



**June 2015**

### **Everything's coming up roses**

A team of gardeners has been recognised for their work at the Peace Memorial Rose Garden on Stirling Hwy in Nedlands.

Parks Services staff at the City of Nedlands received a Pride of Workmanship Award from the Dalkeith Rotary Club for the outstanding presentation of the City's iconic and much-loved rose garden.

The award came as a complete surprise to the team, who hadn't expected any praise for their work.

Chris Cole, Director Vocational Service Committee at the Dalkeith Rotary Club, said the organisation identifies local businesses – or in this case, local government – who are doing a great job.

“Everyone admires the rose garden and thinks it looks wonderful,” said Mr Cole.

“We wondered who actually did all the work so we called the council and were put onto the Parks team. They do a wonderful job. The way they keep the roses blooming so much is fantastic,” he said.

The Parks team were invited to a Rotary dinner where they received their award.

City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said, “It's a very well-deserved award. The team do a great job tending the gardens and when the roses bloom they always look stunning.”

The garden holds a special place in the hearts of residents – and indeed anyone who drives along Stirling Hwy – for its beautiful display of blooms and foliage in meticulously tended grounds.

The team has a weekly maintenance schedule of mowing the lawn, weeding the garden beds and deadheading the roses. In July the roses are heavily pruned and fertilised to encourage the bushes to burst into bloom in October.

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Back row (L-R): Layf Erickson – Landscape Officer; Ali Aydin – Mower Operator; Luis de Sancha – Landscape Officer; John Render – Landscape Officer (Temp)

Front row (L-R): Bruce Tregonning – Landscape Officer; Stefan Polglaze – Mower Operator (Team Leader); Glen Burwood – Parks Coordinator; Clayton Chansaw – Mower Operator; Lauro Pinca – Mower Operator (Temp); John Taylor – Mower Operator (Team Leader)

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### **About the Peace Memorial Rose Garden**

Located between Vincent and Louise Streets in Nedlands, the Peace Memorial Rose Garden is one of the first rose gardens laid out in Western Australia to commemorate the fallen in World War Two and the peace. It was intended to be a State memorial, 'a national rose shrine', and commemorates service-people from throughout the State.

Official dedication was made on 22 October 1950 and the Governor of WA unveiled a bronze plaque mounted on a stone obelisk situated in the centre of the gardens. The site is approximately 0.8 hectares of 2 acres in size. The rose garden is state heritage listed – the gardens must remain the same, but roses can be replaced as required.

### **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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