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Whadjuk Trail Network gains national recognition

In significant recognition of its place in Perth's culture and heritage, the Whadjuk Trail Network has been added to the National Library of Australia's web archive, PANDORA, which will provide online public access to the website in perpetuity.

Addition to the web archive acknowledges the trails' significance in preserving Noongar culture and remnant bushland in the western suburbs of Perth. The trails offer users a unique experience and appreciation of the land.

City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said, "Addition to the PANDORA archives is a significant acknowledgement of the importance of the Whadjuk Trails in Perth. It means this the knowledge and information that has been gathered for the trails will be available for future generations."

The PANDORA Archive is a selective collection of web publications and websites relating to Australia and Australians. It includes materials that document the cultural, social, political life and activities of the Australian community and intellectual and expressive activities of Australians.

The City of Nedlands is the lead council in WESROC's Whadjuk Trails, providing resources and support to the network.

Aboriginal languages were traditionally spoken, not written, so information was passed down the generations in spoken word. Retaining respect for this, the trails are unique as they include stories following local song lines and spoken by a Noongar Elder which illustrate an intimate connection with the land. These can be accessed while walking with smart phones by scanning the QR codes on interpretive signs across the network of trails.

Mayor Max Hipkins said, "The beauty and history of the trails are best experienced in person and on foot. I would encourage everyone to walk part or all of the trails – it's a great experience."

For further information, see the Whadjuk Trails' website at <http://www.whadjukwalkingtrails.org.au/>

PANDORA has 42,733 archived websites in areas as diverse as the arts, education, politics and law, media, sciences and many more.

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About PANDORA

PANDORA, Australia's Web Archive, is a growing collection of Australian online publications, established initially by the National Library of Australia in 1996, and now built in collaboration with nine other Australian libraries and cultural collecting organisations. PANDORA's website can be accessed here:

<http://pandora.nla.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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