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Celebrating 1,500 hours of volunteering

After 15 years of volunteering on the City of Nedlands Access Working Group, Greg Madson, along with his guide dog Nicholas, has 'retired' from the group to focus on new roles within the area of access and inclusion.

Greg has been a local resident of the City of Nedlands for more than 20 years and was an Equity and Diversity Adviser for the University of Western Australia. Greg lost his sight in the early 1990s and for the past 20 years has been involved in advocacy and support for people with disability in the areas of sport, the arts, recreation, transport, employment and education.

He was one of the founding members of the City's Access Working Group. During this time Greg has provided invaluable advice to the Access Working Group, particularly towards the City's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, and has worked tirelessly to improve access within the City of Nedlands, the area he has worked and lived in.

Greg thanked other Access Working Group members, the Community Development team and City's councillors for the opportunity to be involved in the Access Working Group.

"I truly believe that the input of the Disability Access Working Group has provided significant awareness of the access needs of people with a disability in regard to facilities available in the City of Nedlands.

"Through the Disability Access Inclusion Plan, direct advice from the Access Working Group, and efforts of Community Development Officers, access to the City of Nedlands environment has certainly improved for the better."

City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said Greg has been an invaluable member of the Access Working Group.

"Greg has been tireless in the work he has done for the City over the years. On behalf of the City, I'd like to thank Greg for his tremendous contribution to the local community," the Mayor said.

Greg is not retiring from volunteering completely though, and is currently president of five key local and national disability support organisations.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer member of the City of Nedlands' Access Working Group please contact Deena Appleby, Community Development Officer on 9273 3566 or dappleby@nedlands.wa.gov.au

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Greg Madson and his dog Nicholas (centre) with (L-R) Eric Moxham (Access Working Group), Mayor Max Hipkins, Deena Appleby (Community Development Officer), Robyn Tsapazi (Access Working Group), Kerry Revell (Access Working Group), Councillor Kerry Smyth, at a dinner at Steve's recently to farewell Greg.

About the Access Working Group

The Access Working Group was established in 2001 to provide advice to the City on access and disability related issues in order to improve the access and inclusiveness of the local community. Membership includes representatives from the community and two staff members who meet on a quarterly basis.

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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