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Nedlands Residents engage with Nature Play

Nedlands residents will have the opportunity to engage with nature with the completion of the City's first \$50K Nature Space at Point Resolution last Friday.

The multi-generational bespoke Nature Space area will bring young people, children and their families back to nature and the outdoors in a natural setting. It will also provide a challenging, yet safe environment, for children to expand on their nature play.

City of Nedlands Mayor, Max Hipkins, said: "The City prides itself on its natural spaces including the abundance of parks and bush land. We are proud to have completed our first Nature Space for residents to enjoy."

In a stark contrast to the traditional manufactured playground, the play facilities at the Nature Space have been made from natural elements including log steppers, log frames and boulders.

Set against the backdrop of the spectacular views of the iconic Swan River, the space gives visitors the authentic natural outdoor experience with an abundance in wildlife, bush land, natural shade and minimal man made impact. Mulch soft fall was chosen to allow the setting to blend with the surroundings. Point Resolution was formerly a limestone quarry. Three of the parks boulders were relocated to be incorporated into the space. A limestone coloured kerb was also used to blend in with existing limestone.

Nature play spaces and going back to nature is a growing trend in playground design.

"In recent years, the City has received several requests from residents about designing nature spaces instead of the traditional factory made playgrounds.

The existing manufactured playground at Point Resolution was in a state of disrepair and due for an upgrade. The City heard the requests from local residents and saw the opportunity to allow children to take a step back to nature which is a growing trend at the moment," said Mayor Hipkins.

The City is using the Nature Space as a test case for future developments. If it proves to be popular, residents may see more Nature Spaces developed in the future.

For more information please contact the City on 9273 3500 or council@nedlands.wa.gov.au

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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