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City of Nedlands to bestow the Freeman of the City

The City of Nedlands is pleased to announce that it will hold a formal ceremony to celebrate the bestowal of the Honorary Freeman of the City of Nedlands on 30 October in Nedlands.

Community members, Dr. Hal Colebatch and Gordon Davies, will officially be bestowed with the title. Mr Colebatch and Mr Davies were endorsed for their outstanding contribution to the City of Nedlands' community by Council in July.

City of Nedlands Mayor, Max Hipkins, said: "It will be an honour to formally bestow Mr Colebatch and Mr Davies with this symbolic title at the ceremony. The Honorary title serves to recognise the hard work and dedication they have provided in serving the City and community in an outstanding and meritorious manner."

A resident of Dalkeith, Gordon Davies, is well known locally. He was nominated for his long standing membership on the Sustainable Nedlands Committee. He has also proposed and offered to fund a demonstration sustainable house for the City. He has also supported and funded projects in the community including the Tennis Club and Anglican Church in Dalkeith.

Mr Hal Colebatch is an author, poet, lecturer, journalist, editor and lawyer, well-known for his services to history and politics. He is the son of the late Australian politician Sir Hal Colebatch.

Mr Colebatch was awarded an Australian centenary medal in 2003 for writing law, poetry and political commentary.

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 whose 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