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Braving the cold to save the bushland

Hats off to the Hollywood Primary School students who braved icy cold weather to help the City of Nedlands and Friends of Hollywood Bushland plant hundreds of native seedlings.

Despite temperatures in low single figures, more than 300 students took turns planting three shrubs each along the pathway from the War Memorial to the Karrakatta cemetery.

Annual planting is required to keep weeds at bay and ensure a healthy environment for birds, pollinators and other wildlife, including Quendas. The Friends of Hollywood have been organising events such as this for more than a decade.

City of Nedlands Environmental Conservation Coordinator, Vicki Shannon, said the annual event was also a great opportunity to involve enthusiastic young people in the basics of environmental care and conservation.

“There’s nothing better than getting close to nature and our planting days are effective in opening children’s eyes to the delight of planting a seedling and watching it grow over time,” Vicki said.

“The Hollywood Reserve is close to the school, and many students use the walkways on a daily basis, so there’s plenty of opportunities for them to keep an eye on their plants and watch as they grow.

“The students can also study the plant growing process during the outdoor elements of their annual Bush School program.

“The City is currently planting during the Noongar season of Makuru (winter) to take advantage of the cooler, wet weather, and the assistance provided by Friends Groups and school students is very much appreciated,” Vicki said.

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About the City of Nedlands

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from the Perth CBD and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the white sands of the Indian Ocean. Covering the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park, the City of Nedlands is home to a population of approximately 22,000 residents.

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