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Albany features heavily among WA Heritage Awards finalists

Albany features in almost every category in this year's list of finalists for the Western Australian Heritage Awards.

Seven out of the eight categories in the 2015 WA Heritage Awards feature an Albany project, facility, community group or individual as a finalist.

Half of the categories feature City of Albany projects or facilities.

The National Anzac Centre was recognised in the "Heritage Tourism Project" category, while the redevelopment of Princess Royal Fortress was named in the "Interpretation Project" category. The National Anzac Centre and the Princess Royal Fortress precinct are owned and managed by the City of Albany and are part of the wider Albany Heritage Park.

The City of Albany's enhancement of Stirling Terrace is a finalist in the category "Conservation or Adaptive Reuse of a State Registered Place". Separately, the City's facilitation of heritage grants for private landowners along Stirling Terrace was named in the "Heritage Practices by a Local Government" category.

City of Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said the high number of Albany finalists was a testament to the City's commitment to preserving and promoting Albany's heritage.

"I congratulate staff and Councillors for their dedication to and passion for projects which actively preserve and promote our history and heritage," he said.

"I also congratulate Malcolm Traill, Peter Snow, Jaycees Community Foundation and Discovery Bay for their very well deserved recognition as finalists in their respective categories."

Mr Wellington thanked the State Government for providing significant funding to support several of the nominated projects.

The winners will be announced 15 April.

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Background

For detailed information on each finalist please visit:

<http://www.stateheritage.wa.gov.au/about-us/education-research-events/heritage-awards/2015-wa-heritage-awards-finalists>.

City of Albany finalists

- **Heritage tourism project**
National Anzac Centre: The National Anzac Centre is a world-class visitor attraction set within Albany's Heritage Park. The centre features high-quality museum content interpreted through a state-of-the-art range of engaging and immersive exhibits and displays.
- **Interpretation project**
Albany Forts (Princess Royal Fortress): Princess Royal Fortress underwent a major upgrade in preparation for the Anzac Centenary Commemorations. The City of Albany's vision for the refurbishment of the forts was to develop a series of spaces that were symbolic, functional, contributed to the commemoration of the Anzac journey and would serve as a gateway to the National Anzac Centre. The site refurbishment involved the establishment of the National Anzac Centre, enhancement of the public event space, convoy lookout and walk, as well as a restaurant and retail space.
- **Conservation or adaptive reuse of a State Registered place**
Stirling Terrace enhancement, Albany: The enhancement has revitalised the civic heart of Albany. It aims to provide a welcoming, high quality shared street space designed for people to shop, dine, parade, walk, ride and drive. The City of Albany considers Stirling Terrace to be one of WA's most significant heritage streetscapes.
- **Heritage practices by a local government**
Stirling Terrace heritage grants: The City of Albany worked closely with the owners of 12 heritage buildings within the Stirling Terrace Precinct to help them secure funds to undertake conservation works in time for the Anzac Centenary commemorations. The city supported their applications for Heritage Council grants and then expedited the development applications to enable conservation works to be completed in time.

Other Albany finalists

- **Voluntary individual contribution**
Peter Snow of Albany
- **Professional contribution**
Malcolm Traill of Albany
- **Contribution by a community-based organisation**
Jaycees Community Foundation Inc
- **Interpretation Project**
Heritage Tourism Project
Discovery Bay's Historic Whaling Station was named in two categories: "Interpretation Project" and "Heritage Tourism Project".