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World First Proposal to Restore Banksia Woodland at Point Resolution Reserve

The City of Nedlands is excited to announce a groundbreaking proposal to establish a 1.3 hectare Banksia Woodland garden and restoration project at Point Resolution Reserve. This initiative aims to preserve and rejuvenate the unique and threatened Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain, which serve as vital roosting and feeding grounds for critically endangered Carnaby's cockatoos and other native wildlife.

Over recent decades, extensive development has led to the destruction of much of the Banksia Woodland across the coastal plain. This proposed sanctuary will create a haven for native birds and animals, providing critical habitat and food sources within the heart of suburban Perth. The project will provide a habitat island that birds can navigate as they search for decreasing food supplies.

Point Resolution, known in the Noongar language as Mandyyooranup - the 'Place of the Banksia' holds deep cultural significance for Indigenous communities.

The project is the brainchild of noted Plant biologist professor Kingsley Dixon who has assembled a team of experts who can work with Nedlands council staff to make the project a success. Mayor Fiona Argyle is a strong supporter of the plan and brought it to the November 26 Ordinary General Meeting where it was passed unanimously.

The proposal seeks to restore 15% of the original Point Resolution Banksia Woodland and its diverse wildflower ecosystem, creating a parkland that immerses visitors in the natural beauty of the region while supporting biodiversity.

Areas to be replanted are mostly lawn and it does not impact any residents' views.

Inspired by the renowned Kings Park Bushland, the design will combine rich native flora with innovative restoration techniques. Leading scientists from Curtin University and the University of Western Australia will contribute state-of-the-art propagation methods to ensure the project's success.

By restoring just 35% of the existing lawn areas at Point Resolution Reserve, the project will rival Kings Park in terms of floral diversity and richness. Visitors and park users will enjoy a vibrant landscape that benefits both the community and the environment, while offering a crucial lifeline to Carnaby's Cockatoos and other threatened species.

This visionary project underscores the City of Nedlands' commitment to conservation, cultural heritage, and enhancing community spaces for future generations.

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