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Climate smarts and water wisdom highlighted at event

Perth's changing climate was the hot topic at a community waterwise forum organised by the Western Suburbs Regional Organisation of Councils (WESROC), with the support of Beyond Gardens, the Department of Water and the Water Corporation on Saturday 9 May.

Around 50 people came to the Grove Library to hear more about how to be more water-wise. Shire President of Peppermint Grove, Rachel Thomas, who launched the event, said WESROC's forum highlighted the need for us all to prepare for and adapt to Perth's changing climatic conditions.

Matt Walsh from the Water Corporation provided many water saving tips for the community and Ben Drew from the Department of Water talked about groundwater aquifers and said Perth's water challenge was doing more with less.

Perth's sandy soils can be improved according to John Colwill from Beyond Gardens, who also provided lots of useful tips to help minimise water use in gardens while still growing healthy plants. He also debunked many of the myths and unsuitable gardening practices common in Perth.

City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins, who also attended the event, commended the work of WESROC and Coastcare in putting together the forum and the engaging displays.

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About WESROC

The Western Suburbs Regional Organisation of Councils (WESROC) comprising the Towns of Claremont, Cottesloe, and Mosman Park, the Shire of Peppermint Grove, the Cities of Nedlands and Subiaco with the Town of Cambridge work on a voluntary partnership on cross-boundary regional projects.

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 Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta, and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

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