



# Media release

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## **Disability grant to improve access to Albany businesses**

The City of Albany has been successful in securing a grant which will be used as part of a project intended to improve disability access and inclusion in retail outlets in Albany.

The Disability Services Commission will provide \$13,000 to the City through its Community Inclusion and Participation Grants Program.

The grant will go towards the City's Albany Business Access project, which aims to increase the accessibility of small businesses in Albany.

City of Albany Community Services Executive Director Cameron Woods said the project would include access and inclusion training for retail operators, development of an award/recognition program, and the production of a localised Accessibility Toolkit.

"This project is intended to increase the knowledge and awareness of disability issues and needs among Albany business operators, particularly in the CBD," he said.

"We want Albany businesses to provide an environment that is as welcoming and accessible as possible for all people."

Mr Woods said while seniors were not the primary focus of this project, seniors with mobility, vision and/or hearing impairment would also benefit.

The project will commence on 1 July 2015. It is intended that people with disability will participate in all aspects of the project, including planning, implementing and evaluating.

Mr Woods encouraged all Albany businesses to get involved in the project.

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