



# Media release

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## Centennial Funds Found

The City of Albany has received advice from the Minister for Sport and Recreation confirming a contribution of \$3 million (of a total of \$8.75 million) towards the Centennial Park Project.

The remaining funds, \$5.75 million, for Centennial Park Sporting Precinct will be considered as part of the 2016/17 State Government budget process.

The Council approved an urgent item last night to move forward on the construction to award the contract to Tectonics Construction Group to begin construction.

City of Albany Mayor said that they are confident that Council can now progress as planned given the announcement of the \$3 million funding.

“The Council is confident that State Government will honour its previous election promise and match the balance of funding (\$5.75 million) available to the City in the 2016/2017 financial year,” said Mayor Wellington.

“We are pleased with this positive news, city staff and councillors have been working extremely hard to see years of planning and work come to fruition. The Centennial Park Project will deliver a terrific community asset, and we are very grateful to the Hon Mia Davies MLA, Minister of Water; Sport and Recreation; Forestry for confirming the latest funding for the project.

“Sport and recreation can move forward to create the Great Southern’s premier sporting and recreation precinct,” said Mayor Wellington.

The Centennial Park Sporting Precinct Project is valued at \$27 million, with some works already completed with support from Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, Department of Sport and Recreation, Department of Regional Development through Royalties for Regions, and the City of Albany.

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For info:

### WESTERN PRECINCT FIELDS

The Western Precinct will contain high quality playing facilities for cricket, soccer, hockey and athletics. Improvements will be made to turf, reticulation, drainage and lighting ready for the winter 2016 sporting season.

#### Cricket



- 4 cricket fields.
- Premier cricket field positioned east of the new Pavilion.
- Existing Western Precinct fields will be realigned.
- A 5th field will be in the Eastern Precinct.

#### Soccer



- 12 soccer fields (four full-size, up to 8 other)
- Senior and Junior soccer to move from the Eastern to the Western Precinct.
- Premier soccer field positioned east of new Pavilion.
- Access to Eastern Precinct fields available for training and competition.

#### Hockey



- Existing synthetic field to be retained.
- A grassed field will be provided immediately west of synthetic field.

#### Athletics



- Existing athletics track and associated jump and throw facilities to remain unaltered.
- Vehicle access to the athletics facility is provided via the existing gravel car park.