

**25 November 2020**

## **City of Nedlands CEO, Mark Goodlet resigns**

At the City of Nedlands Council Meeting held at the Adam Armstrong Pavilion, on 24 November, 2020, Mayor Cilla de Lacy read the following letter of resignation from City of Nedlands CEO, Mark Goodlet:

To the City of Nedlands Council,

I wish to acknowledge the recent front page press coverage which has placed Council in an embarrassing position and I take this opportunity to thank Cr Smyth for taking up my suggestion to include an independent investigation into the CGM Communications incident, as part of the resolution to Council, and in order to put the record straight.

It is hoped that this will provide a circuit breaker for the Council to rebuild its relationship with the community and move forward with new methods of engagement.

This is also the right time for me to sever my relationship with Council and I hereby resign my position of Chief Executive Officer at the City of Nedlands, effective from close of business on 24 February 2021.

The 24 February departure date meets my contractual notice period obligation and allows me to support Council in making the temporary arrangements needed to handle what now stands at three vacancies within an Executive team of four.

Successful Councils build relationships at all levels. Ultimately local government is a child of the State Government. If a Council's actions are unbound and unconstrained by its duty to this relationship, then a City is unable to perform its obligations successfully and incurs reputational damage, making it difficult to engage positively with the State Government.

However, the community can be assured that the City of Nedlands will continue to deliver well-kept parks and natural bushland, civil infrastructure and community buildings, waste collection, support to its seniors, libraries, arts services, ranger and regulatory services – all of which keep this community safe and well provided for.

The City can be proud to have a strong and honourable Administration dedicated to service, manned by people who will continue to discharge their roles for the benefit of this community.

I wish the City of Nedlands every success in its ongoing quest to be an environmentally sensitive, beautiful, and inclusive place to live.

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**About the City of Nedlands**

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from the Perth CBD and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the white sands of the Indian Ocean. Covering the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park, the City of Nedlands is home to a population of approximately 22,000 residents.

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