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Albany's city centre to come alive for Anzac Day 2015

Albany's CBD will be a vibrant hub for visitors and locals during the Anzac Day 2015 commemorations.

A range of activities and attractions will be on offer in central Albany to complement the Dawn Service and the other commemorative events.

Albany's popular new Town Square community space will be activated between 24-26 April with an assortment of activities under the banner **1915@Town Square**.

The free 1915-themed event will include a variety of family-friendly features, including entertainment from local artists and the spectacular *Projections and Storytelling: The Story Continues* on the side of Albany's historic Town Hall from dusk each evening.

There will be a Poppy Field of Gratitude and Anzac Photo Booth operating during the day and a licensed bar will serve cocktails reflective of the era between 4-10pm. Local food will also be on offer.

Meanwhile, next door at Albany Town Hall, several fascinating displays will be featured. An Australian War Memorial Touring Exhibition entitled *A Camera on Gallipoli* will display candid photographs taken by soldier and surgeon Sir Charles Ryan capturing the Australians' experience at Gallipoli. Separately, a joint French-Australian photographic exhibition entitled *Roo De Kanga* will be on display.

Not far away, one of Albany's most historic streetscapes will come alive for the **Stirling Terrace Markets**. A range of market stalls will offer local food, wine, arts and crafts. Great Southern artists and community groups will provide a variety of entertainment options. Stirling Terrace's many excellent food, beverage and dining establishments will also be open for business and alfresco dining.

Many other community events are taking place around central Albany between 23-26 April, including an **Anzac Centenary Memorial Concert** at Albany Entertainment Centre, **Reflections on the Water** at Amity Pond, a **Beach Poppies Tribute** at Middleton Beach, the **Albany to Fremantle Anzac Commemorative Yacht Race**, a **Salutation to the ANZACs** mural at Dog Rock Shopping Centre and much more. A full list of events including descriptions is available online.

Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said locals and visitors alike had embraced Albany's CBD since it was revitalised prior to the 2014 Anzac Albany commemorations.

"Albany's new Town Square has been a hugely popular space and the recent enhancement of Stirling Terrace, one of Albany's most historic streetscapes, is fantastic," he said.

Mr Wellington encouraged visitors to sample Albany's many excellent cafes, restaurants and hotels over the Anzac Day 2015 weekend. "I also encourage local businesses to take advantage of extended trading hours and open your doors," he said.

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