



25 November 2014

### **Blessing of the River Ceremony**

The City of Nedlands is hosting its third Blessing of the River Ceremony at Beaton Park, The Esplanade, Dalkeith on Sunday 7 December from 5:30-7pm.

Community members are invited to join in this special ceremony to celebrate the importance of the river to our culture, our environment and our community.

Bring your picnic blanket and enjoy a performance by the Kwarbah Djookain Dance Group, with a chance to learn some of the dance moves, a traditional Welcome to Country ceremony, sample bush tucker food and enjoy a free sausage sizzle.

When asked why anyone would bless a river, Karla Hart from the Kwarbah Djookain Dance Group said “To bless a river is to bring people to it. And to celebrate its special role in our lives”.

“We look forward to this blessing of the river ceremony in order to celebrate the river systems and all that they provide for the communities and areas that surround them. It is in these moments that we can take time to recognise the importance of the river and how it defines our City” said Mayor Hipkins.

Please join us to celebrate the importance the Swan River plays in our community.

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

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from Perth and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the edge of the Indian Ocean. A population of over 21,000 live in the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta, and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

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