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100,000 native plants have been re-homed across the Western Suburbs

Residents in the Western Suburbs have proven their love for native plants and thrown their support behind the Western Suburbs Regional Organisation of Councils (WESROC) 2016 Native Plant Subsidy Scheme – helping them to achieve their sales target of 100,000 plants.

WESROC reached a grand total of 13,595 sales over the month of May during the annual native plant subsidy scheme.

The organisation has been progressively working towards the ambitious figure over the past nine years, taking the total to 100,327.

The City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said the scheme is an excellent example of positive outcomes when councils collaborate and share resources.

“It is encouraging to see residents across the Western Suburbs throwing their support behind WESROC’s native plant subsidy scheme for another year running.

“It was an ambitious target and I am pleased to see that with the support of the local community they have been able to sell over their target figure. It proves that residents appreciate the subsidised rates for native plants and obviously enjoy their plants and gardens.

“In a world where water shortage and droughts are a concern, the City of Nedlands along with the majority of WESROC and the Town of Cambridge are waterwise councils. Planting native plants in your garden will help to reduce water wastage and conserve water for all of us. I am pleased to see that our residents are potentially taking home that message and utilising the scheme to do so.”

The official launch of the Native Plant Subsidy Scheme was held on 8 May at Cottesloe Civic Centre by the Town of Cottesloe Councillor Jay Birnbrauer.

Over 85 attendees were treated to a native garden workshop led by Garry Heady from Beyond Gardens who discussed many gardening tips including soil preparation for Perth’s sandy soils, transitioning from lawn to native plants, good bugs for pest control and growing bush food in residential gardens.

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.

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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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