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City to appoint three Freeman of the City

Three eminent City of Nedlands residents have officially been offered the honorary status of the Freeman of the City of Nedlands.

Ruth Reid, OAM, Mary McCall AM, and Sue Morey OAM FRCNA, have served the community of the City of Nedlands, and the Western Australian community for most of their lives, in the fields of volunteering, library services, and respiratory medicine nursing.

The City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said: "The awards to Ruth, Mary and Sue as Freeman of the City is recognition by the Council of their long standing service to the community, who have all played a significant role in the civic affairs of the City and the State of WA."

Ruth Reid OAM has dedicated over 20 years of community service as a volunteer to many not for profit organisations in Western Australia. The voluntary work for which she has been recognised includes her service to the Friends of the Battye Library of WA; being patron of Ed Connect (formally known as the School Volunteer Program); her work with UnitingCare West's Rainbow Project; the Royal Historical Society; Save the Children Fund; St John Ambulance and the Blind Institute.

Ruth Reid was awarded a member of the Order of Australia in 2013 and in the same year announced winner of the Lifetime contribution to Volunteering Award presented at the WA Volunteer of the Year Awards.

Mary "Lennie" McCall AM joined the State Library as a student librarian in 1955 and worked her way up to become Director of the Battye Library of West Australian History in 1995, contributing to all areas of the Library at a senior level during the course of her career.

During her time as Divisional Librarian of the State Bibliographic Centre from 1965 until 1982, Lennie used her skills to negotiate with Western Australian libraries to create union catalogues to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the inter-library loan service. Lennie also played a vital role as Staff Training and Development Officer, including her installation of a cadet mentoring program. Lennie holds a particular interest in Western Australian history, reflected in her ongoing councillorship at the Royal Western Australian Historical Society (1991 to present), in addition to her enthusiasm as a previous Director of the Battye Library.

Following her retirement in 1998, Lennie continued to give her time generously for the betterment of the State Library and the Western Australian history discipline. As a member of the Historical Records Rescue Group, Lennie was one of a three

member consortium that secured a \$3 million grant from Lotterywest. This facilitated the Library's digitisation of over 81,000 images and 155 films, as well as the microfilming of over 833,000 pages of newspaper.

Lennie was named a Fellow of the Library Board in 2010, following years of committed service to the State Library and to the preservation of Western Australian History.

Sue Morey OAM FRCNA is a Nurse Practitioner in Respiratory Medicine at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. (SCGH) She is also Chairman of the Lung Institute of WA. Sue is the longest serving registered nurse at SCGH with 40 years of continuous service. Sue Morey joined the Board of the Institute of Respiratory Health in 2007 and is a leading figure in her profession as a nurse practitioner in the Department of Respiratory Medicine at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Perth. Sue has spent nearly 40 years as a respiratory nurse and has watched the developments of respiratory medicine for pulmonary TB, asbestos related diseases, asthma, cystic fibrosis and lung transplantation and interventional endobronchial procedures.

Sue was awarded the Order of Australia medal in 2004 for her services to respiratory medicine nursing. Sue is the current Vice President of the board of members for Westcare Incorporated, a not-for-profit organisation providing quality employment, training and accommodation for people with a disability.

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.

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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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