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# **Nedlands News**

## **Mayors Message**

Greetings Residents,

I am extremely proud of my leadership in the green space.

After three years, and consistent unwavering determination, I have finally managed to move a council mindset, to the point where Nedlands City Council voted unanimously to protect mature trees on private property!

The new rules are officially known as the Tree Retention Policy (Local Planning Policy 3.3). Landowners can prune trees for maintenance without City intervention, however approval will be needed to remove or significantly prune trees considered 'regulated' under the Policy.

'Regulated trees' have a canopy diameter of 6 metres or more, or a trunk circumference of 1.5 metres, or stand 8-metres or taller.

Meantime, we continue to run a leaner operating budget. On 23 July 2022 Council adopted a workforce plan to reduce staff numbers to 149, and we are now at this number. August is Budget Month and a Special Council Meeting will be called before August 20 to approve the City's 2024-25 budget.

We have a considerable capital works program in the coming year relating to underground power, asset maintenance and stormwater works.

With this in mind, I'll be asking Council to consider a rates increase capped at 3.6%, which is currently under CPI. I will also be looking for a smarter annual audit, and city officers are working hard to achieve this.

Finally – a big thank you to our dedicated environmental community groups and local school children, who planted an incredible 1,130 trees and seedlings in the City over July!

Yours faithfully, Fiona E. M. Argyle *Mayor, City of Nedland*s



#### New Look Positive Ageing Program for Local Residents

The City of Nedlands has launched a new look for the Positive Ageing Program for local residents. In addition to continuing all your usual weekly activities, the Positive Ageing calendar now includes information about activities run by neighbouring Councils - offering even more variety for you to choose from!

You'll find activities to get you moving, arts and crafts, card and board games, as well as book club and more on the new calendar.

The City has also re-launched its Shopping Bus Service! Let our friendly volunteers assist you in getting to and from the local shops for your weekly shopping trip. To be eligible for this service you must be aged 55+ and be able to get on and off the bus unassisted.

For more information about the new look Positive Ageing Program, visit **nedlands.wa.gov.au/positiveageing** or contact our Positive Ageing team on **9273 3660**.

### **Nedlands Library Service Bus**

For members of the City of Nedlands community unable to drive themselves to the library, we offer a Library Bus service.

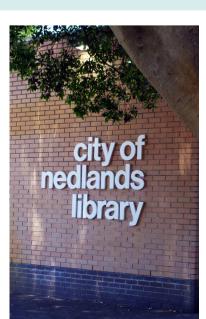
Once a fortnight on Monday morning, the Library Bus collects local residents from their homes and takes them to the Mt Claremont or Nedlands library.

Here, library items can be borrowed, followed by morning tea and a chat. The bus will then take residents home again. Please phone Nedlands Library 9273 3644 to register for this service.

#### Mt Claremont Library Justice of the Peace

The Nedlands Library Service is pleased to offer a weekly Justice of the Peace service at Mount Claremont Library.

This service will be held every Saturday from 9.30am - 10.30am commencing Saturday 7 September 2024.



## Upcoming Council & Committee Meetings







## **Community Events**



Mt Claremont Farmers Market Every Saturday in August, 7.30am Location: Mt Claremont Primary School mtclaremontfarmersmarket.com.au



All month at Tyrell's Cafe @ Tresillian Location: 21 Tyrell Street, Nedlands

Save the Children UWA Book Sale Friday 16 August 2024, 3pm Location: Winthrop Hall, UWA

For more information about all upcoming events visit **nedlands.wa.gov.au/events** 



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