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Albany announces Anzac Day 2015 event program

The 100th anniversary of the landing of ANZAC troops on the shores of Gallipoli will be marked in Albany with a significant program of commemorative and community events over multiple days.

Planning for Anzac Day 2015 is well underway. The City of Albany is working with the Returned and Services League and other key stakeholders to plan and deliver an enhanced program of events to complement the traditional RSL Anzac Day commemorative events.

The annual Albany event program includes the Dawn Service at the enhanced Desert Mounted Corps Memorial, the Anzac Day parade, the Gunfire Breakfast, and Two-Up. The City of Albany will work closely with the RSL on these core events and provide assistance where required.

A program of supporting events and features is also planned between Friday 24 April and Sunday 26 April.

Combined Schools Centenary of Anzac Service and Parade

In an exciting and unique new event, up to 2000 school students from Albany and the Great Southern will take part in a Schools Parade down York Street on Friday 24 April, finishing with a service in Anzac Peace Park.

Stirling Terrace Markets

Stirling Terrace, the site of the *Stirling Terrace Mess Hall* during Anzac Albany 2014, will once again become a hub of activity with a range of features including local food, wine, market stalls and entertainment.

Projections and Storytelling: The Story Continues

During the Anzac Albany commemorations between 30 October and 2 November 2014, a series of spectacular and moving Anzac-themed vignettes were projected on Albany Town Hall. Moving art specialists Illuminart will once again deliver *Projections and Storytelling* which will be further developed and updated.

Albany Town Square activation

A range of activities, stalls and entertainment will take place in the Town Square with details to be announced soon.

Community Events

A range of supporting community events will also be delivered by community groups and businesses during April. Details of these events will be available at www.anzacalbany.com.au.

Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said Anzac Day 2015 promised to be larger and more diverse than previous Anzac Days. "As the final departure point for the first convoys of Australian and New Zealand troops to the First World War, Albany was where the Anzac story originated," he said. "The City of Albany is committed to working with all stakeholders to deliver appropriate commemorations in 2015 and throughout the whole 2014-2018 period."

However, Mr Wellington said it was important to remember Anzac Day 2015 would not be as grand in scale as the 2014 Anzac Albany events, which were unique to Albany and attracted worldwide attention and visitation.

To keep up to date with the latest information please visit www.anzacalbany.com.au, subscribe to the newsletter and follow Anzac Albany on Facebook. The City of Albany will also engage directly with CBD businesses which may be affected by the event program.

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