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Descendants come as far as the South-West to celebrate Adam Armstrong's legacy

Descendants of Adam Armstrong came as far as the South-West to celebrate Adam Armstrong's legacy at an official plaque unveiling ceremony for the City's newest pavilion at David Cruickshank reserve.

Thirty-seven descendants of four of Adam's children - Francis Fraser Armstrong, George Drummond Armstrong, Adam Armstrong Junior, and Christopher Armstrong, came as far as Yallingup, Busselton, Cowaramup, Elgin, and Northam to attend the private ceremony.

The City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said that he was pleased that the descendants travelled from such a distance to attend the ceremony and it was an important milestone in the City's history where descendants of an important figure were able to meet Councillors and staff.

"We were honoured that the descendants had made an effort to attend the special event, especially from such distances. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity for descendants to see the historical images and information that the City holds about pioneer Adam Armstrong and for them to meet City representatives."

Speaking on behalf of the descendants, Shellie Cummings said: "It is 185 years since Adam Armstrong was approved the land grant of Swan Location 85. The actual date was the 8 September 1831, a significant date for both our family and the City of Nedlands.

"Today and in the future when people enjoy the facilities of the Adam Armstrong building and its surrounds, I hope they will pause and reflect and ask who was Adam Armstrong? For in doing so they will be ensuring the conversation relating to the history of the City of Nedlands and the role Adam Armstrong and his family played in establishing Dalkeith Farm will be passed on to future generations."

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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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