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Happy dance! Branch out with low-cost native plants

The Western Suburbs Regional Organisation of Councils (WESROC) is giving local residents the chance to buy native plants for \$1.50 each from 1 to 27 May.

Now in its 10th year, the annual native plant subsidy scheme has resulted in more than 100,000 plant sales in the past decade.

Households can buy up to 80 plants each from APACE Nursery at 1 Johannah Street, North Fremantle – people need to show proof they are residents in the Cities of Nedlands and Subiaco, Towns of Claremont, Cottesloe, Cambridge and Mosman Park or Shire of Peppermint Grove.

City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said the scheme was an opportunity for western suburbs residents to buy plants to create sustainable waterwise gardens.

“Local plant species provide the most suitable food and habitat for local native wildlife and reduce water use in the garden,” he said.

“They also provide much-needed shade around the home to help combat Perth’s hot summers.

“In a world where water shortage and droughts are a concern, the City of Nedlands is proud to be a waterwise council – we were recently recognised for our water-saving efforts and re-endorsed by the Water Corporation and Department of Water.

“Planting native trees, shrubs and groundcovers helps to reduce water waste while conserving water for all of us.

“I am pleased to see our residents are taking home that message by making use of the native plant subsidy scheme each year.”

APACE Nursery is open 7.30am to 3pm weekdays and 9am to 12 noon Saturdays.

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native plant: Native plants, such as the heart-leaf flame pea (*Chorizema cordatum*), are available at a subsidised rate during May.

About WESROC

The Western Suburbs Regional Organisation of Councils (WESROC), comprising the Towns of Claremont, Cottesloe and Mosman Park, Shire of Peppermint Grove and Cities of

Nedlands and Subiaco with the Town of Cambridge, works on a voluntary partnership on cross-boundary regional projects.

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 more than 21,000 lives in the suburbs Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

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