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### **City of Nedlands punching above its weight in development applications**

Latest figures show the City of Nedlands is currently assessing and processing 114 development applications (DA) for projects ranging from single residential dwellings to multiple dwellings of six storeys. The number of new DAs is increasing week on week.

In addition, the City also has a record number of applications being submitted for consideration by State Government Development Assessment Panels (DAP).

With a total of 15 DAP applications currently underway, the City has been assessing and processing more DAP applications than the cities of Stirling and Wanneroo combined.

This means, with just five per cent of the population (22,500) the tiny City of Nedlands is handling more DAP applications than these two mega-cities with a combined population of 423,800.

Furthermore, Nedlands has more than double the number of DAP applications of its neighbouring western suburbs councils of Subiaco, Cambridge, Claremont, Cottesloe, Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove that have a combined total of seven applications.

Mayor Cilla de Lacy says the massive increases in applications reflects a pent-up demand for new housing in the City of Nedlands where land values are high and amenities such as hospitals, the beach and a university are all close by.

“We have a new planning scheme now, the first major change in this area for more than thirty years, and residents and developers are making the most of it.

“The COVID pandemic may also be playing a part in encouraging people to sell properties they’ve been holding onto for a long time, allowing new developments to fill those spaces.”

According to City of Nedlands CEO, Mark Goodlet, while these are challenging times for the Council and the Administration staff, all indications are that the current record numbers of development applications will continue for some time to come.

**Spreadsheet and graphic available on request.**

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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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