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Popular pots to make a special appearance in Town Square



- **Planter pots to be temporarily installed at Town Square to gather feedback about use of space**
- **Pots will likely be placed back at York Street/Lockyer Avenue intersection early 2015**

The planter pots which were placed at the top of York Street during the Anzac Albany weekend will be used as an exciting public display to test potential future uses of Albany's new Town Square.

The pots were intended as a temporary feature to enhance the busy York Street/Lockyer Avenue intersection during the 30 October – 2 November commemorations and proved to be a popular addition to the area.

As a result of positive feedback, the pots made a return appearance at that location during last weekend's Christmas Festival and Pageant. It is anticipated that the pots will be placed back in the area in early 2015 following work to prepare the site for a more permanent arrangement.

In the meantime, the pots will make a special temporary appearance at Albany's new Town Square next week. The 10 pots are currently at Vancouver Arts Centre receiving an artistic makeover from home school art students under the supervision of local artist Serena McLauchlan.

By 19 December, they are expected to be installed in the Town Square in arrangements which will bring colour and light to the paved area immediately adjacent to York St.

City of Albany Community Services Executive Director Cameron Woods said the aim of the temporary trial installation was to provoke a reaction from the community in order to guide possible future permanent plantings, street furnishings and designs in the Town Square.

"The City of Albany would like to get people thinking about the best way to use the space," he said.

"City staff will observe the public use of the temporary installation to assist in future design. The project will also assist in future planning for events in terms of optimal site layouts and public use of the site."

A short online survey will be available at www.albany.wa.gov.au next week to gather public opinion about the Town Square pot display. The City intends to prepare the York Street/Lockyer Avenue site for a more permanent pot arrangement during 2015 and will work with the landowner to this end.

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