



More to come in Albany after inaugural Urban Downhill

Australian first!



Amateurs and seasoned professionals have taken to Albany's urban landscape in Australia's first ever Urban Downhill. Five time world champion Sam Hill headlined the event, taking home first place after a thrilling afternoon that saw the Albany community come out in droves.

Hill is a consecutive two time UCI World Downhill Champion, winner of the 2010 world championship in Mont-Sainte-Anne and winner of the 2007 and 2009 UCI Elite Men's Downhill World Cup. The City of Albany was a proud major sponsor of the THULE Albany Urban Downhill.

The City of Albany will also play host to the Australian National Aged & All Schools Cross Country Championships later this year.



Albany's natural topography and picturesque scenery makes it an ideal location for adventure sport events.

Albany will attract an estimated 2,450 athletes, officials and accompanying spectators for the event, to be staged over 21-26 August 2014.

The City of Albany is proud to be the lead agency in securing this major event for the region.

The City of Albany is also a supporter

of the Bankwest Gallipoli Run to be held on October 12.

The City of Albany is committed to attracting unique major events that successfully promote Albany as a premium visitor destination and showcase Albany's natural competitive advantages.

Holding major events in June also

ensures additional visitor spend in a traditionally low visitor period benefitting local business and industry.

This aligns with a key objective of the City of Albany's Community Strategic Plan: to develop and promote Albany as a unique and sought after visitor destination.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

July 22: Ordinary Council Meeting, 6pm
Public committee meeting times on website.

ROAD WORKS

Gravel Road Maintenance
Redmond, Hunwick, Deep Creek, Takenup, Moorilup, Betsys Beach, Bluff Creek, Warriups, Mettler, Venns

Bitumen Road Maintenance
Lower Denmark, Lake Sadie, Bornholm, Kronkup, Frenchman Bay, Gull Rock, Chillingup, Stirling, Grassmere Elleker, CBD, Middleton Beach, Mount Clarence, Mount Melville

Road Sweeping
CBD, Middleton Beach, Mount Clarence, Mount Melville, Centennial, McKail, Orana, Yakamia

BULK VERGE COLLECTION THIS MONTH

The next bulk verge collections have been moved from October to July to avoid impact on the November Anzac Centenary commemorative period.

Now is the time to rid yourself of unwanted household items through the Bulk Kerbside Collection service in July.

Households currently receiving a wheelie bin collection service can dispose of up to two trailer loads of bulky hard waste.

For details on what can and can't be collected and collection dates, please refer to the flyer on the City of Albany website.

Unwanted items must be on the kerbside the weekend before your collection is scheduled.

More information is available at albany.wa.gov.au or call Cleanaway on 9841 2467.

Airport cafe to close temporarily

The City of Albany has been undertaking a series of significant upgrades at the Albany Regional Airport in a bid to improve look, amenities and security. The new and improved Albany Regional Airport will include a new permanent passenger departure lounge, improved baggage check-in and reclaim facilities by way of a baggage carousel, enhanced X-ray security screening and equipment, and expansion of the vehicle car park.

The City would like to inform the community that the airport cafe will be temporarily closed in July to allow building works to be undertaken.

The cafe will close on July 14 for a period of 4 weeks to allow the completion of a new secure lounge and arrivals hall.

The City apologises for any inconvenience this will cause and looks forward to sharing the new look for the airport and café with you.

Emu Point live wind data available online

A new page on the City of Albany website will allow the public to view live wind data from Emu Point.

An anemometer at Emu Beach is now recording wind speed, direction and gusts at Emu Point.

This data is being collected as part of the Emu Point to Middleton Beach Coastal Adaptation and Protection Strategy and is funded by the Department of Transport, Albany Port Authority and the City of Albany.

The information is updated every ten minutes on the City of Albany webpage. More information can be found at www.albany.wa.gov.au.



New section of Emu Point bike path



A new section of path has been completed.

The City of Albany advises the popular Middleton Beach to Emu Point bicycle/walk path has reopened.

Works took place in June to clear a path through the scrub at Griffiths Street, linking two sections of the path.

Previously, the path split at Griffiths Street, with users obliged to walk on the low traffic cul-de-sac for about 200m to reach the next section of the path.

Walkers, runners and riders can

now utilise the dedicated dual-use path all the way to and from Middleton Beach and Emu Point without having to veer onto the road halfway along.

The cycle/walking path links with the 5km path from Middleton Beach to the City Centre.

The path begins at Ellen Cove Boardwalk, following the coast, and featuring panoramic views over King George Sound and Princess Royal Harbour.

The City of Albany aims to position Albany as one of Australia's premier cycling destinations.

Winter Major Project Updates



A new round of Major Project Updates has been released.

The updates are intended to provide the Albany community with information on the progress of major projects and initiatives currently underway.

There are 11 updates in this round:

- Albany Airport upgrade
- Amazing Albany
- Anzac Albany
- Albany Heritage Park
- City Centre Revitalisation
- Cycle City Albany
- Albany Local Planning Strategy
- Centennial Park Sporting Precinct
- Emu Point to Middleton Beach Coastal Adaptation and Protection Strategy
- Local Planning Scheme 1
- North Road and Albany Highway Median Strips

Hard copies of the updates are available at the City's North Road office, Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre and the Albany Public Library.

Online copies can be downloaded from <http://www.albany.wa.gov.au/aboutalbany/major-projects/>.

Vancouver Ward Council Open Forum well attended last week

The Albany Council listened to the concerns of the community at the Little Grove Open Forum last week in a friendly and informal setting.

Over thirty people braved the cold and enjoyed a chat over a cuppa, discussing important issues for people in the Vancouver Ward.

The Frenchman Bay Progress Association, Residents & Ratepayers Association and South Coast Progress Association represented community interests with discussions about the Albany Local Planning Strategy, road signage, invasive weed eradication, bike paths, parking, leisure centre and feral cats in

reserves.

City of Albany senior staff and councillors appreciated all feedback and assisted with general queries.

Staff and councillors were proud to receive positive feedback from members of the community who expressed their views that the Council is working well and that

they could see positive changes in the City and its operations.

Much of the feedback will be followed up with further responses being made to individuals and community groups after the forum.

City of Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington acknowledged the support

of Little Grove Primary School and Principal Darryn Martin, who supported the City with the use of the school library.

The City of Albany is committed to improving the way it engages with community and plans to hold its next forum in the CBD area in September.