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City of Nedlands' newest citizens celebrate Australia Day

The City of Nedlands will join towns and regions across the nation in welcoming its newest citizens as part of Australia Day 2012 celebrations.

25 people from 11 countries will become Australian citizens in a special ceremony held tonight (25 January 2012).

"Australia Day is a special day for all Australians to acknowledge what we love about this nation and a chance for us to celebrate our Australian citizenship as the bond which unites us all, whether we are Australian by birth or by choice.

"It's a particularly significant occasion for those City of Nedlands' residents choosing to become Australian citizens, as they pledge their commitment to Australia and its people and accept the privileges and responsibilities of Australian citizenship.

"The most popular day of the year to become an Australian citizen, our ceremony connects with tomorrow's celebrations and is one of some 365 across every state and territory with about 13 700 people scheduled to become citizens around the nation," said Mayor Hipkins.

The event will be held at the Perth Flying Squadron Yacht Club in Nedlands. The Hon Julie Bishop MP will be attending. The winners of the Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship awards for Nedlands will be announced following the Citizenship ceremony.

"The Nedlands community welcomes its newest citizens and wishes them well as they make the pledge to officially join the Australian family."

"I encourage all of our Australians, new and old, to join in Australia Day events and celebrate all that is great about our nation."

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