



# Media release

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## Here comes the sun

- Large solar panel program for North Road and Day Care to begin installation this week
- Significant environment and cost benefits

Nearly 200 solar panels will be installed at two key City of Albany facilities this week.

Starting Wednesday 26 August, 120 solar panels will be installed at the City of Albany's North Road Administration Building. The solar system can provide up to 20 per cent of the building's daily energy requirements.

60 solar panels will also be installed at Albany Regional Day Care Centre covering approximately 100 per cent of the building's energy requirements.

The City also intends to implement the solar panel program in future years at other City of Albany facilities such as Albany Public Library and Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre.

City of Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said the program aligned with the City's key strategic objective 'to be Clean, Green and Sustainable'.

Mr Wellington said the solar panels would provide significant environmental benefits and would reduce energy consumption costs.

Other recent, current or upcoming Clean, Green and Sustainable initiatives include:

- Upcoming biofuel installation at ALAC
- Upgrades to heating, ventilation and air-conditioning at ALAC
- Upgrades to heating, ventilation and air-conditioning at VAC
- Trial of two fully electric Nissan Leaf fleet cars
- Investigation of LED street lighting options
- Implementation of Carbon Management Software (to assist in identifying opportunities for cost saving on gas, water and electricity)

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