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## **City of Nedlands donates to Shenton Christian Council**



Shenton College recently hosted a morning tea in recognition of the support the Shenton Christian Council receives from the City of Nedlands for Chaplaincy within three schools in the City.

Since 1999, the Shenton Christian Council, on behalf of YouthCARE, have received sponsorship from the City of Nedlands to assist with Chaplaincy services provided to Shenton College, Swanbourne Primary School and Mount Claremont Primary School. This year the City contributed \$10,800 towards these services.

“We support the services provided by the Chaplaincy which address pressing issues such as bullying and harassment, low self-esteem, family problems, peer pressure, loneliness, friendship difficulties, drugs and alcohol,” said Mayor Hipkins.

“Chaplains are highly valued in the community for the strength that they provide to the youth and their lives. The service is always available for individuals dealing with the struggles of life and assisting in changing the perspective for anyone having these troubles and problems. They have complete objectivity to an individual’s situation and are there to help with open arms.”

The youth of today have a lot to make decisions about and are impacted by social surroundings and environment. They may not have the direction that is required from their home situation. The Chaplains really provide the clarity that is necessary to keep a focused life that is positive and on track.

Just by speaking to one of the Chaplains can lighten up a situation for these youth. All of a sudden there is new hope for them when they are dealing with hardships and are at crossroads. They can then gain new solutions and look at putting these into action.

“We thank the Chaplains for their commitment to these individuals. It is no mean feat,” said Mayor Hipkins.

A morning tea was held at Shenton College on Monday August 13<sup>th</sup>. The City was acknowledged for the ongoing support, as well as to demonstrate the wonderful work that Chaplains are doing within these local schools. Mayor Max Hipkins presented Shenton College, Principal Michael Morgan with a cheque for \$10,800.

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