



UNIQUELY NEDLANDS

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014



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Cover image: Windsor Cinema, Nedlands
Left image: Big Bertha Roller, Carrington Park



MAX HIPKINS, MAYOR

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

It is an honor to be able to present the City of Nedlands' 2013/2014 Annual Report. I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the role all of our residents and local businesses have played in helping us achieve our goals this year.

The 2013/14 Financial Year has proved to be yet another successful year for the City in terms of its strategic goals.

We are on track financially and working towards achieving the Strategic Community Plan, rehabilitating more roads, improving community buildings and providing community services and events.

This year we held numerous events in the community including the much loved Summer Concerts in the Park, Emerge Youth Art Awards, the Anzac Day and Remembrance Day Ceremonies.

We are also on track with our financial goals, much of which you will read throughout this report. This includes the Council's consideration for potential cost savings and spending within the City's allocated budget.

The City has also forged ahead with completing capital works projects and implementing new projects which will both enhance and improve the City.



Strategic Community Plan

During the 2013/2014 financial year, the City successfully continued to implement the Strategic Community Plan which was adopted by Council in the 2012/2013 financial year.

Renewal of the City's Waste Contract

During the last financial year, Council made a decision to put the City's waste management contract out to tender which led to the City renewing its contract with Perth Waste.

As a result the City will be making a saving of approximately \$800,000 per annum which is reflected directly in a rate reduction and enabled the City to keep its rate increases to an average of 4.1 percent at the beginning of the 2014/2015 financial year.

Council Amalgamations

Over the past year the City has gone through a period of uncertainty regarding the Western Australian Government's proposal to reform a range of local governments.

The State Government's intentions were expected to be known sometime early in the 2014/2015 financial year.

With regards to the State Government's proposed changes to local government boundaries, the City remains opposed to amalgamations. We see no benefit to the local community and our preference is to remain independent. The State Government has not proven any financial benefit to mergers and has provided no economic analysis.

Capital Works

The City is putting every effort into upgrading capital works including roads and sport pavilions. In February, the City of Nedlands was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation for the redevelopment of the recreation facilities at David Cruickshank Reserve in Dalkeith.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The boost in funding will be used for the redevelopment of the Collegians Amateur Football Club's clubhouse including the social area, kitchen, veranda and change rooms.

The total project cost is estimated to be in excess of \$2 million and has already received \$1,749,920 from the City of Nedlands and \$75,000 from the Collegians Amateur Football Club.

Arts Committee

Earlier in the financial year, the City established an Arts Committee. The Committee comprises Councillors Nigel Shaw, Kerry Smyth and Toni James, myself as the Mayor and is chaired by Councillor John Wetherall. The Committee also includes two community members, Kate Parker and Luke Hollyock, the Committee's youth representative.

The Committee aims to continue to develop the area's public artworks. In the decade following the year 2000, Council installed nine significant artworks in the public domain, most of which were donated by the Nedlands Cultural and Community Society. As a result, the City of Nedlands already has a valued stock of public artworks. The Arts Committee intends to continue this work and is currently considering sites for the next installation. Arts Committee meetings are open to the public, with observers most welcome to attend.

Survey on Community Perceptions

Earlier this calendar year the City undertook a survey on community perceptions on the work the City is doing. We were very appreciative of the supportive and positive feedback it received. The results revealed that 83 per cent said that they are satisfied with the City of Nedlands as a governing organisation. The survey also revealed that 93 per cent of residents were satisfied with the City as a place to live. The City is proud of Nedlands' unique character and identity and prides itself on its high standard of service to the community, its culture, heritage and projects.

We will continue the momentum of customer satisfaction into the New Financial Year.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone at the City of Nedlands – my fellow councillors, the Chief Executive Officer, Greg Trevaskis, and the City's staff who are all doing a wonderful job at providing a high level of service to the City. Their expertise and skill continue to contribute to the smooth running and professional operations of the City.



YOUR COUNCIL

Coastal Districts	Dalkeith	Hollywood	Melvista
Cr Nikola Horley	Cr Ian Argyle	Cr Ben Hodsdon	Cr Gordon Hay
Cr John Leo McManus	Cr Joe Porter	Cr Robert Binks	Cr Toni James
Cr Kerry Smyth	Cr Bill Hassell	Cr John Wetherall	Cr Nigel Warren Shaw



Max Hipkins
Mayor



Cr. Nikola Horley
Coastal Districts Ward



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Dalkeith Ward



Cr. Nigel Warren Shaw
Melvista Ward



Cr. Gordon Hay
Melvista Ward



Cr. Toni James
Melvista Ward



Mayor, Councillors and City's Executive Staff Members at the Peace Memorial Rose Gardens Nedlands

CEO REPORT



CEO and Executive Team at the Peace Memorial Rose Gardens

GREG TREVASKIS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Welcome to the 2013-2014 Annual Report. I commend this report's contents to you as a reflection of what has again been a most successful and busy year for the City of Nedlands.

These positive results would not have been achieved without the commitment of elected members, staff, volunteers and the general community who have each contributed their expertise, time and support to continue the proud traditions and maintain the beautiful amenity of this City.

A key driver for everyone at the City is the implementation of the Strategic Community Plan which was adopted in December 2012 and details of our progress against our set targets are included in this report. We are also making it our business to involve and inform the community on our progress against the plan as well as our many ongoing activities within the community. Every major project we do involves community consultation at some level. We continue to train staff across all four divisions to develop and implement their own community engagement strategies. We are also getting better at engaging on-line through Facebook, Twitter and through our on-line community newsletter.

In line with our aim to be a financially responsible and an efficient organisation, we have a defined program to regularly review the services currently provided by Council. This past year's review had a close look at a number of services including the City's Child Care Centre at Point Resolution Reserve. The City decided that Child Care may not be a council responsibility and this previously subsidised service could be better provided by commercial operators at no additional cost to City ratepayers.

Accordingly, the Centre at Point Resolution and another vacant facility in Melvista Avenue were placed on the open market by way of expression of interest. The response from users of the existing Child Care Centre was that Council should keep this service in-house and that fees be set to make the Centre a break-even operation and not be a cost on the City.

The end result was a victory for the local community. The Point Resolution Child Care Centre has been retained under the control of Council but is now a cost-neutral facility. The vacant property in Melvista Avenue has been renovated and is operated by Kids Galore Pty Ltd with a commercial rent being paid to the City. A good result for all parties in the end.

In the early part of the financial year, the City chose to withdraw its membership from the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) due to a perceived lack of support and poor representation provided by WALGA's leadership in the fight against forced amalgamations, as proposed by the State Government.

Despite claims that Nedlands' withdrawal from WALGA will result in significant costs to the City, it is pleasing to report that Council has not been financially disadvantaged when all cost factors are taken into consideration.

In a number of ways the City has benefitted from its withdrawal from WALGA as it has provided the stimulus to look at improved procurement practices, a review of our internal controls and in some cases our business activities which have delivered savings and other efficiencies. The City's staff are to be congratulated for their efforts and willingness to review, improve and support the changes that resulted from Council's decision to withdraw from WALGA.

The 2013/14 year has also seen the City's Technical Services division increase its in-house capability through the recruitment of key personnel in areas of engineering design, project management and procurement. This investment in staff will provide many benefits to the City as well as savings in the reduced use of external consultants. In the first year of the Strategic Community Plan significant progress has been made towards all targets which will be reported in detail for each year of the four-year program.

I use this opportunity to again acknowledge and highlight the considerable efforts of the entire team at the City of Nedlands. My personal thanks to the Mayor, Max Hipkins, councillors, my executive team colleagues and all of the staff who have contributed so positively to the achievements of the past year. The City of Nedlands has much to look forward to.



UNIQUELY NEDLANDS

The City of Nedlands is situated just 7km from Perth and stretches from the banks of the beautiful Swan River to the edge of the Indian Ocean. The City of Nedlands has a population of over 21,000 who live in the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.



1 Windsurfing on the Swan River 2 Yabba Dabba, Dalkeith 3 Broadway at dusk 4 Cottesloe Golf Club

The City has 13,000 eligible voters. At this year's Council election (October 2013), only 27% of these electors voted in the election. Voter participation was slightly higher in Nedlands than the average for the Perth metropolitan area which saw 25% of eligible voters voting.

The City has a range of Committees and Advisory Groups including the Sustainable Nedlands Committee, Arts Committee, Audit & Risk Committee, CEO Performance Review Committee, Youth Advisory Committee (YAC), the Waratah Avenue Placemaking Committee and the Access Working Group. Some of these groups have spaces for community membership and most meetings are open to the public.

After English, the most common language spoken at home in Nedlands is Mandarin, with 2.5% of the population speaking Mandarin at home.

11.4% of the Nedlands population are currently attending a TAFE or University. An increasing

proportion of the Nedlands community are students, up from only 10% of the population in 2006. Nedlands is unique in its high student population, with a greater Perth average of only 7.1% of the population currently studying at TAFE or University.

This is reflected in the City's housing composition, with 4.1% of the dwellings in Nedlands being used as group households. This is slightly higher than the Perth average (4%), and is increasing over time (3.7% at the 2006 census).

The Nedlands community is diverse in its method of commuting to work. 57.1% of residents drive to work, 7% of residents use the bus to travel to work (compared with 3.7% of greater Perth), and only 2.7% of the population use the train (compared with 6.7% of greater Perth). Bicycle commuting is increasing in Nedlands, with an increase from 2.5% of the population commuting by bike in 2006 to 4.2% commuting by bike at the last census (2011).

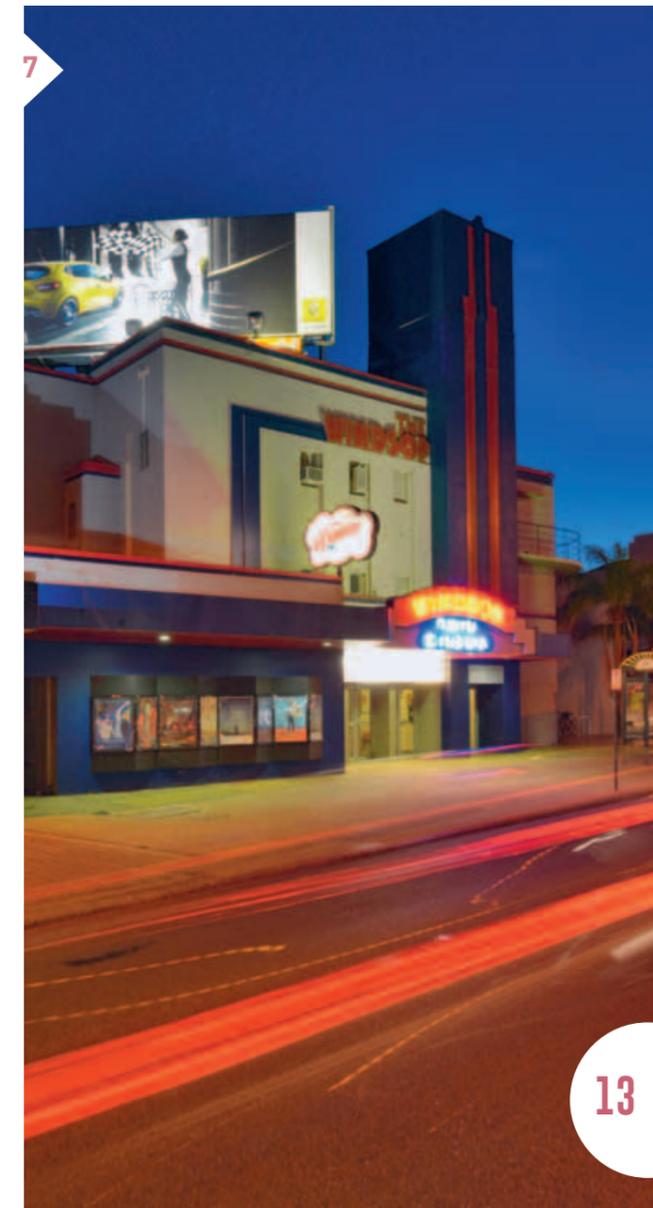
VOLUNTEERING IS HIGH WITHIN THE CITY. 28.1% OF NEDLANDS RESIDENTS ARE VOLUNTEERS, SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE GENERAL PERTH POPULATION OF 12.8% VOLUNTEERING. WE ARE ALSO VOLUNTEERING MORE THAN THE AVERAGE IN THE GREATER WESTERN SUBURBS REGION, WITH AN AVERAGE OF 25.7% VOLUNTEERING.

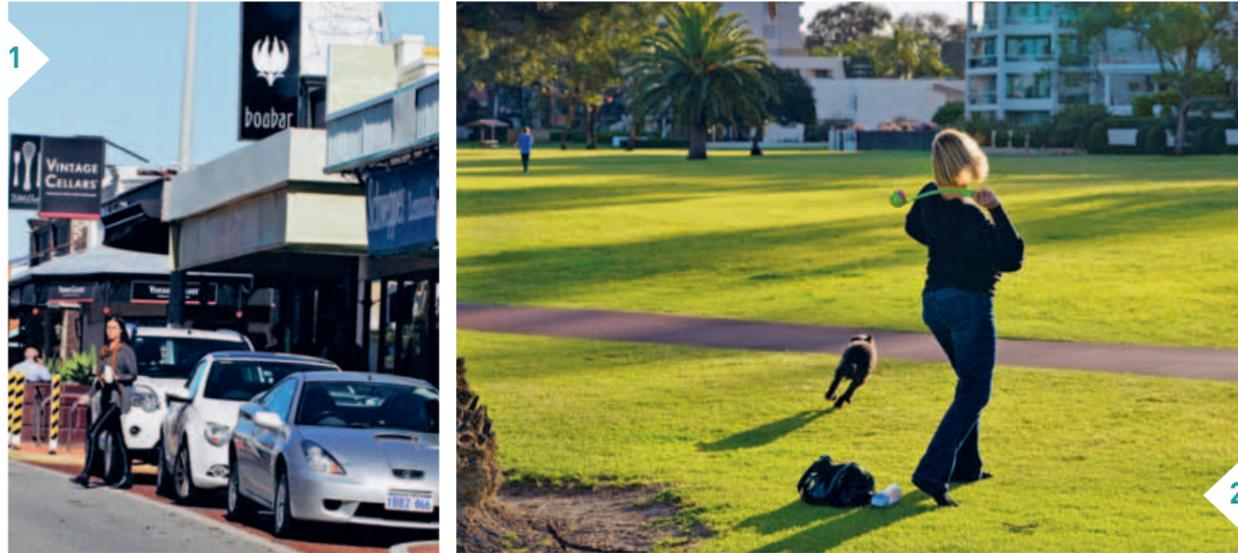
Nedlands is family-focused and rightly so with 48.4% of our households having children. The City has eight primary schools (five public and three independent) and two secondary schools (one public and one independent).

The City has 46 parks, gardens, reserves and bushlands. The 55 hectares of bushland are supported by a network of volunteers and "Friends of" groups which meet regularly to plant seedlings and undertake weed control. These bushlands are now linked by the Bush to Beach Trail Network.

The biggest industry of employment for Nedlands residents is Health Care and Social Assistance, with 18.3% of our population working in this sector. 11.5% of the population work in Education and Training. We also have a significant population of legal professionals and accountants (5.4%) and engineers and architects (5%).

- 5 Edward Bruce Foreshore Path
- 6 Swanbourne Beach
- 7 The Windsor Cinema, Stirling Highway





1 Hampden Road streetscape 2 Parkland along the Edward Bruce Foreshore Path 3 Peace Memorial Rose Garden

INTEGRATED STRATEGIC PLANNING

In 2012, following extensive consultation with the community, the city prepared a ten year Strategic Community Plan.

The plan was a requirement of the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, implemented by the State Government's Local Government Reform Program and will be reviewed every two years.

Developing the ten year Strategic Community Plan identified that community infrastructure (such as roads and community facilities) were in urgent need of repair and renewal and would require reinvestment over the next ten years. Therefore much of the plan is focused on the city's infrastructure.

The table on page 15 shows the City's key capital works targets and achievements for the 2013/14 financial year as well as the targets for 2014/15.



STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

Nedlands 2023

Capital Works targets and achievements

Description	Corporate Business Plan (CBP) 4-year target	2013 End of Year Goals	2013/14 Goals Achieved	2014/15 End of Year Goals
New building projects finished	DC Cruickshank completed	0	0	1 (Collegians Clubrooms)
Square Meters of Natural Areas Paths removed	Renew 2285m ²	555m ²	Allen Park pathways	400m ²
Square meters of greenway planted	Plant 5860m ²	1300m ²	1500m ²	940m ²
Number of trees planted	2050 street/reserve trees	480	481	650
Meters of river wall repaired	226m	50m	0	50m *
Square meters of carpark new or upgraded	Upgrade or build 13240m ²	0	144m ²	0
Number of bus shelters upgraded	16	4	5	2
Number of pits installed	20	20	23	20
Meters of footpath renewed	Renew 12793m	908m	2492m	800m
Meters of new paths	Construct 1864m new path	0	1223m	0
Number of blackspot projects completed	8	5	3	0
Kilometers of roads renewed	34.31km	4.30km	3.02km	3.58km

* (dependent upon Swan River Trust funding)

THROUGHOUT 2013/14
FINANCIAL YEAR, THE CITY
UNDERTOOK ENGAGEMENT
AND CONSULTATION IN
RELATION TO VARIOUS
PROJECTS AND WORKS.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



The City of Nedlands is committed to undertaking robust and comprehensive engagement and consultation with the community for projects and events.

The City has a Community Engagement Policy and Procedure in place to ensure that efficient and effective engagement is undertaken with the community on all projects.

Throughout 2013/14 financial year, the City undertook engagement and consultation in relation to various projects and works. This consultation included online surveys, comment forms, community workshops, youth and children workshops and consultation and engagement with the City's various advisory committees.

Some of the larger community engagement projects undertaken in the 2013/14 financial year included;

- Waratah Avenue Placemaking Strategy,
- Name the River's Edge project – naming of Foreshore 3,
- North Street, Swanbourne Black Spot project,
- City playground renewals and upgrades
- Dinghy Storage Management Plan
- Beecham Road retaining wall stage 3 and 4

In March 2014 the City undertook a community perception survey to consult the community on their satisfaction with the City of Nedlands.

The results of the survey showed a strong and improving council across all areas with 96 per cent of respondents satisfied with the city as a place to live and 83 per cent were satisfied with staff and Council's performance as a governing body.

The survey results also showed that performance had increased by 10+ per cent in the following 14 service areas;

- Value for money from rates,
- Council leadership,
- Council's understanding of community needs,
- Staff understanding of community needs,
- Openness and transparency,
- How the community is consulted,
- How the community is informed,
- Level of customer service,
- Council's website,
- Services and facilities for youth,
- Services and facilities for families,
- Services and facilities for seniors,
- Community buildings, halls and toilets, and
- Traffic management.

CITY INFRASTRUCTURE



The consultation process was very comprehensive and very good. I received a bunch of letters from the first point of contact about the notification of road works. They organised parking permits for temporary parking, advised when the servicing works was going to start. Every stage of the process we were advised about.

They built a little driveway everyday so we could get in and out of the property. You were made to feel very important and that you were being looked after. I have had absolute joy dealing with the City of Nedlands, in particular Maria Hulls and all the workers who came out every day, right down to the lollipop girls. Fabulous girls, helping me get the car in and out with a smile on their face. No grief, nothing was a problem.

GREG KEAMY
RESIDENT, NORTH STREET, SWANBOURNE

KEY POINTS

Black spot projects:
2 constructions completed
1 commenced construction
3 further designs complete

110 metres of River Wall maintenance

75 metres of Beecham Road Wall Refurbishment (Stages 3 & 4)

2 major building upgrades and 5 minor building upgrades



General road upgrades:
12 new drainage pits for flood mitigation
2492 m² of renewed footpath
1223 m² of new footpath



8 Roads rehabilitated

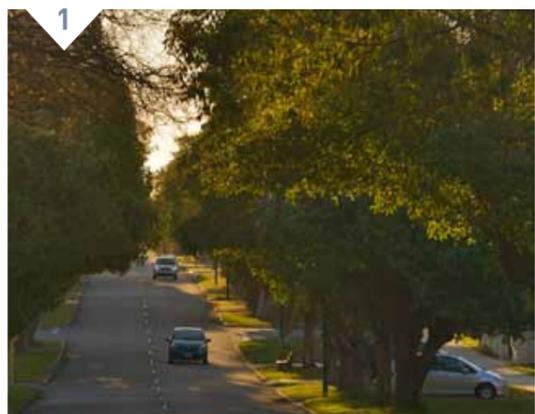
19,855 m² of surfacing

1,070 m² of footpath

4,481 metres of replacement kerbing

31 upgraded drainage pits and installation of 12 new drainage pits





1 - 2 Typical streetscape infrastructure around the City of Nedlands 3 Bus shelter construction at UWA

OVERVIEW

The City's infrastructure includes its roads, footpaths, drainage and the City's buildings.

Throughout the Strategic Community Planning process it was identified that the City's infrastructure is at a stage in its lifecycle where significant investment is needed. This was a major financial driver for the 10 year strategic community plan and to this the City developed a comprehensive capital works program.

In the 2013/14 financial year, the following roads were resurfaced in the City.

- Tyrell Street,
- Doonan Road,
- Minora Road,
- Haldane Street, and
- Acacia Lane.

Due to a number of factors, the following roads were deferred and have been rescheduled

Road	Reason for deferral	Deferred until
Selby St	Allow for completion of works at Shenton College.	2014/15 financial year
Alfred Rd and Underwood Ave	Geotechnical investigations identified rehabilitation instead of resurfacing is required which will require funding from the Metropolitan Regional Road Group	2016/17 financial year

Drainage improvements and storm water management

As well as the road resurfacing, all roads programmed for resurfacing have a detailed survey undertaken to ensure they have adequate storm water drainage capacity. During resurfacing works the City installs additional drainage as required.

A total of 23 new drainage soak wells were installed as part of the 2013/14 roads resurfacing program. A further 31 soak wells were upgraded as part of the road resurfacing program.

Assistance was provided to upgrade the pipe network leading into the Water Corporation compensating basin on Aberdare Road. This basin provides a vital area for discharge for drains in the Hollywood catchment area.

Footpath improvement and rehabilitation

Also, as part of the road resurfacing program, when required the City also rehabilitated and made improvements to footpaths in line with the City's annual footpath replacement plan. This involved replacing slab pavements with concrete footpaths.

Footpath upgrades not associated with the road resurfacing projects were also completed at

- Mengler Avenue
- Walba Way
- Walpole Street

New Footpaths

New footpaths were provided along Brockway Road fronting Moerlina and Quintilian Schools and on Railway Road adjacent Karrakatta Cemetery.

Black Spot Program

The Black Spot Program is a government funded initiative that improves the safety of roads that have a proven crash history or are at high risk locations. In the 2013/14 financial year, the City's Black Spot Program progressed on the following projects.

- Bruce Street / Elizabeth Street roundabout (completed)
- Stirling Highway / Vincent Street (completed)
- North Street left-turn pocket extension (construction underway)
- Stirling Highway / Hampden Road / Broadway (design finalised and PTA to complete in 2014/15)
- Brockway Road / Underwood Avenue / Brookdale Road (revised funding application required)
- Railway Road / Loch Street / Gugerri Road (undergoing final design)

Buildings

In the 2013/14 financial year, the roofs were replaced in both the Nedlands Library and the City's Administration Building. The Nedlands Library also had its air conditioning replaced.

Works were also completed to five other buildings across the City to bring them up to the standards required to meet the Disability, Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP).

KEY INITIATIVES

East Melvista Parking Extension

This was rolled out in early 2014 to improve amenity in the East Melvista area, and to reduce the level of nuisance parking.

Beecham Road Retaining Wall

Stages 3 and 4 of the retaining wall have now been completed. Landscaping will follow completion of civil works (subject to optimal planting conditions)

River wall

Maintenance works were completed on 110m of riverwall. The City is finalising a generic structural design for ongoing riverwall replacement and upgrade, and will complete further upgrades as funding from Swan River Trust is allocated.

Principal Shared Pathway

The design phase of the Principal Shared Path (PSP) between Shenton Park Station and Loch Street has been finalised and MRWA have undertaken to complete construction in 2014/15.

The purpose of the PSP is to provide a safe pathway for bike riders and pedestrians with limited crossover interruptions. The passenger railway line reserve and adjoining road verge are the perfect locations for the path.



HIGHLIGHTS

- UWA joint project for the design and construction of a new bus shelter outside UWA between Clifton St and Hampden Road by architectural students,
- Bruce and Elizabeth roundabout completed as a State Black Spot Project,
- Removal of Stirling Highway islands at Vincent St as a State Black Spot Project,
- 5 new bus shelters, and PTA upgrades to Stirling Highway bus-stops,
- Upgrades to Nedlands Library and the city's administration building roofs and air-conditioning, and
- DAIP upgrades to buildings (Disability Access & Inclusion Plan).

STATISTICS

- **\$3.6 million** spent on road infrastructure.
- **\$3.1 million** spent on road rehabilitation projects.
- **\$176,000** spent on footpath rehabilitation projects.
- **\$262,000** spent on drainage rehabilitation projects.
- **\$1.6 million** spent on building maintenance and upgrades.

SUMMARY

The City's infrastructure has been improved in 2013/14 through the completion of 19,855 m² of road resurfacing, 1,223 m² of new footpath, 3,562 m² of rehabilitated footpaths, and extensive building maintenance works.

These works ensure that the community receives a high quality of asset management, ensuring the City's community enjoys the safest infrastructure that the City can provide. The City remains on track to complete goals set out in our five year plan.

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KEY POINTS

408

monthly parks maintenance programs completed

481

trees planted

21,000

native seedlings planted throughout the City

50

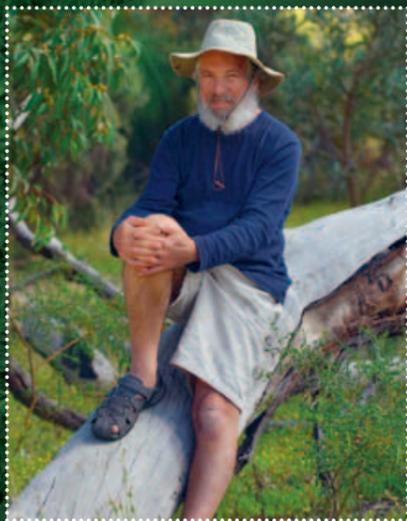
nature strip development permit applications received with 41 approved and 5 refused

29

parks capital projects completed

21

(34%) of parks where irrigation is currently centrally controlled



“It has become a regular part of my week, being in here seeing the seasons change and the plants coming and going every season. The birds and other animals that come with them. It’s just been really nice to get in touch with nature and the natural world and doing our bit to help keep this place more or less how it used to be as far as we can – help restore it to what it once was before Europeans came here.

Every spot is different. When you get to know them closely it has its own particular patterns of flora and fauna that live here. As you get closer to the coast the vegetation changes, it has its own unique group of plants and animals that live here and we are trying to find out how it all works and help it.”

DANIEL BOASE-JELINEK
MEMBER OF FRIENDS OF SHENTON BUSHLAND

FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS DANIEL HAS SPENT HIS SUNDAY MORNINGS HELPING TO KEEP THIS UNIQUE PIECE OF SUBURBAN BUSHLAND PRISTINE.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT



1 St. Peters Square, Mount Claremont 2 Pathway through the Shenton Bushland 3 Point Resolution

OVERVIEW

The City of Nedlands has 46 parks, gardens, reserves and bushlands totaling an area of 296.75ha.

The 2013/14 financial year was a very successful year for Parks services with 408 monthly maintenance programs and 29 capital projects completed.

Parks Services

A primary focus for the Parks Services department during 2013/14 was to review the approval processes allowing private development on City of Nedlands' property, primarily nature strips. The objectives of the review was to improve regulation and control of private development, improve the City's internal process and provide protection of public assets, including established street trees within the City's nature strips and streetscapes generally.

The 2013/14 financial year also saw Parks Services complete a review of irrigation operations to identify;

- potential operational efficiencies,
- the capacity for progression towards best practice,
- the ability to move towards a standardized specification for irrigation infrastructure, and
- areas where direct performance improvement for existing irrigation assets could be realised.

Some outcomes from the review included;

- expansion in the conversion of irrigation controllers to central control capability. This came as a result of high satisfaction in the pilot program,
- the standardisation of bore head works to improve efficiencies in maintenance operations relating to bore monitoring,

- investigation and confirmation of suitability to install a small number of central control linked weather monitoring stations strategically around the City to collect site specific weather data to assist with water use efficiencies, and
- Irrigation performance assessment, investigation and improvement works at a number of locations.

Environmental Conservation – Bushland Services

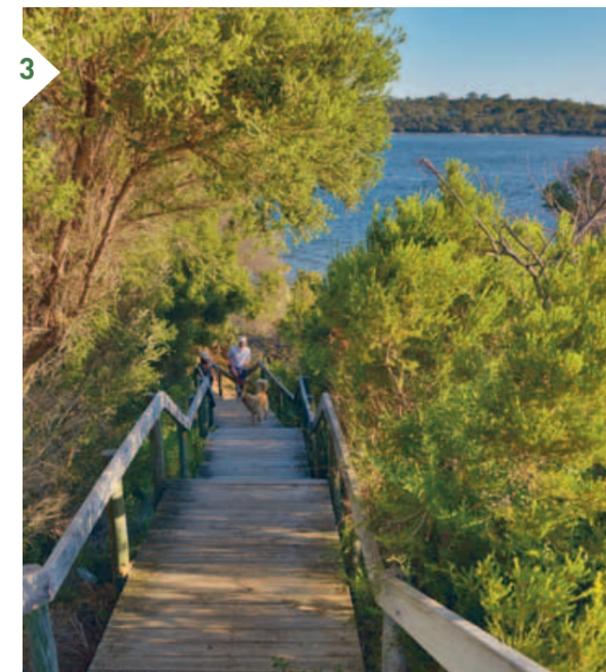
The City's Environmental Conservation team manage the City's remnant bushland areas that are under the control of the City.

The team also manages and maintains the City's greenways that contain native vegetation which improves biodiversity and allows for the migration of insects and small animals throughout the City.

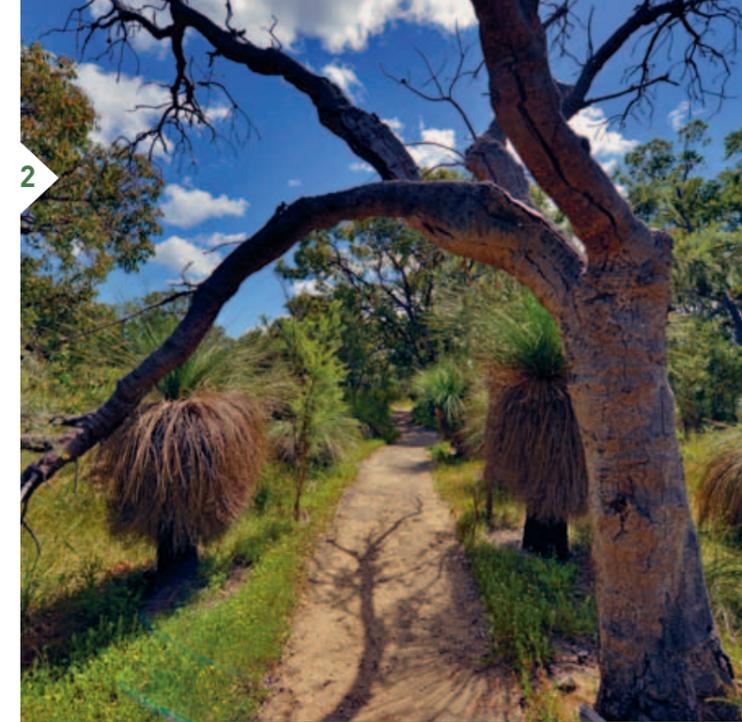
In the 2013/14 financial year, the City completed the second stage of the Greening of the Railway Reserve in Shenton Park, in addition to projects in Swanbourne involving the Friends of Allen Park, Swanbourne Coastal Alliance, Swanbourne Primary School, the Department of Planning and Lotterywest. These projects involved the creation and installation of interpretive signage and entry statements in Allen Park and dune rehabilitation in Swanbourne. All community stakeholders in these projects provide ongoing local expertise to initiate and drive these important community projects.

KEY INITIATIVES

- Renewal of the public BBQ facilities at Allen Park (Swanbourne) and Lawler Park (Floreat).
- Renewal of drinking fountains at Baines Park (Swanbourne) and Karella Park (Nedlands).
- Renewal of gazebos and resurfacing of two tennis courts at the public tennis facilities in Lawler Park (Floreat).
- Replacement of ageing "off the shelf" playground equipment with custom designed nature play elements at Point Resolution Reserve (Dalkeith),
- Installation of a new footpath and stairs at Swanbourne Beach Reserve to improve accessibility.
- Minor improvements to play equipment in Grainger Reserve (Mt Claremont) and Masons Gardens (Dalkeith).
- Renewal of playgrounds at Allen Park (Swanbourne) and Carrington Park (Nedlands).
- Renewal of irrigation bores at College Park (Nedlands) and Melvista Oval (Nedlands).
- Installation of new irrigation central control cabinets at Masons Gardens, Sunset Foreshore and Beatrice Road Reserve (Dalkeith); Nedlands Park and Carrington Park (Nedlands); Daran Park and Lesley Graham Reserve (Mt Claremont).
- Replacement of irrigation system at Hollywood Reserve (Nedlands).
- Commencement of a programed audit of parks assets and their condition for updating of the parks assets register enabling improved decision making for future infrastructure renewal programs.
- The City worked with the Friends of Allen Park, Lotterywest and Swanbourne Primary School to create entry statements and interpretative signage in Allen Park.



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HIGHLIGHTS

- Retained and improved presentation of the City's parks through renewal or replacement of gazebos, drinking fountains, BBQ's, footpaths and playground equipment.
- Successfully maintained the City's annual groundwater use below allocation since metering and reporting of groundwater usage was required in 2008.
- Adopted 5 year Management Plans for all of the City's six natural areas. These plans work to manage natural areas in the City for their long term protection, conservation and restoration.
- A review of the City's irrigation operations saw improvements across the service.

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The 2013/14 financial year saw a very successful year for Parks and Bushland services despite difficulties presented by recurrent years of below the average rainfall, above average temperatures and budget limitation.

The year saw many efficiencies in Parks Services along with improvements to the parks infrastructure. The financial year also saw the finalising of the Natural Area Management Plans which will provide residents with higher quality natural spaces in which to recreate and enjoy.

I like working with the people at the City of Nedlands. The can do attitude. The people that I have come across they have had a really 'keen to help' attitude, they're quite knowledgeable about what they can and can't do. If they say they're going to do something - it normally happens.

There is a sense of community here in Swanbourne. We had one busy bee where everybody from Wood Street decided to come and help. So we had 33 people at the Community Garden helping. When you can tap into the sense of community in Swanbourne, the people will come to help. I think the Community Garden will grow quite a bit. There a mix of people in Swanbourne and they all seem to want to be involved. It's good.

GAIL STUBBER
PRESIDENT OF MAYO COMMUNITY GARDEN INC.

HEALTH & COMPLIANCE

A NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN IN THE HERITAGE PRECINCT OF SWANBOURNE IS BRINGING LOCALS TOGETHER.

KEY POINTS

35,202

Vehicles marked for parking compliance

205

Food Premises Inspections

510

Cats Registered



3,026

Dogs Registered





1 - 2 Mayo Community Garden, Swanbourne 3 Dog rescued by Ranger Services 4 Swan River and CBD from Matilda Bay

OVERVIEW

The Health and compliance section covers the City's environmental health, the rangers' service and sustainability.

Environmental Health

The City's Environmental Health Department is concerned with aspects of the natural and built environment that affects the health of people.

Environmental Health Officers provide assistance and information on a wide range of public health related matters including food safety, noise pollution, environmental pollution, hairdressing and skin penetration, pest control, water quality, health promotion, asbestos, public buildings and contaminated sites.

Noise, especially from air conditioning systems and parties are becoming an increasing concern to residents within the City and complaints relating to air conditioners have been increasing annually now for some years.

Rangers

The City's rangers provide a visible patrol of the City for the amenity and safety of residents and visitors. Rangers operate in the areas of parking control, bushfire risk mitigation, dog and cat control licensing and event traffic management and emergency management.

This year saw the introduction of the Cat Act and as a result the City's rangers facilitated the registration of 510 cats within the City. This new legislation resulted in

the Rangers putting significant efforts and resourcing into ensuring that residents were informed of their responsibilities and were assisted in complying with the new legislation.

Sustainability

The City's sustainability program aims to reduce the City's energy and water use and reduce costs in these areas.

In 2013/14 the City's administration building's costs were reduced by 4%. This was the result of changes to lighting in the Council chambers and air conditioning use. Solar panels on the roofs of City buildings also saved the City over \$21,000.

The City of Nedlands is a Water Corporation-endorsed Waterwise Council. We are committed to improving water efficiency and contributing to improved water quality throughout our operations.

Scheme water consumption in 2013/14 is 20,663kL (up 7% from 2012/13). Contributing to this increase was the reopening of John Leckie Pavilion following its extensive renovations over the previous year where the building was not in use. The Department of Water allocated 709,300kL of groundwater to the City for irrigation throughout the financial year and the City used 707,093kL (up 18.9% from 2013/14). Contributing to this increase was a drier than average year in terms of rainfall, as well as the development of a new irrigation management plan. This focuses on and seeks to utilise the City's groundwater allocation in the most efficient manner possible, to produce the best quality parks and sporting fields.



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KEY INITIATIVES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Implementation of the Cat Act following its introduction in November 2013. This provides for better management of the unwanted impacts of cats on the community and the environment as well as encourages responsible cat ownership.
- Development of an Energy Efficiency Strategy which provide the city strategic direction in monitoring and managing energy use for the future.
- Over \$21,000 was saved in energy use in 2013/14 following in the installation of solar panels on the City's buildings.
- The City's first community garden was established in 2013/14. The community garden was an initiative of the City's Sustainable Nedlands committee who assessed viable sites around the City. Following a survey of residents nearby to two possible locations, the old Mayo House site on Wood Street in Swanbourne was chosen. A core committee has been formed, who have incorporated the group and secured a peppercorn lease from Council for the land. Council have so far donated a grant of \$20,078 towards establishment of the garden. The group have been working hard to source donated and recycled materials to landscape the site and establish garden beds. Once established, the garden will feature plots for lease, communal garden areas, composting zones and raised garden beds to improve accessibility. The garden hopes to host community events and workshops.

STATISTICS



SUMMARY STATEMENT

The 2013/14 financial year saw a very successful year for the Health and Compliance team with the implementation of the new Cat Act 2011, the development of an Energy Efficiency Strategy and Nedland's first Community Garden was established.



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KEY POINTS

The City is committed to achieving a waste reduction target of

65% by 2020

The diversion rate of waste from landfill achieved in 2013/14

47%

Our three bin collection system is continuously improving source separation whilst achieving great savings to rate payers in disposal costs.

The City of Nedlands is a leading metropolitan Council for three bin system resource recovery.

There was a decrease in the waste service rates charge of 12% for 2014/15 for residential customers and 3% to commercial customers.

Percentage of residents utilising the standard bin service, contributing to lower waste generation in the City

84%

Percentage of residents who are utilising the second recycle bin option

12%

The City of Nedlands is one of the best performing Local Government Authorities in source separation of waste achieving resource recovery rate of approximately 50%-55% – *Waste Authority 2013*

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WASTE SERVICES



1 - 2 A Waratah Ave resident utilising the green waste bin 3 Clean streets around Mt. Claremont

OVERVIEW

The City is currently a leader in the State in waste management, with one of the highest diversion rates, lowest waste rates components and strongest customer satisfaction levels.

The City is committed to achieving a waste reduction target of 65% by 2020, which has been set by the State Government. Our approach is to seek to implement effective environmental management practices that consider the most cost effective outcomes for rate payers in achieving the desired waste minimisation targets.

The City has approximately 8,020 dwellings participating in weekly waste collections and alternating fortnightly green waste and recycling collection services, utilising the three-bin kerbside collection system. In addition 950 commercial waste services and 590 commercial recycling services are included in the kerbside collection system, with commercial bin systems selected to suit individual needs.

The municipal solid waste is being delivered to the North Banister landfill facility operated by the City's municipal waste contractor Perthwaste. The recycling and green waste collected fortnightly is transported to Perthwaste's Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) at Bibra Lake for resource recovery. The MRF is a new state of the art facility which has the ability to process 30 tonne per hour. This enables the City's contractor to process recyclable materials more efficiently and effectively.

In 2013/14 the City's waste management collection service was re-tendered. This was a major undertaking that has produced approximately \$755,000 per annum savings. This reflected directly in a reduction in charges to residential and commercial ratepayers, despite a significant increase in the state government's landfill levies in the last budget.

The City of Nedlands provides two bulk verge collection services per year to residents. Recyclables, green waste and e-waste is collected separately and directed to recycling and resource recovery processing as appropriate. All remaining hard waste is being delivered to Brockway transfer station in Shenton Park from where it is removed to landfill.

Separating waste at the source not only saves disposal cost, it also directly supports material recovery high value streams. The City's three bin collection system has been identified as a leader in the metropolitan authority for resource recovery

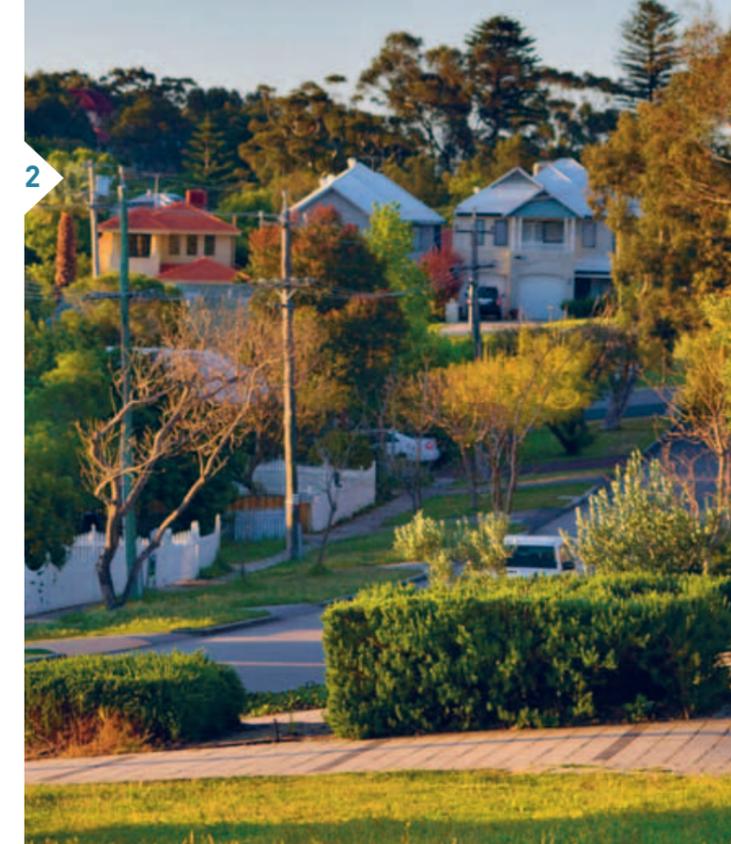
Graffiti, vandalism and anti-social behavior is also dealt with by the Waste Services team. The City's graffiti contract ensures that all graffiti is removed within 48 hours of reporting, and also reported to a central police database. This service is available free of charge. The community satisfaction rating in this area remains high at 92% favorable.

KEY INITIATIVES

- Second recycling bins available free of charge to residents.
- Second green waste bins provided to residents at a subsidised fee.
- Bulk collection service with source separation to divert from landfill: green waste; e-waste; mattresses and metals.
- Implementation of biodegradable dog waste bags.
- Recycling stations provided at key City locations for e-waste, mobile phones, light globes, fluorescent tubes, printer cartridges and household dry cell batteries.
- Green waste bags, worm farm and compost bins provided at discount rate to the City's residents.

SUMMARY

The City will continue to work with the community to encourage positive attitudes and behaviors towards reducing the amount of waste going to landfill. Our message is to encourage "waste" materials to be thought of in terms of a resource to be recovered, reused and recycled wherever possible.



STATISTICS

\$755,000

per annum savings on re-tendered waste contract, running until 2018

6,204 of domestic waste collected, including bulk rubbish collections

2,408 of recyclables diverted from landfill

3,495 green waste diverted from landfill, including bulk rubbish collections

97% Community satisfaction rating for weekly kerbside waste collections

92% Community satisfaction rating for control of graffiti, vandalism and anti-social behavior

The Waratah Avenue place making strategy was a very enlightening exercise for me because we really started at the grass roots and we looked at what was there at that moment and what we hoped we could achieve as far as redevelopment of it to make it a more people friendly area. It is different in that it is business development on one side but it is residential development on the other side. So you have to be very careful about what you include there because it might please the shop owners but it won't please the residents.

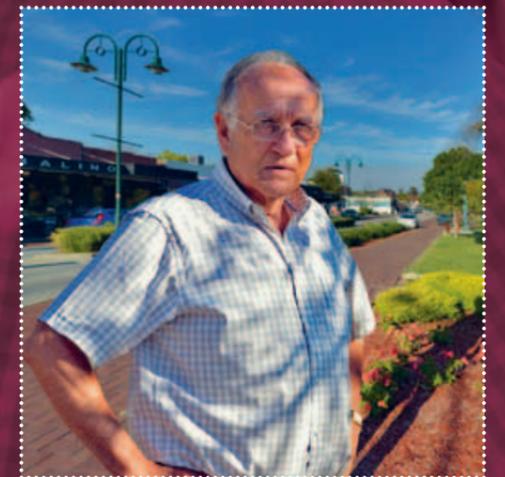
It was great working on it with the City, we had a lot of input from some very experienced people and they were very open minded as to what was presented for discussion from community members. It was good.

KEN EASTWOOD

RESIDENT AND VOLUNTEER ON THE WARATAH AVENUE PLACEMAKING STRATEGY COMMITTEE

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THE STRATEGY WILL SET THE CONTEXT FOR IMPLEMENTING IMPROVEMENTS SO THAT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY CAN CONTINUE VISITING AND ENJOYING THE PRECINCT.



BUILT ENVIRONMENT



1 Relaxing on Hampden Road 2 Deli Chicchi, Mt. Claremont 3 Tyrell Street 4 Genesta Park, Waratah Avenue

OVERVIEW

The Planning and Building teams provide the strategic planning framework for the City and formulates, administers and enforces the rules and regulations for the City's built environment. The Planning and building team is divided into the Strategic Planning Department, the Statutory Planning Department and Building Services.

The Strategic Planning Department looks to provide long term direction on land use and development control throughout the City.

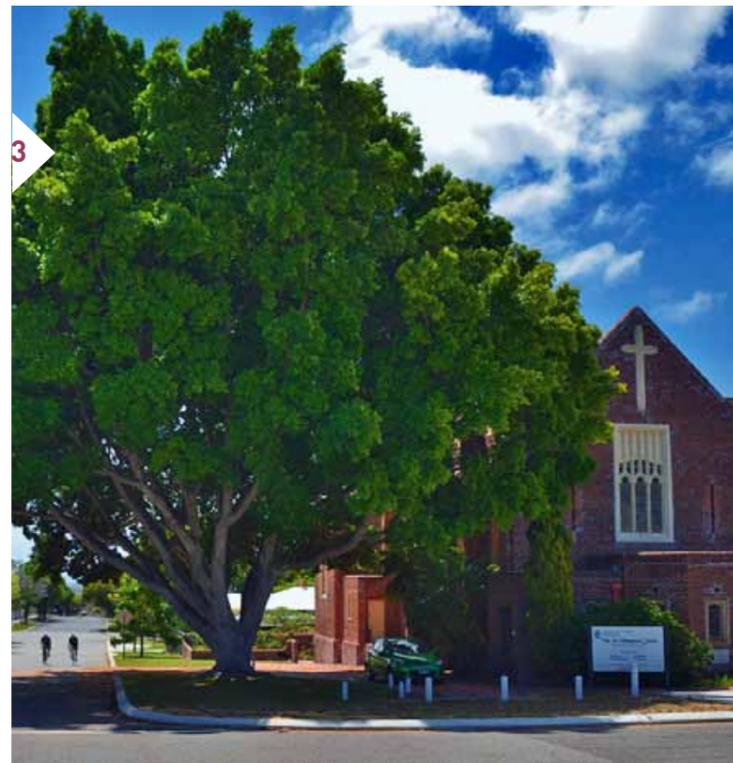
In 2013/14 they worked to progress the City's Local Planning Strategy and draft Local Planning Scheme which are two key documents that will enable the City to appropriately plan for the future.

The Strategic Planning Department also supported:

- The Waratah Ave Steering Committee to develop plans for the enhancement of Dalkeith Hall, Genesta Park and the street between Alexander and Adelpa Roads (WAVE),
- A study along Hampden Road to determine if the City can promote economic development along the commercial section of the strip,
- Review of the City's Municipal Heritage Inventory,
- Completion of the City's Bike Plan for community consultation, and
- Processed various scheme amendments, subdivision applications, Master Plans and Outline Development Plans (ODP's).

The Statutory Planning Department focus on processing development applications to ensure timeframes are met and the community is consulted in the decision-making. All Development Assessment Panel Applications (DAPs) and over 95% of all other development applications, were processed within statutory timeframes.

The Building Department focus on processing Building Permits under the new Building Act within statutory timeframes, manage the City's leases and undertake swimming pool inspections.



KEY INITIATIVES

- Travel Smart remained a key initiative for the Strategic Planning Department. The City has been involved in this initiative for over 10 years and it continues to stimulate people to use alternative modes of transport. In 2013/14 the City completed a bike plan which will be consulted with the community.
- Improved processes have been developed which have resulted in over half (52%) of development applications being processed within 20 days.
- The Building Department has looked at improving processes to provide a better customer service approach for applicants applying to the City for building approval. The City has instigated some new approval services that seek to provide a consistent approach and provide one place where applicants can submit their paperwork and be able to get all assessment and certification and permits at the same time in a cost effective and timely manner.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Successful negotiation and upgrade of the building at 64-66 Melvista Avenue, Dalkeith which was the former Melvista preschool. This building is now leased to a new childcare provider, Kids Galore Pty Ltd,
- 52% of Development Applications were processed within 20 days,
- 650 swimming pool inspections were conducted with 70% of pools recorded as compliant,
- Progressed Hampden Road study to report to Council,
- Completed extensive community engagement on the Waratah Placemaking Strategy project which has provided the City with a vision of what the community would like in the area for the future.

SUMMARY

Overall, the City has reduced processing times for planning and building applications and undertook community consultation to ensure the effects of these applications on the built environment are minimised.

Projects including the Waratah Avenue Place Making Strategy (WAVE), Hampden Road study, completion of the David Cruickshank Reserve Master Plan, review of the City's Municipal Heritage Inventory and travel smart incentives have been carried out to progress the communities expectations set out in the Community Strategic Plan.



STATISTICS

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

607 ISSUED

\$152,720,720

value of permits issued

\$343,573

in Building Permit fees received

174

CERTIFIED APPLICATIONS

234

UNCERTIFIED APPLICATIONS

35

BUILDING CERTIFICATES ISSUED

548

Development applications determined

\$585,254

Development applications fees received

98%

Development applications approved under deligation

650 - POOL - INSPECTIONS

17

Subdivision applications received and processed within statutory timeframe

COMMUNITY SERVICES

KEY POINTS

Aged Care, Child Care and Library Services all achieved greater than 95% satisfaction ratings in their annual client surveys

The number of members of the Affinity Club (Positive Ageing Program) almost doubled

Monthly average of people who participated in Positive Ageing activities **208**

Across the past year, the Nedlands and Mt Claremont libraries provided **198** **▶** **3,425**
EVENTS PEOPLE ATTENDING

Library Services rated in the top four performers for City services in the recent Community Survey



It has a heart. It really does have a heart. It has an incredible sense of right and wrong. I think Nedlands is a fabulous place. I saw the value of the services – there’s 795 ways that they provide a service and I thought this is magic. So I’m trying a few.

DAVID STEPHENS
RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF NEDLANDS

18,600
hours of home & community care service were provided by Nedlands Community Care to: **230** eligible community members

THE CITY PROVIDES AGED CARE, CHILD CARE AND LIBRARY SERVICES WHICH ALLOW REGULAR & DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN CITY STAFF & THE COMMUNITY.

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OVERVIEW

Aged Care Services:

Nedlands Community Care (NCC): Funded jointly by the Department of Health and the City of Nedlands, Home and Community Care (HACC). It provides services assisting eligible residents to remain living in their own homes for as long as possible. Often, the contact with NCC staff is the only contact elderly residents have with anyone outside of their home and this interaction proves to be beneficial in keeping them engaged through activities and provides social support for their well-being. Services include; In Home Support (includes personal care, domestic assistance, home maintenance and transport), centre based day care (activities and meals at the centre, outings and events), social support activities (includes men's group, dinner club, book clubs, computer classes and scenic drives).

Positive Ageing: Operating for four years, many new members have joined while many of our original members continue to participate in the variety of activities available. The positive ageing program is for the 'over 55's' with activities and outings organised to engage those who are not ready for more supportive assistance, as provided by Nedlands Community Care, but would like to join in with other like-minded and able bodied seniors and have some fun trying something new and enjoying social interaction.

Weekly activities include:

- Internet computer café,
- Mah-jong
- Table Tennis
- Tai Chi
- Yoga, and
- Waratah Walkers (walking group).

1 - 2 Various City aged care activities

Monthly activities include:

- Good Company Laughter Club, and
- Monday Movie Club.

Child Care:

Point Resolution Child Care (PRCC) is a centre which provides a family style child care service where children from six months to five years of age can interact in the one place. Complying with the new child care standards and the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF), staff endeavor to make each day at the centre one of learning, exploring and social interaction for all of the children.

Major programs implemented at the centre include:

- Provision of a fantastic learning opportunity through a new pre-kindergarten and kindergarten program targeted at mixed ages and ability levels with a focus on phonics and numeracy skills through inter-active participation.
- Developing children's imagination and creativity through hands-on experiences/projects using recycled material.

Library Services:

The City has two libraries, Nedlands Library on Stirling Hwy and Mt Claremont Library on Montgomery Ave. Membership stands at 10,792 members, of which 71% are local residents.

Books, eBooks and other items loaned and renewed exceeded 171,000 transactions for the year. Many regular, as well as one-off events and activities were held throughout the year for library users of all ages and interests.

KEY INITIATIVES

Aged Care Services:

Nedlands Community Care staff continued to research new services and activities that could be implemented, particularly in centre based day care and social support.

In 2013/14 the centre also ran joint activities with other nearby day centres and the Point Resolution Child Care centre which allowed for diverse and inter-generational experiences for all.

The Affinity Club (Positive Ageing) enjoyed a growing membership and new activities were added for the members to try. Old favorites like the weekly walking group continue to attract many devoted and energetic participants.

Child Care Services:

The child care service provided by the City was reviewed and operational changes were made to bring Point Resolution Child Care more in-line with other local child care centres by:

- Increasing the number of children that could attend daily,
- Opening the centre earlier and closing later to meet parent needs,
- Providing opportunity to apply for Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate for eligible parents, and
- Employing a teacher on-site to manage and develop programs that comply with the National Quality Standard.

Library Services:

The City's library service has added new opportunities to access information by increasing the number of eResources that library members can use for free including eMagazines, more eBooks, and eAudio books.

Library users can also use Indieflix - which allows access to thousands of film-festival hits.

The Local Studies team completed a comprehensive inventory of the contents in the Local Studies archives. This inventory serves to underline the unique value of the City of Nedlands Local Studies Collection and also enables staff to identify key collection priorities for the future.

SUMMARY

Staff providing aged care, child care and library services are constantly looking at ways to provide more services to the community in efficient and cost effective ways.

The one thing that doesn't change is their commitment to providing the highest level of customer service to their clients. Our aim is to make every visit to one of our libraries, or a day at Point Resolution Child Care, or even a home visit by a Community Care Officer, a positive and memorable experience.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Aged Care:** Over 80 community members attended the Nedlands Community Care Open Day - 'Engaging the Ageing'. The day included a range of presenters along with over 25 stall holders who demonstrated and educated the attendees on a wide range of services and equipment available to assist them in their daily lives.
- **Child Care:** In response to parent feedback, the number of children able to attend Point Resolution Child Care increased from 22 to 24 and the hours of opening increased by one hour per day and number of weeks open increased to 49. This allowed more families to utilise the centre and to assist parents with their drop off and pick up times to suit their needs and commitments.
- **Library Services:** Local Studies presented different guest speakers over the year. One topic in particular proved to be so popular that it had to be presented twice as the first session was quickly fully booked and there was a large waiting list. The presentation was 'The Journey of the Double Sunrise: the history of the Catalinas of Nedlands' presented by Ted Fletcher OAM.
- **Children's Book Week** saw over 300 students attend the library service across seven sessions with three authors presenting.

STATISTICS

- New Mercedes 12 seater bus purchased with funding from Department of Health for Nedlands Community Care clients
- Nedlands Community Care received over \$1 million in funding from the Department of Health towards providing Home and Community Care services
- Over **6,300** new items made available on the library shelves for the community
- **106,642** people visited the two libraries over the financial year
- eResources give library members free access to over **196 eMagazines, 19,423 eBooks** and **1,360 eAudios**.

I've been on the Youth Advisory Council for two and a half years. Being on the Youth Advisory Council is important to be because there is a large social aspect to it. You get to do stuff in the Community while also meeting people and making friends at the same time.

Nedlands is a really good community. You get a lot of different people but it's not a bad area to live, there are always events going on and cool people around.

ALEX SMITH
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER

\$300,000

worth of work donated to the organisation by volunteers

\$500,000

grant funding received from Department of Sport and Recreation for the upgrade of a community facility on David Cruickshank Reserve

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

I like the unique way Nedlands presents itself, including the parks. It really caters for the young people in the community and gives us the room to be ourselves.

I really enjoy being a part of the Youth Advisory Council and having a whole bunch of young people come together who have different ideas. I like seeing the different perspectives including the different views that I wouldn't usually see come together on the council.

MEGAN SIMPSON
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER

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37 SPORTING CLUBS
BASED WITHIN THE CITY

54 hectares of recreational reserves available for active sporting use

6 halls pavilions and community centres available for hire

1000+

Tresillian members

\$19,903

amount received from a Lotterywest grant for the City's Summer Concerts

KEY POINTS



OVERVIEW

Community Development provides services that help strengthen the community's capacity to meet its own needs. We work in partnership with the local community in the following areas:

- Sport and Recreation
- Community Events
- Youth Services
- Volunteers
- Community Groups
- Local Businesses
- Disability Access and Inclusion
- Tresillian Arts Centre

Sport and Recreation

The City has 37 local sporting which offer community members the option of participating in a wide range of sports. Community Development ensures that local sporting clubs have orderly access to the City's major sporting reserves, through a booking system. Local sporting clubs have first priority for use of the City's 8 major ovals. Community Development also works in partnership with clubs, supporting their efforts to secure funds to upgrade their facilities.

Community Events

A total of over 3,000 people attended the City's major community events, including:

- Summer Concerts in the Parks
- Blessing of the River
- Nedlands Going Places Tours
- ANZAC Day Service and
- Remembrance Day Service

Additionally, over 60 events were approved by the City, to be held locally on Council land.

Youth Services

58 young people aged 12 – 25 years entered artwork into the City's inaugural Emerge Youth Art Awards. Council provided 32 grants to local young people for activities that help engage them with their community, be it local, national or international.

Volunteer Services

Volunteers gave their valued time to help provide many of the services delivered by the City, including libraries, aged care, bush care and serving on committees and advisory groups. Their work is conservatively valued at more than \$300,000 over the financial year, based on an estimate of the worth of volunteer time by Volunteering WA. And that is just the volunteers who worked within the City's administration! A further 430 volunteers were referred to roles in the broader community, helping to sustain the work of many local community organisations.

Local Businesses

The Smeg showrooms on Carrington Street provided a great venue for the City's Summer Business Sundowner. Two Business Sundowners are held each year so that local business people can get to know each other, staff and Councillors in a relaxed setting. A review of the City's Business Database shows that there are now over 500 businesses within the City of Nedlands.

Tresillian Community Centre

Tresillian continued to provide a wide range of recreational courses, children's school holiday classes, art exhibitions and art studios for rent. 222 courses were provided in the financial year, to over 1,000 Tresillian members. Art courses continue to be in strong demand, as well as language and lifestyle courses.



HIGHLIGHTS

- 2,820 people at Summer Concerts in the Parks
- More than \$300,000 worth of work donated to the organisation by volunteers
- 222 recreational courses provided by Tresillian
- 58 young people enter the City's first Emerge Youth Art Awards
- \$500,000 DSR grant secured for new community facility on David Cruickshank Reserve
- \$44,875 Council grant to Associates Rugby Club for building upgrade, plus \$44,875 from Department of Sport and Recreation.

1 + 3 Art classes at the Tresillian Community Centre
2 Tennis lessons at Nedlands Tennis Club

KEY INITIATIVES

- David Cruickshank Reserve – the City was successful in gaining a Community Sport and Recreational Facilities Fund grant of \$500,000 from the Department of Sport and Recreation, to help with the development of a new community facility on the David Cruickshank Reserve.
- Arts Committee – Council established a new Arts Committee, which will focus on developing public art for locations within the City. It will also include community representatives.
- Emerge Youth Art Awards – the City's inaugural art awards for emerging young artists attracted considerable support, with 58 young artists submitting works.
- Facilities Grant – the Associates Rugby Club received a grant of \$44,875 from Council for the upgrade of their facilities on Allen Park. The Department of Sport and Recreation also provided the Club with a grant of \$44,875, with the Club providing the balance of the funds (also \$44,875).
- Summer Concerts in the Parks – the total cost of providing the four summer concerts was almost \$50,000. However, half this amount was provided externally, with a grant of \$19,000 from LotteryWest, a grant of \$1,000 from the Office of Road Safety and \$4,500 from local business sponsorship.

SUMMARY

The City's community development team had a very successful and busy 2013/14.

The events and services provided allowed the community to come together and get to know people in their community.

The Youth Advisory Committee continued to allow the youth to have a say and get involved in the community and through the City's volunteering services, we have empowered the community to get more involved in what is happening, provide support to community groups in the area and provided the community with new skills.

We have also continued to provide support to the City's sporting groups and helped them secure funding.

The Tresillian Community Centre continues to grow in membership and in courses and provide a service and place that is loved by the community.

We endeavor to continue to provide these much loved services and events in the 2014/15 financial year.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Council (3) ●..... Number of meetings held **N/A** Councilors not required to attend

ELECTED MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Councillor Attendance – 1 July 2013 to 18 October 2013

Elected Member	Council (3)	Special Council (2)	Committee (4)	Audit and Risk Committee (1)	Sustainable Nedlands Committee (1)	Arts Committee (0)	CEO Performance Review (0)
His Worship the Mayor RM Hipkins	2	1	3	N/A	2	N/A	N/A
Cr K E Collins	1	0	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cr N B J Horley	2	3	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cr L J McManus	3	2	3	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cr I S Argyle	3	2	4	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cr S J Porter	3	2	3	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cr B G Hodsdon	2	2	4	1	1	N/A	N/A
Cr T James	3	2	4	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cr N W Shaw	2	1	3	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
Cr M L Somerville-Brown	2	1	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cr J Wetherall	3	2	4	N/A	1	N/A	N/A
Cr R M Binks	2	2	2	N/A	1	N/A	N/A
Cr W R Hassell	3	2	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

ELECTED MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Councillor Attendance – 19 October 2013 to 30 June 2014

Elected Member	Council (8)	Special Council (1)	Committee (11)	Audit and Risk Committee (1)	Sustainable Nedlands Committee (2)	Arts Committee (1)	CEO Performance Review (1)
His Worship the Mayor RM Hipkins	8	1	7	0	2	1	1
Cr K Smyth	8	1	5	N/A	N/A	1	N/A
Cr N B J Horley	6	0	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cr L J McManus	8	1	7	1	N/A	N/A	1
Cr I S Argyle	8	1	7	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cr S J Porter	6	1	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
Cr B G Hodsdon	6	1	5	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cr T James	7	1	7	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cr G Hay	8	1	6	N/A	1	N/A	N/A
Cr N W Shaw	7	1	7	N/A	2	1	0
Cr J Wetherall	8	1	6	N/A	1	0	1
Cr R M Binks	8	1	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cr W R Hassell	7	1	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

OFFICIAL CONDUCT – COMPLAINTS REGISTER

Record of complaints made and referred to the Standards Panel under Section 5.121 of the Local Government Act

Name of Council Member About Whom the Complaint was made	Name of Complainant	Description of the Standards Panel Finding of Minor Breach that occurred	The Action Taken in Response to Standard's Panel Order	Finding contained in SAT Order on Review of Standards Panel Decision
Cr. M. R Hipkins	Ms. S Minshall	Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 - Regulation 7	1. Reported to Standards Panel.	Dismissed
Cr. M. R Hipkins	Mr J. R. Anderson for Hadley Holdings	Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 - Regulation 7	1. Reported to Standards Panel.	Dismissed

EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION

The number of employees of the City entitled to an annual salary of \$100,000 or more were in the following categories.

Salary Range	2012	2013	2014
\$100 000 to \$109 999	1	7	2
\$110 000 to \$119 999	1	2	9
\$120 000 to \$129 999	2	1	1
\$130 000 to \$139 999	0	2	0
\$140 000 to \$149 999	0	0	1
\$150 000 to \$159 999	1	1	1
\$160 000 to \$169 999	1	0	1
\$170 000 to \$179 999	0	0	0
\$180 000 plus	1	1	1

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The Freedom of Information Act 1992 requires all government bodies, including the City of Nedlands, to publish and make available an Information Statement for the public.

This Statement outlines what type of information is available, in what formats it is available, and where to access this information. It also stipulates what information is available freely, and what information can be accessed under a Freedom of Information Application.

The objectives of The Freedom of Information Act 1992 ("the Act") are to:

- (a) Enable the public to participate in the governing of the State; and
 - (b) make the persons and bodies that are responsible for State and local government more accountable to the public.
- (Freedom of Information Act 1992, cl. 3(1))

The City of Nedlands has dealt with 7 Freedom of Information Applications.

Total	Outcome
1	Cancelled
1	Transferred
1	Access granted in full
4	Access in an edited form

DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION PLAN

The City of Nedlands' Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2013/14 – 2017/18 is a key strategic document outlining the City's approach to working towards a more accessible and inclusive community.

The City is required by legislation to:

- Maintain a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan;
- Address seven specific outcome areas in the plan; and
- Report to the Disability Services Commission annually on progress against the plan.

While the City is required by legislation to maintain and implement a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, direct community benefits also result from the City's commitment to access and inclusion.

The table below indicate the outcome areas where strategies/ initiatives were planned as well as the strategies/initiatives completed.

Outcome Areas	Number of strategies / initiatives planned *	Strategies / initiatives completed **
Services and Events	14	13
Buildings and other facilities	15	12
Information	5	5
Services	10	8
Complaints	1	1
Consultation	1	1
Employment	1	1

* (Strategies / initiatives planned whether implemented or not)

** (Strategies / initiatives that were completed. Include on-going strategies)

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME BY PROGRAM 2013/14

Operating Revenue	\$
Governance	388,732
General Purpose Funding	20,373,959
Law, Order, Public Safety	103,926
Health	157,183
Education and Welfare	1,567,879
Community Amenities	4,261,633
Recreation and Culture	736,621
Transport	499,131
Economic Services	880,323
Other Property and Services	23,111
Total Operating Revenue	28,992,498

Operating Expenses	
Governance	-2,509,931
General Purpose Funding	-243,448
Law, Order, Public Safety	-944,863
Health	-558,257
Education and Welfare	-2,112,326
Community Amenities	-4,969,292
Recreation and Culture	-7,294,138
Transport	-4,656,794
Economic Services	-3,783,920
Other Property and Services	-400,682
Total Operating Expenses	-27,473,651

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME BY PROGRAM 2013/14

Borrowing Expenses	
General Purpose Funding	-302,196
Total Borrowing Expenses	-302,196

Contributions to the Development of Assets	
Education and Welfare	90,795
Recreation & Culture	55,819
Transport	389,283
Total contributions	535,897

Profit/(Loss) on Disposal of Assets	
Governance	0
Other Property and Services	72,603
Total profit/(loss) on Disposal of Assets	72,603

Net Result	1,825,151
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Other Comprehensive Income	
Changes on revaluation of non-current assets	5,630,407
Total Comprehensive Income	7,455,558



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