



Nedlands commemorates centenary

The City of Nedlands and the Nedlands branch of the Returned and Services League commemorated the 100 year anniversary since the start of World War I in a moving Remembrance Day ceremony at the Perth War Graves Cemetery on Tuesday morning.

The annual Remembrance Day ceremony paid respect to returned service men and women who fought during World War I – the war to end all wars and was marked with a minute’s silence.

Remembrance Day is a significant day in the Australian calendar year. The date and time observes the “11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month” which acknowledges the signing of the armistices that ended the war on November 11, 1918.

The City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said: “The annual Remembrance Day ceremony at the Perth War Graves is a special event in the City. This year’s ceremony was a moving tribute to the Australian soldiers that fought in the war, many young men enlisted into the war and many families were affected by the loss of their loved ones. We also remember those who have and are currently serving in wars around the world.

“For several years, Australian soldiers were away from their family and friends, often with little to no contact. It was difficult to send a letter and they were unable to make a phone call home. For many, war was the first time that they had left the shores of Australia.”

Students from Loreto, Dalkeith, Nedlands Primary and Hollywood Primary Schools read poems in tribute to the fallen soldiers who died for Australia’s freedom today.

Guest speaker, Dr Arnold Stroobach from the Dutch Consul Club, gave a powerful speech on the history of World War I and the 28 Dutch people buried in the Dutch War Cemetery were as a result of the Japanese dawn attack on Broome in WWII on 3 March 1942.

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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