



## Media Update - July 15 2014

*The purpose of this update is to inform all Councillors and Staff of media queries, responses and media releases before they appear in the media.*

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## Anzac Albany Community Concert!

*Details below. Strictly embargoed until Wednesday July 16*





## MEDIA RELEASE

Embargoed until 16 JULY 2014

### Dan Sultan, Katie Noonan and hometown favourites The Waifs to perform with WASO during Anzac Albany

Three of Australia's favourite musical acts will come together with the West Australian Symphony Orchestra (WASO) for a one-off Community Concert as part of the Anzac Albany commemorations.

Joining the 40-strong WASO orchestra on stage on Saturday 1 November will be celebrated folk/rock band The Waifs, one of the country's finest singer-songwriters Dan Sultan, and ethereal singer-songwriter Katie Noonan.

The artists will each bring their own musical style to the Community Concert. For two members of The Waifs – sisters Donna Simpson and Vikki Thorn - it will be a poignant homecoming and a "career highlight". Katie will perform a combination of original works and Dan will move the audience with his powerful voice and passion.

Supported by Presenting Partner Lotterywest and Major Partner Western Power, the Anzac Albany Community Concert will be free to attend.

Lotterywest Chairman John Atkins said he was delighted to see WASO and the City of Albany working together to deliver the concert.

"Both organisations are supported by Lotterywest and by pooling talents they're set to deliver a truly memorable and engaging community event," Mr Atkins said.

"The quality of all the artists performing is a testament to the significance of the Anzac Albany commemorations. The occasion is literally a one in 100 year opportunity to bring people together through music and acknowledge a milestone in Australian history."

Vikki Thorn from The Waifs said the group was honoured to be a part of the 100-year commemoration of the first Anzacs leaving Australian shores.

"Knowing we all had relatives who fought and served in the Great War or were on the docks waving goodbye highlights the personal significance of this occasion," she said.

"This monumental event and the opportunity for The Waifs to perform with WASO in our [Donna and Vikki's] home town will be a career highlight for the band.

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“We are thrilled to be able to hear songs like ‘Bridal Train’ and ‘Lighthouse’ performed by the State’s finest musicians with full orchestration and together we look forward to a truly memorable evening.”

Katie Noonan said she was also looking forward to the concert.

“I am proud of the great Anzac spirit that runs through the collective veins of our country and am excited to be part of such a wonderful and special commemorative event,” she said.

“Sharing the stage with WASO, Dan and The Waifs will be an absolute joy and I always love any opportunity to spend time in beautiful WA.”

Each artist will perform some songs accompanied by WASO. Although the orchestra has a longstanding reputation for orchestral pop collaborations, working with three different artists in one concert will be a first. The Concert will be held at Centennial Park from 5.30pm.

Conducted by one of Australia’s finest conductors, Benjamin Northey, WASO’s feature performance pieces will include Ralph Vaughan Williams’ much-loved *The Lark Ascending*. This poignant work was written on the eve of the First World War and completed in its aftermath. During the First World War Vaughan Williams enlisted in the Field Medical Corps and saw action in Greece and France.

The Community Concert will commence with a moving visual and musical reflection, and the evening will also feature performances from the Royal Australian Navy Band, local ensembles and performers from New Zealand soon to be advised.

Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said the City of Albany would be proud to welcome such an illustrious array of musical guests, especially favourite daughters Donna Simpson and Vikki Thorn.

“This Community Concert promises to be a rousing musical tribute to one of the most important periods in Albany’s – and the country’s – history,” he said.

“It will stay true to the commemorative tone of the Anzac Albany events and will be a great way to complement the rest of the event program.”

Western Power’s Chief Operating Officer Andre Botha said that as a proud Major Partner of Anzac Albany and a member of the Great Southern community, Western Power was honoured to support such a significant historical event.

“Western Power is committed to supporting local communities, and Albany’s Anzac centenary commemorations will be a fitting tribute to the servicemen and women who sacrificed their lives for the protection of Australia,” Mr Botha said.

“As one of a number of initiatives to support the event, Western Power will be providing five large electricity generators to help power the special outdoor programme that will be enjoyed by tens of thousands of people.”

The Community Concert is just one event in a program of activities taking place in and around Albany over 30 October to 2 November 2014 to mark the Centenary of the departure of the first convoy of ANZAC troops. Anzac Albany will be the official launch of the nation’s calendar of commemorative events from 2014 to 2018.

The Anzac Albany commemorative events are being hosted and delivered by the Federal Government through the Department of Veterans’ Affairs and the Australian Defence Force, the Western Australian Government, City of Albany and the Returned and Services League WA Branch.

Commercial accommodation in Albany is very close to capacity for the Anzac Albany weekend. Limited camping and caravan facilities are available at the Centennial Campground presented by the RAC – visit [rac.com.au/anzacalbany](http://rac.com.au/anzacalbany) for more information. Limited accommodation may still be

available in neighbouring towns. Event organisers recommend contacting Visitor Centres in Albany, Denmark and Mt Barker for details.

For more information about Anzac Albany visit [www.anzacalbany.com.au](http://www.anzacalbany.com.au) or find Anzac Albany on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). For volunteer enquiries please email [info@anzacalbany.com.au](mailto:info@anzacalbany.com.au).

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## COMMUNITY CONCERT FAQ

### Do I need a ticket to get in?

The Community Concert is a free, non- ticketed event.

### Where is the concert held?

The Community Concert will be held at Centennial Park (Western Precinct), closest to North Rd.

### When is the concert? and What time does it start?

The concert will be held on Saturday 01 November.

Indicative times for the concert are as follows:

- 4.30pm- Venue Opens
- 5:30pm- RAN Band
- 6:30pm- Welcome to Country
- 7:00pm- Main Concert begins
- 7:40pm- Katie Noonan
- 8:20pm- Dan Sultan
- 9:00pm- The Waifs
- 9:40pm- Concert concludes

Please Note: Occasionally changes occur that are out of the City's control. Scheduled performance times and artist line-ups are subject to change.

### How should I get there?

As parking is limited, a free shuttle bus service will be operating from central Albany. At the conclusion of the event shuttles to Park and Ride locations will be available.

More information about pick up points and drop off points for this shuttle service, and about parking and access, will be available closer to the event.

Limited ACROD parking is available on-site.

### What should I wear?

The City suggests:

- Comfortable casual wear;
- Comfortable flat-heeled shoes (high heels sink into the turf and cause damage to the grass and the heel!);
- Something warm to put on after dark;
- A poncho or raincoat if it seems likely to rain. Umbrellas are not permitted for the safety and convenience of all.

### Can I bring a picnic?

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You are welcome to bring a picnic. There will be some food and drink available to purchase onsite. Please note, no drinks spikes are permitted.

### **Can I bring my own alcohol?**

The Community Concert will be a BYO venue for the event period. You will be permitted to bring a reasonable amount of alcohol with you. Please refrain from bringing glass into the park. This is subject to final approval; please check closer to the event period for final confirmation.

### **What are the seating arrangements?**

The seating area for the concert is on the grass of the park. There will be various sections with different seating options available, which will be clearly identified.

- Blanket area- Within these sections only patrons with blankets are permitted. No chairs will be allowed within this area.
- Low chairs areas (with the seat no more than 15 cm from the ground) will be permitted within this area.
- Higher chairs areas. High chairs and prams (unless fully disassembled) are only permitted toward the rear of the seating area.

Full sized chairs will only be permitted in specified areas towards the rear of the venue for the convenience of all patrons. If you wish to provide a chair and sit in the designated areas closer to the stage — 'Low Chair and Blankets Area Only', please make it a low chair, no more than 15cm from the ground.

The majority of seating is on the grass, we recommend that any blankets or pillows that patrons bring are waterproof. The grassed seating is a short walk from the car park and shuttle bus drop off point.

The City of Albany reserves the right to ask patrons to move from specific areas if they do not have the appropriate seating for the area they are located in.

### **Is the event accessible for patrons with disabilities?**

The final plans are being developed for the community concert, though it is anticipated that:

- The reserved seating area for wheelchairs is approximately 500 metres from ACROD parking, via a paved pathway. The shuttle bus drop-off point is within walking distance of the seating area.
- Accessible seating for customers in wheelchairs is available to the right of the main access pathway as you enter the venue, and will be clearly sign posted.
- Patrons requiring access to the wheelchair seating area may be accompanied by one seated carer. Carers are requested to provide their own chair.
- Disabled Toilets will be made available within the venue.

As this is an outdoor park, there will be some uneven, grassed and sloping surfaces.

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### **Is this a smoke-free event?**

All events presented by the City are smoke free. No smoking or visible tobacco products are permitted anywhere on the concert site.

### **Will there be toilets available?**

There will be temporary toilet facilities available at the venue.

### **Is there First Aid assistance available at the venue?**

YES, the first aid tents will be clearly marked. Please ask any of the concert staff/volunteers for directions if required.

### **Can children attend?**

Children are welcome to attend the concert but must be under the supervision of a parent or guardian at all times. The Concert does not provide children's entertainment or activities. Children under 16 must be under close parental supervision at all times.

### **Photographing/filming/recording?**

No recording of any kind of any aspect of the artists' performance is permitted.

### **What are prohibited items?**

- Umbrellas, even if it is raining. We recommend you bring good quality raincoats instead.
- Tables, sunshades, beach umbrellas and Tents
- Metal cutlery, including cheese knives
- Glass, including wine glasses, jars and containers made of glass.
- Glass bottled drinks- Canned or plastic containers are to be used. Exceptions may be made for wine bottles.
- Wine spikes
- Large flags or banners are not permitted.
- Pets/Animals (Excluding assistance animals)
- Chairs are permitted in specified areas only.
- Professional cameras and sound and video recording equipment.

The City reserves the right to check bags for prohibited items for safety and security reasons. Any prohibited items will be confiscated.

### **Will food and beverages be available?**

There will be a range of delicious snack and beverage options available for sale at the concert including coffee, ice cream, food and non-alcoholic beverages. There will be no alcoholic beverages available for sale within the venue.

### **Will there be EFTPOS Facilities?**

There are no EFTPOS facilities at the community concert, it is cash only.

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## Performance changes

Occasionally changes occur that are out of the City's control. Scheduled performance times and artist line-ups are subject to change. The City reserves the right to vary performing artists and the advertised program should circumstances require it to do so.

Patrons enter the concert venue at their own risk and the City will not be liable for any injury, loss or damage you may suffer.

## Weather

Centennial Park is an outdoor venue. The concert shall proceed "rain or shine". However, in the circumstance that it is too dangerous for the production to proceed or continue e.g. lightning, the concert will be cancelled and notices will be broadcast on radio and via digital media

## Cancellation

In the event of a cancellation, the City will not be liable for any expenses, costs, loss or damage, whether direct or consequential, that may be incurred as a result of cancelled accommodation, transfers, hire charges or by any other circumstances or matters.

## Where can I get updates?

Continue to check the Anzac Albany website & Facebook page and sign up for the newsletter at [www.anzactalbany.com.au](http://www.anzactalbany.com.au)

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**Media query: Albany Advertiser (Lisa Morrison) AND Weekender (Scott Coghlan)**

**Issue: State Government funding (\$35,000) for Emu Point to Middleton Beach Coastal Adaptation and Protection Strategy**

**Works and Services Executive Director Matthew Thomson**

The City of Albany thanks the State Government for an allocation of \$35,000 to go towards the Emu Point to Middleton Beach Coastal Adaptation and Protection Strategy.

This money will ensure the continuation of the current coastal monitoring program which is informing this strategy. The methodical collecting storing and analysis of this data will be invaluable in developing a full understanding of the coastal system and will inform decision making moving forward.

Earlier this year the City of Albany completed work on two trial groynes at Emu Beach, and the renourishment of the area with approximately 10,000cum of sand from Ellen Cove.

Early indications are that the groynes are functioning as predicted. Sand is building up to the east in front of the old sand bag revetment and erosion is increasing slightly to the west of the newly constructed groynes.

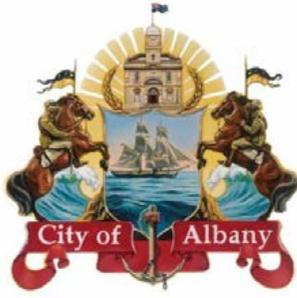
The trial will continue to be monitored using photo monitoring and beach surveys.

In a separate but related initiative, a new page on the City of Albany website is allowing 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 available at [www.albany.wa.gov.au](http://www.albany.wa.gov.au).



# Media release

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## **Betty's makeover**

The City of Albany has conducted stabilisation works along the Boulder Hill Track in Betty's Beach Reserve, with the welcome assistance of students from Manypeaks Primary School.

Sections of the Boulder Hill Track were rendered inaccessible to vehicles after heavy rains in late 2009, resulting in visitors destroying native vegetation in order to create new tracks.

In 2011 work commenced to stabilise the main track and revegetate nearby areas. These works are now complete.

City of Albany Natural Reserves Coordinator Robbie Monck said duplicate tracks had been rehabilitated with biodegradable matting and pins, and local native seedlings planted by Manypeaks students.

Mr Monck said seedlings had been grown from seeds collected from inside the Betty's Beach Reserve in order to preserve the gene pool of the area.

"Students and teachers from Mount Manypeaks Primary School had a gloriously sunny morning recently planting seedlings on these rehabilitation areas," Mr Monck said.

"The kids ranged from pre-primary to Year 7 and had a great time. They were talking about the experience for days."

Mr Monck said deliberate destruction of native landscapes was not acceptable and encouraged 4WD users to be respectful of Albany's natural environment.

"It is the City's intention to continue to allow public access to popular coastal locations in a sustainable manner. Visitors to these areas are strongly encouraged to stick to existing tracks and help conserve our environment," he said.

Delineation of camping and day use areas at Betty's Beach has also recently been undertaken.

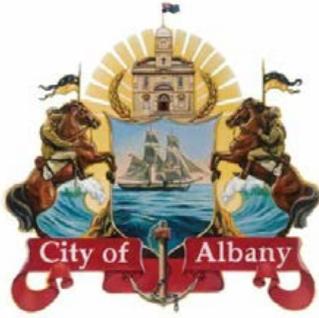
These works have been undertaken in consultation with the commercial fishermen who have been operating from this location for more than 50 years. The fore dune area is also being rehabilitated, as it has suffered adversely by visitors to this area.

The City aims to engage and involve the community wherever possible, and thanks Mount Manypeaks Primary School for its support. The City also thanks South Coast Natural Resource Management (Project Dieback) for financial support.

This initiative aligns with key objectives of the City of Albany's Community Strategic Plan: "To protect and enhance our natural environment", and "To build resilient and cohesive communities with a strong sense of community spirit."

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## **City of Albany 2015 Regional Event Sponsorship program now open**

The City of Albany 2015 Regional Event Sponsorship program is now open.

A total pool of \$100,000 is available in this round, an increase of \$50,000 on last year's program.

Applicants can apply for up to \$30,000 to go towards an event to be staged in the 2015 calendar year.

City of Albany Community Services Executive Director Cameron Woods said the sponsorship program was intended to encourage the staging of more high profile events in Albany.

"The staging of regional special events has the ability to produce a wide range of significant economic and social benefits for communities and regions," he said.

"As well as increasing visitor spending, events can also contribute substantially to a destination's range of tourist attractions, facilitate media coverage for the destination, promote awareness of the destination for future visitation and lead to the construction of new facilities and infrastructure."

Mr Woods said RES was a highly competitive funding program and only compliant applications would be considered.

Major points to note for the 2015 RES program include:

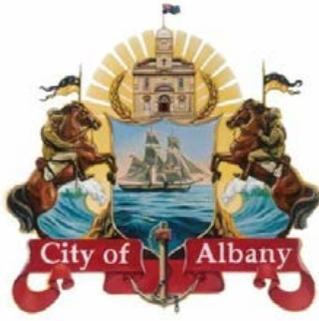
- Events must be staged in the 2015 calendar year (1 Jan to 31 Dec 2015)
- \$100,000 funding pool (increased from \$50,000 in last year's program)
- Application amounts considered up to \$30,000
- Applications close Monday 1 September 2014
- Notification early November 2014.

Mr Woods said submitting an RES application was a separate process to applying to the City for event approval, and it was the responsibility of the event organiser to complete all necessary event approvals.

The RES guidelines and application forms are available at <http://www.albany.wa.gov.au/your-community/community-funding-and-sponsorship/regional-events-sponsorship>.

For enquiries about Regional Event Sponsorship, please contact the City's Manager Tourism Development & Services Matthew Bird via [matthewb@albany.wa.gov.au](mailto:matthewb@albany.wa.gov.au).

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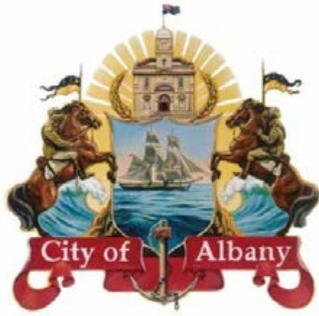
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## **Details of City of Albany Major Projects released**

The City of Albany has released the latest round of its quarterly Major Project Updates, a suite of publications intended to keep the community informed about some of the various projects underway.

The Winter Major Project Updates are now available, and contain details of 11 projects or initiatives the City of Albany is responsible for.

Updates in this round include:

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

The updates are available at [www.albany.wa.gov.au](http://www.albany.wa.gov.au), the City of Albany North Road building, Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre and Albany Public Library, as well as select cafes.

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