinas of Nedlands

A talk with Ted Fletcher

The Swan River was the base for two of World War II’s great aviation operations and most of us don’t even know it!

Join Ted Fletcher OAM, Historian/Researcher/Librarian and long-term volunteer at the Aviation Heritage Museum of WA for a talk on daring rescues and covert night ops conducted by the Catalina crews of Nedlands and the important role they played in supporting the Allied Troops during World War II.

Nedlands Library
Tuesday 13 May, 10.30am to 11.30am
To book call the Library on 9273 3644 or email library@nedlands.wa.gov.au

Underground Power

If you don’t have underground power, you should have received an information booklet and survey asking your opinion on having underground power in the future.

The survey is to investigate how strongly the community feel about having underground power given the information provided and the costs associated. This investigation is an outcome of the City’s Strategic Community Plan where the underground power was a consistent theme amongst the areas without the service.

If you have not received your survey or would like some more information, please contact the City on 9273 3500.

Surveys must be returned to the City by Friday 11 May 2014.

Premier’s Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards

The Premier’s Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards aim to foster, recognise and celebrate significant contributions to community life and active citizenship in all local government areas of Western Australia. The awards are provided by the Australia Day Council of Western Australia and presented by the City of Nedlands at the joint Citizenship and Awards Ceremony in January each year.

On Wednesday 22 January 2014, the awards were presented by Mayor Max Hipkins. The winners were:

Chris Warnick – Premier’s Australia Day Active Citizenship Award

Connor Henderson – Premier’s Australia Day Active Citizenship Award for a person under 25 years

Nedlands Primary School Centenary Committee – Premier’s Australia Day Active Citizenship Award for a community group or event

Congratulations to all the nominees and winners.