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## **Taking Tawarri towards tomorrow**

What does the future hold for the Tawarri site on the Esplanade in Dalkeith?

Located between Beaton Park and the Sunset Foreshore, the City of Nedlands is exploring options for the prime location and wants to ensure the community remains informed about its progress.

The site is currently home to the Tawarri Reception Centre, built in 1957, which is approaching the end of a 21-year lease (30 June 2018) and the end of its functional life.

Last year, Council publicly called for expressions of interests in a land lease – submissions ranged from proposals to use the hot water under the site to create bathing facilities, complemented by food and beverage services, through to a replacement function centre offering a wider range of facilities.

From these submissions, three will now be invited to submit tenders fully detailing their proposals – but none of them are a foregone conclusion.

City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said he wanted to make it clear everything was still at a very early stage.

“The City wants to ensure it remains open and transparent every step of the way, particularly at key decision stages during this long-term project,” he said.

“This is an opportunity to enhance a wonderful location that will really add something special to a beautiful part of the river, as well as the surrounding area and All Abilities Play Space at Beaton Park, also linking in with the future redevelopment of the Sunset Hospital site.

“I’m sure there will be a positive flow-on effect as we move forward – it will become a valuable asset for both the City of Nedlands and Western Australia, providing a colourful, vibrant and exciting place to visit.”

Mayor Hipkins said that while a budget will be sought from Council for road and parking improvements, the City intended to lease out the Tawarri land to a third party.

“That organisation would be responsible for all capital and ongoing maintenance, as well as operational costs associated with providing amenities and facilities at the site, instead of using ratepayer funds,” he said.

For more details, go to [yourvoice.nedlands.wa.gov.au](http://yourvoice.nedlands.wa.gov.au).

### **Background**

- Tawarri is an Aboriginal word meaning “evening breeze”.

- Historically, there were hot pools at Tawarri – they formed from hot artesian water that came from the Yarragadee aquifer. A bore was drilled in 1908 to create a pool and later plugged in 1962.

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#### CAPTIONS

tawarri1: The City of Nedlands is exploring options for the Tawarri site on the Esplanade.

tawarri2: The Tawarri site in Dalkeith is in a prime location.

tawarri-hot pool: A historical photo of people using the hot pools at the Tawarri site.

#### **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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