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Free Public Wi Fi comes to Nedlands

The City of Nedlands and one of Australia's largest internet providers are set to launch out its first free public Wi Fi service across four of the City's public buildings in Nedlands on Friday 3 October.

The City of Nedlands and iiNet entered into a partnership earlier this year after the City approved the initiative to introduce free Wi Fi to several of the City's public buildings.

The buildings which will have the free Wi Fi service are the;

- City of Nedlands Administration Centre, 71 Stirling Highway, Nedlands,
- Nedlands Library, 60 – 64 Stirling Highway, Nedlands,
- Mt Claremont Library, 105 Montgomery Ave, Mt Claremont, and
- Nedlands Community Care, 97 Waratah Ave, Dalkeith.

The service which will allow for users to connect to the internet for basic browsing and has the full support of the City of Nedland's Mayor, Max Hipkins.

Mayor Hipkins said he saw the need to introduce free Wi Fi to the City to take the lead as a progressive city and accommodate the ever changing world of technology.

"It was really important for the City to adopt free Wi Fi. We live in an ever changing world of technology and one where people need to and do enjoy remaining connected to the pulse of the internet via portable devices including mobile phones, tablets and laptops. It is important for Nedlands to be a progressive City and take the lead in introducing new technology to advance the uniqueness of Nedlands."

iiNet Chief Business Officer, Greg Bader said after building AdelaideFree, the largest open access WiFi network in Australia, the company was looking forward to improving connectivity in iiNet's home city of Perth.

"Free Wi Fi is a necessity in any modern city, and we're excited that we can use our national expertise to help improve connectivity across Nedland's community spaces," said Mr Bader.

The introduction of free Wi-Fi to these buildings will benefit a wide variety of people in the area including students, residents, visitors, business and workers.

"By providing this service the City believes it will attract and retain more people to the City. It will encourage more people to the city's buildings to enjoy our services," said Mayor Hipkins



“For example, a University student who may not have the internet connected at their flat will be able to benefit from the free Wi Fi service at our local libraries. Especially as the University library and communal areas become busier closer to and during examination periods and throughout certain periods of the semester. This way, they will be able to utilise our services and in turn encourage greater connectivity between the City and the community.

As well as the benefits to the City, we hope that by providing the service, the City will help create vibrant community hubs which will in turn help local businesses.

Following the service going live, the City will consult residents, visitors, businesses and students to see how the community feel about the service and if they would like to have the service in more areas of the City.

For more information on the free public Wi Fi contact the City on 9273 3570.

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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