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City to appoint a third Freeman of the City

An eminent Geography Professor has officially been offered the honorary status of the Freeman of the City of Nedlands and a special ceremony will be held at the next Council meeting on 16 December to bestow the award on Emeritus Professor Martyn Webb.

Professor Webb was offered the honorary title after the Nedlands City Council resolved that he was worthy of the City's most prestigious award at the last Council meeting on 25 November.

City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said: "Professor Webb is our third Freeman of the City to be recognised by the Council and have the award bestowed upon him this year. He has been a long standing Nedlands community member who played a significant role in civic affairs of the City and State of WA."

Professor Webb's work in his discipline saw him awarded honorary memberships of the Royal Institute of Architects; the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science; the Australian Institute for Urban Studies and the Planning Institute of Australia.

Professor Webb was involved in the initiation of the Western Australian Local Government Association and the WA Conservation Council of which he was Trustee for many years. Professor Webb has been a strong advocate on issues relating to planning within the City of Nedlands over the years. In addition to Professor Webb's numerous academic publications, he has also written books about local luminaries such as Lord Forrest and C.Y O'Connor.

About the Freeman of the City

The Freeman of the City Award is the highest honour that the City of Nedlands can give to a community member.

An Honorary Freeman of the City must have served the community of the City of Nedlands in an outstanding and meritorious manner that stands above the contributions of most other persons, and their activities have contributed significantly to the wellbeing of the City's residents. A maximum of six living persons only may hold the title of the Honorary Freeman of the City of Nedlands at any one time.

For more information please contact the City on 9273 3500 or council@nedlands.wa.gov.au

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.

For further information please contact communications@nedlands.wa.gov.au or 9273 350