

ANZAC ALBANY

COMMUNITY UPDATE
WINTER
2014

Peppermint (*Agonis flexuosa*)

PURPOSE OF THIS UPDATE

Albany was the final departure point for many of the first ANZACs on their way to the First World War.

The purpose of this update is to provide an overview of Albany's plans to commemorate the Anzac Centenary, specifically the event program from October 30 to November 2, 2014.

Photo by Andrew Halsall.



BACKGROUND

On November 1, 1914, thousands of Australian and New Zealand troops departed in convoy from Albany's King George Sound on their way to the First World War.

To honour the first ANZACs, the Federal Government, through the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Australian Defence Force, in partnership with the Government of Western Australia and the City of Albany, will jointly host and deliver a significant program of events in Albany between October 30 and November 2, 2014.

Featuring the Australian Defence Force, the centrepiece commemorative event program will include a symbolic naval ship departure, Royal Australian Navy ceremonial sunset, commemorative service, troop march and ship open day.

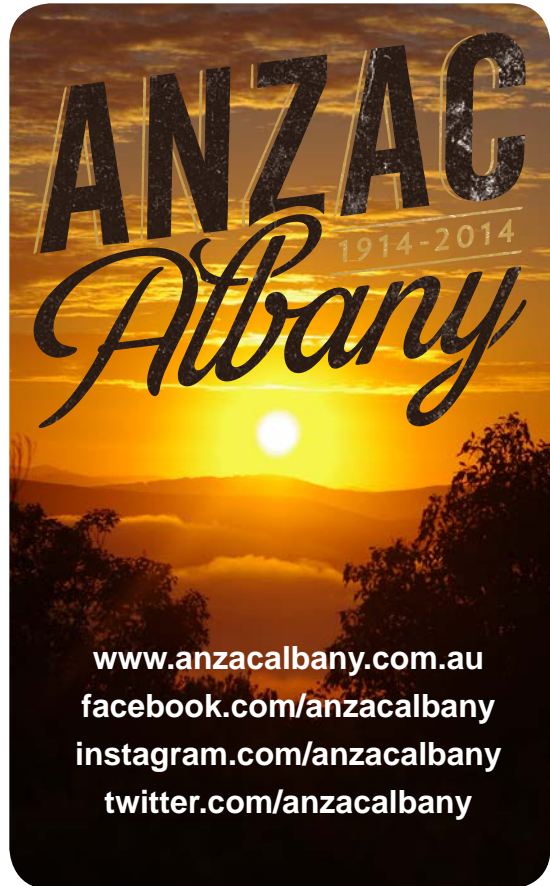
A series of supporting community events is also planned.

For details of other community events see overleaf.



KEEP INFORMED

- Read the brand new monthly Anzac Albany Community Information Page in the Albany Advertiser and Great Southern Weekender (start of the month).
- Attend the next public forum at Albany Town Hall on August 12.
- Check the website www.anzactalbany.com.au.
- Sign up for the newsletter.
- Follow Anzac Albany on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



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The Peppermint (*Agonis flexuosa*) tree motif is featured at the top of this 'Winter Update' because it is native to Albany. The Latin term *flexuosa* (meaning 'full of bends') refers to its zigzag branchlets. The Peppermint has white flowers and leaves that smell of peppermint when crushed or torn. It is a favourite food and habitat for Western Ringtail Possums and can be found between Emu Point & Middleton Beach.

"Such a sight has certainly never been seen before in Australasia, and no man or woman breathing today will probably live to witness another spectacle in any way approaching its magnificence"

a 1914 Albany Advertiser report on the Departure of the Convoys

COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS



ANZAC PROJECTIONS & STORYTELLING
Every evening from sunset – 30.10.14 – 2.11.14
Using modern projection technology, images, video and personal accounts will come alive across several Albany locations to evoke and commemorate the First World War.



STIRLING TERRACE MESS HALL
9am -10pm every day – 30.10.14 – 2.11.14
The Stirling Terrace Mess Hall will be the home of food and drink for the community and visitors to Anzac Albany. Food and market stalls will line the terrace selling the best of Great Southern produce.



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY CEREMONIAL SUNSET
6.30-7pm – Friday 31 October, 2014
The Royal Australian Navy Ceremonial Sunset is one of the oldest Naval Ceremonies, dating back centuries. The ceremony reflects the naval tradition of saluting the lowering of the Ensign at sunset each day in harbour.



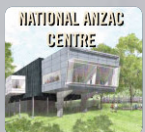
PRINCESS ROYAL HARBOUR LIGHTS
7pm – Friday 31 October, 2014
Princess Royal Harbour Lights will be an interpretive sound, lighting and pyrotechnic display on the harbour following sunset.



TROOP MARCH
9-10am – Saturday 1 November, 2014
On the morning of 1 November a Troop March along York St in Albany will include Australian Defence Force personnel, New Zealand Defence Force personnel, Australian Defence Force Band and the veteran community.



COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE
11-11.40am – Saturday 1 November, 2014
Taking place at Anzac Peace Park after the Troop March, the service will commemorate the individuals of the First Convoy Departure.



OFFICIAL OPENING OF NATIONAL ANZAC CENTRE
The National Anzac Centre will open on the day of the Centenary of the First Convoy Departure. Entry on the commemorative weekend will be limited to holders of pre-purchased tickets, and entry to official ceremonies will be by invitation. Information about pre-purchasing opportunities will be released in the near future.



COMMUNITY CONCERT
From 6.30pm – Saturday 1 November, 2014
A community concert featuring The West Australian Symphony Orchestra with high profile guests. The musical direction of the event will be respectful to the theme of commemorate, contemplate and educate.



NAVAL SHIP OPEN DAY
From 9am – Sunday 2 November, 2014
Naval ship open day and symbolic ship departure. Docking at the Albany Port, Naval ships participating in the Anzac Albany centenary commemorations will open for members of the public to tour.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Anzac Albany will serve as the curtain raiser to Australia's Anzac Centenary commemorations.

A significant program of events has been planned through the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Government of Western Australia and the City of Albany, generously supported by Lotterywest, RAC, BGC, Rio Tinto, Albany City Motors, Southern Cross Austereo, The West Australian, and Tourism Western Australia.

Event Dates:

October 30 to November 2 2014

Project Team:

All levels of government, community and corporate stakeholders

Current Status:

Planning and delivery



RECENT NEWS

Accommodation

Visitors to Albany this November are encouraged to book as soon as possible, following the release of data by Tourism Western Australia which confirms there is very strong interest in the Anzac Albany event program. The estimates show that Albany is likely to be at or close to capacity in terms of accommodation, infrastructure and services. Accommodation providers are encouraged to take deposits. Residents are encouraged to invite friends and family to stay. There is still accommodation available in the surrounding region, but even these options are running out. Contact Albany, Denmark and Mt Barker Visitor Centres for more information.

RAC Centennial Campground

RAC has been announced as an official Presenting Partner of Anzac Albany and will support the Public Transport and Volunteer Program, as well as presenting a limited temporary accommodation site at the Centennial Campgrounds for RAC members. For information, please visit rac.com.au/anzacalbany.

Projections and Storytelling

Nationally-regarded illumination and artistic moving image specialists, Illuminart, have been appointed to create two of the major feature events for Anzac Albany. The team will work with local creatives to create *Anzac Projections and Storytelling*: an unforgettable collection of still images, historical footage, vision and storytelling to be projected at several locations across Albany, and *Princess Royal Harbour Lights*: an interpretive sound, lighting and pyrotechnic display on the Harbour. These events are proudly supported by presenting partner Lotterywest.

Volunteering

The Albany Ambassadors will play a crucial role in the delivery of the Anzac Albany events. Volunteering is a great way to support the events and the community, either individually, with your club or as part of a corporate team. Registrations are open, head to the website www.anzacalbany.com.au/participate for more details.

Mt Clarence officially opened

Albany's iconic Desert Mounted Corps Memorial has received a major upgrade thanks to significant funding from the State Government and is now open again. About 3500 people attended the recent Anzac Day Dawn Service at the upgraded memorial, which was officially opened by Premier Colin Barnett and Regional Development Minister Terry Redman in May. For more information see separate Albany Heritage Park Update.