



# Media release

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## **City Of Albany coordinates \$1 million in south coast campground upgrades**

- \$1 million secured by the City of Albany to be shared across six local governments between Denmark and Esperance.
- Initiative of the State Government's Western Australian Caravan and Camping Action Plan: 2013-2018.
- Made possible by the Royalties for Regions funding program.

The City of Albany has been successful in securing funding to coordinate a suite of upgrades to nature based campgrounds along a 600km stretch of Western Australia's south coast.

The funding was announced by the State Government this week as an initiative of the *Western Australian Caravan and Camping Action Plan: 2013-2018*, supported through the Royalties for Regions funding program.

City of Albany CEO Andrew Sharpe said the City of Albany had been a key driver behind securing the \$1 million, which will go towards upgrading more than 15 nature based campgrounds over a large stretch of coast between Parry Beach near Denmark, and Alexander Bay, east of Esperance.

"The City of Albany has an auspice and coordination role for this project in close collaboration with our partners at the shires of Denmark, Plantagenet, Jerramungup, Ravensthorpe and Esperance," he said.

"City of Albany officers worked proactively with Tourism Western Australia and our partners to identify a range of priority camping infrastructure projects.

"We are very pleased to have been able to secure such a great outcome for tourism on the south coast. On behalf of our neighbouring local governments I thank the State Government for supporting this fantastic project. I also thank our partner local governments for their strong support and collaboration."

The campgrounds are earmarked for improvements such as toilets and waste management facilities, layout, access tracks, landscaping and signage. Work at the sites is expected to be completed by the end of the 2015-16 financial year. Initiatives include:

### **City of Albany**

Creation of a new Overnight RV Stop: Wellstead community

Upgrades to campgrounds: Cosy Corner East, Cape Riche, Torbay Inlet, East Bay, Betty's Beach and Norman's Beach

### **Shire of Denmark**

Upgrades to campground: Parry Beach

### **Shire of Esperance**

Upgrades to campgrounds: Alexander Bay, Quagi Beach, Munglinup Beach and Thomas River

### **Shire of Jerramungup**

Upgrades to campgrounds: Millers Point and House Beach

### **Shire of Ravensthorpe**

Upgrades to campgrounds: Starvation Bay and Masons Bay

### **Shire of Plantagenet**

Creation of a new campground: Kendenup Agricultural Grounds

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