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Stirling Terrace funding welcomed

Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington has welcomed a significant allocation of grant money from the State Government to upgrade several heritage buildings on historic Stirling Terrace.

Heritage Minister Albert Jacob today announced private landowners on Stirling Terrace would share in about \$298,000 through the Heritage Grants Program to upgrade 12 State Registered heritage buildings between York Street and Spencer Street.

Private owners are required to match the funding, meaning almost \$600,000 will be spent on conservation work in the area.

This is in addition to the City of Albany's separate \$800,000 Stirling Terrace Enhancement project which is currently underway.

Mayor Wellington thanked Minister Jacob and the Heritage Council for allocating such significant funding to Albany.

"These grants will go a long way towards revitalising and conserving one of Western Australia's most significant heritage streetscapes in preparation for the Anzac Centenary," he said.

"Stirling Terrace will be a major focal point during the Anzac Albany commemorations as the site for the Stirling Terrace Mess Hall – the home of food, drink and markets during the Anzac events."

Mr Wellington said the heritage funding allocation had arisen out of proactive collaboration between the City of Albany and several landowners on Stirling Terrace.

"Before we started on the Stirling Terrace Enhancement project, we talked to a lot of these owners, and many of them expressed an interest in upgrading their buildings to help us prepare for the Anzac Centenary," he said.

"The City of Albany went away and asked the Heritage Council of Western Australia to consider allocating some grant money with a view to helping these owners. We are very happy with this outcome and grateful to the State Government for its support."

Mr Wellington said the State Government had provided more than \$9 million toward Anzac Centenary-related projects in Albany, including the construction of the National Anzac Centre and the Mt Clarence Infrastructure Upgrade.

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