



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/MR1550874

Date Issued: 18/12/2015

Authorised by: Mayor Dennis Wellington

Agricultural Society agreement signed

Months of negotiations between the City of Albany and Albany Agricultural Society concluded this afternoon when the Society signed a Deed of Agreement with the City to remain within the Centennial precinct.

Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington, Albany Agricultural Society president Rob Wright and trustees Dan Johnson and Jim Whitten signed the agreement at a formal gathering at the City's offices at North Road.

"We are thrilled we have been able to reach common ground with the Agricultural Society and strike this agreement," Mayor Wellington said.

"It brings an end to months of negotiations and while at times those discussions were difficult, we were always confident we could reach mutual ground on this issue.

"To wrap this deal up before Christmas gives both parties clear air in the New Year to move forward with some certainty and confidence."

Under the agreement, the Agricultural Society's base will remain at Centennial Oval.

The current Royals Football Club rooms and a parcel of land on the corner of Cockburn Road and Symers Street will be leased to the Society for 30 years with a 10 year option.

The Agricultural Society will hand-over the title on the Hanrahan Road waste facility site to the City of Albany in return for \$852,000, which will go towards the cost of constructing several new exhibition pavilions.

The City has also agreed to provide \$250,000 in-kind support to complete siteworks for those new pavilions and \$25,000 in-kind support each year for the Albany Show.

Mr Wright said he was glad to finally put pen to paper and seal a deal with the City and the Agricultural Society was keen to move forward.

"A lot of hard work has gone into thrashing out this agreement and we are very happy it is finally done," Mr Wright said.

"There has been compromise to reach this deal, but we think it is fair and beneficial for the whole community. The sporting redevelopment can go ahead, the Albany Show can continue and the Society can continue."

Image: (front) Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington and Albany Agricultural Society president Rob Wright with (back) Albany Agricultural Society trustees Dan Johnson and Jim Whitten at the signing of the Deed of Agreement.

END