



# Media release

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## **City offer to Albany Agricultural Society**

An agreement between the City of Albany and Albany Agricultural Society to secure a long-term home for the Society and annual Albany Show has entered its final stages after months of negotiation.

Albany City Council last night endorsed a Deed of Agreement offering the Society a long-term lease at the Centennial Park precinct and support and funding to build new pavilions.

Under the Agreement, the Society would have lease of the current Royals Football Club rooms and a portion of land abutting Cockburn Road and Symers Street for 30 years with a 10 year option.

The City of Albany would provide \$852,000 in return for the title over the Hanrahan Road waste facility site, with the funds to go towards the construction of the new pavilions.

The City will also provide \$250,000 in-kind support to complete site works for the new pavilions and \$25,000 in-kind support each year for the Albany Show.

The new pavilions would be built on the leased land for the Society's use.

Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said he was glad negotiations with the Albany Agricultural Society were reaching a conclusion.

"Our discussions in recent months have been very positive and it is great to see both parties are close to achieving a very positive outcome for everyone," Mayor Wellington said.

"We have taken the Society's feedback on board in preparing this Deed of Agreement and are confident it meets their long-term requirements.

"The Society plays an important role in supporting and promoting our region's agriculture and the annual show is an event the community always looks forward to and embraces.

"This offer will give the Society some certainty moving forward and ensure they remain an integral part of our city."

The City is confident the offer will be accepted and the two parties will continue to enjoy a positive working relationship.

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