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Protecting Carnaby Cockatoos

A focus for the City of Nedlands is the protection and conservation of food sources and habitat of the endangered Carnaby Cockatoos. Approximately 4,500 trees and shrubs used by the Carnaby Cockatoos for feeding and roosting will be planted in Nedlands bushlands and greenway reserves in 2012.

Mayor Max Hipkins said, "It is a high priority of the City's to provide the endangered Carnaby Cockatoo with continuous food sources."

Approximately 22,000 seedlings are planted annually within the City of Nedlands' bushland and greenway reserves. Locally occurring ground covers, shrubs and trees are planted that provide habitat and food sources for a variety of native birds.

Along with planting vegetation to support the Carnaby Cockatoos, the City of Nedlands is working to protect existing declining vegetation. Following two very dry winters in 2009 and 2010, many trees within the City started to decline and in some cases die. Some of these species included Jarrah, Marri and Peppermint trees which are all trees that are used by Carnaby Cockatoos for feeding or roosting.

A survey undertaken by the City in 2011 in bushland and greenway reserves found that many trees were declining or dying as a result of the plant diseases such as phytophthora dieback and fungal canker pathogens. In addition, drought and stem – boring insects have impacted these trees. The City undertook some initial treatments in order to lessen the trees' decline and improve their health. Initial results have shown that the majority of trees treated have responded well with improved health. Recently, the Friends of Point Resolution Reserve generously raised \$1,000 in order to treat additional trees at Point Resolution Reserve.

The City is committed to the ongoing protection and conservation of the Carnaby Cockatoo and will continue to plant roosting and feeding trees through our annual planting program along with ongoing treatments of declining trees.

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