



# Media release

Office: 102 North Road, Yakamia  
Postal: PO Box 484, ALBANY WA 6331  
Phone: (08) 9841 9333  
Fax: (08) 9841 4099  
Record No: REL042/MR15108477

---

**Date Issued: 29 July, 2015**

**Authorised by: DENNIS WELLINGTON, MAYOR**

---

## **City of Albany Annual Budget 2015-16**

An increased focus on rural road maintenance, further improvements to the Albany CBD, and the continuation of the Centennial Park Sporting Precinct Project are just some of the highlights of the City of Albany Annual Budget 2015-16.

The budget was adopted by Council at its July 2015 meeting, following another exciting and productive year for the City of Albany.

Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said the 2015-16 budget was the result of close collaboration between City of Albany staff and Councillors after listening to the community's needs.

Mr Wellington said the budget aligned closely with the Community Strategic Plan and the results of the recent Customer Perception Survey.

"Despite significant increases to costs outside the City's control such as street lighting and other utilities, the increase in rates revenue was a relatively modest 4.35% - slightly less than forecast," Mr Wellington said.

"Weighing up the many, varied and often competing priorities of the Albany community is always a challenge in developing a responsible budget.

"This budget is a responsible plan for the next 12 months which aligns with our long-term strategic planning. It aims to continue to develop projects which provide long-term improvements to Albany while continuing or improving existing core services, such as road and path maintenance."

Mr Wellington thanked Councillors and staff for their many achievements over the past 12 months, most notably the Anzac Albany commemorations and various related projects, such as the new Town Square, the National Anzac Centre and the upgrades to Stirling Terrace, Mt Clarence and Mt Adelaide.

**END**

*Budget highlights next page*

## **A selection of highlights of the City of Albany Budget 2015-16**

### **Rural road maintenance**

The 2015/16 Budget has a strong focus on maintaining the City's existing assets. Road maintenance will be a key focus area during 2015-16, with the addition of a new rural roads maintenance team and new equipment.

### **Roads, drainage and paths**

Approximately \$4.5million worth of road works will take place in 2015-16, with a further \$1.9 million to be spent on drainage associated with roads. A further \$750,000 will be spent on paths.

### **Albany Visitor Centre**

The City will work towards the relocation of Albany Visitor Centre from Proudlove Parade to the Town Square as part of the renewed focus on revitalising the Albany CBD.

### **York Street Upgrade**

Changes are coming to York Street: it will be made one lane between Grey Street and Albany Highway and median parking will be introduced.

### **Albany Heritage Park**

Albany Heritage Park (Mt Adelaide and Mt Clarence) will undergo further improvements including signage, parking and lighting and upgrades to the trail network.

### **Centennial Park Sporting Precinct**

The City of Albany continues with the development of the Centennial Park Sporting Precinct. This project will span a number of years to fully realise the City's dream to create a world class and unique sporting precinct in the heart of the City. The project is worth about \$26 million in total and includes funding from the Federal Government and the State governments (through Royalties for Regions).

### **Play equipment upgrades**

The City will continue to upgrade and replace play equipment in consultation with the community (especially kids). Focus areas so far include Cull Park, Ellen Cove, Emu Point and Eyre Park.

### **Cycle City Albany**

Cycle infrastructure will continue to be improved across Albany.