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National recognition for Albany's Desert Mounted Corps Memorial

- Desert Mounted Corps Memorial named a Military Memorial of National Significance
- One of only eight Nationally Significant Memorials across Australia
- The announcement follows recent major enhancements made possible by \$5.84 million in funding from the WA State Government

The City of Albany welcomes the official declaration of the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial as a Military Memorial of National Significance.

The announcement was made at the Memorial today by Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC and Special Minister of State, together with Rick Wilson MP, Federal Member for O'Connor.

City of Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said the declaration was a fitting recognition of the significance of the Memorial in Albany's Anzac story.

"On behalf of the City of Albany, I thank Senator Ronaldson for declaring the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial a Military Memorial of National Significance," Mayor Wellington said.

"Since it was unveiled by Prime Minister Robert Menzies in 1964, the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial has been a continual focal point for community engagement with Australia's military history.

"The Memorial is the site of Albany's iconic Anzac Day Dawn Service and is beloved by the local community and visitors from across Australia and the world."

Mr Wellington said the City of Albany had undertaken major enhancements to the Memorial and surrounds in 2014 thanks to \$5.84 million in funding from the WA State Government.

The Desert Mounted Corps Memorial and the adjacent Padre White Lookout are key features of Albany Heritage Park, a precinct which incorporates a range of significant military heritage sites across Mt Adelaide and Mt Clarence.

Albany Heritage Park also includes Princess Royal Fortress, which was opened in 1893 as the first Federal defence of Australia. Princess Royal Fortress is now home to Albany's centrepiece heritage tourism attraction – the National Anzac Centre – which was funded by the Australian Government and the WA State Government.

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