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### **Art Deco Architectural Style in the City of Nedlands**

A brochure collated by the Art Deco Society of WA gives a brief history of the City of Nedlands from the 1930s and shows various images of the beauty of Art Deco style. Major development in the City of Nedlands occurred in the mid 1930s when 'between the wars' prosperity created a real estate boom and the suburbs of Perth expanded rapidly. In Nedlands, this expansion occurred first along Stirling Highway and then spread throughout the suburbs of Nedlands and Dalkeith.

There were a variety of building styles ranging from the conservative to the modern, with the most modern Art Deco style evident in the latter part of the decade. Designs by all the major architects of the day are represented with a small explanation of each style in this beautifully laid out brochure, which is available from the Council offices and libraries.

Research and photography of the brochure has been carried out by the Art Deco Society of Western Australia, with illustrations by Ron Facius and the design by Shaun Passmore. Any further information on buildings of interest in the brochure can be obtained from the society.

An issue that threatens many of these 1930s architectural style buildings is the unconfirmed Stirling Highway Activity Corridor Study (SHACS) in Nedlands with potential changes to the road reserve. This has art deco lovers enraged as they look to protect these special buildings from being demolished.

Mayor Max Hipkins said, "It is of great importance that these heritage buildings are preserved as they have a special place in the history of WA. The buildings of Nedlands are iconic examples of Art Deco architecture. We must ensure the state government respects our heritage."

The City of Nedlands supported the production of the brochure produced by the Art Deco Society of WA.

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