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Waterwise Garden Competition 2016 – Enter Now

Thanks to the continued support from Anderson Davies Real Estate, the 2016 Waterwise Garden Competition has opened to promote water conservation throughout the City of Nedlands. Residents have until 26 August to submit their entries.

Anderson Davies has generously donated \$2,500 to the competition this year, so there are some great prizes up for grabs.

This year, there's a new twist to the competition – entrants can submit their own designs and ideas for a waterwise garden they would like to create. We're encouraging entrants to get creative and paint, draw or model their ideas for a garden that contains as many elements of the judging criteria as possible.

And as in previous years, City of Nedlands residents, businesses and schools can nominate gardens that already display excellent waterwise practices.

Judging criteria are as follows:

1. Waterwise strategies
2. Design and general layout
3. Mulching and compost
4. Waste minimisation
5. Encouraging native wildlife
6. Biodiversity and conservation features
7. Complementary planting and shading for moisture retention and wind protection.

This change opens the competition up to the whole community and creates a great opportunity for children to get involved and enter too – to learn about conserving water, their surroundings and their local native wildlife. Winning entries will receive exciting prizes and will be put on display for everyone to enjoy and be inspired!

Entry forms are available to download online and can be picked up at the City's administration centre and libraries, and every household in the City will soon be receiving one.

Gardens can use a lot of water and take a lot of effort to maintain. A waterwise garden is one that conserves water as much as possible and contains various sustainable features, a very important consideration in Perth. The City encourages waterwise gardens to be developed on nature strips (verges) which not only make us a more sustainable community, but will also save time, money and effort to maintain.

Remember that in some cases approval from the City is required to develop a nature strip. Guidelines are available on the City's website to assist any residents thinking of developing their nature strip, otherwise residents can contact the City for help and ideas.

Subsidised native plants are also available throughout May from APACE nursery, 1 Johannah St in North Fremantle, as part of WESROC's Native Plant Subsidy Scheme. The City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said the scheme is an opportunity for Western Suburbs

residents to buy native plants at a subsidised rate that will generate sustainable waterwise gardens. WESROC are aiming to hit a target 10,000 total native plant sales this year.

The City of Nedlands is a Waterwise Council endorsed by the Water Corporation and is committed to providing leadership to the community in water conservation.

The competition closes on 26 August 2016

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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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