



# Media release

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## **Consultant assists with Trails Hub Strategy**

A trails consultant has visited Albany to start planning for future trails and associated facilities in Albany Heritage Park as part of the City of Albany Trails Hub Strategy.

Dave Willcox of Common Ground Trails was in Albany last Wednesday and Thursday to begin the consultancy work, meeting with key stakeholders such as the Albany Mountain Bike Club, Albany Bushwalkers, City staff and several government agencies.

More meetings will be held over coming months as information is gathered for the concept plans.

This will include community engagement such as an online survey in January and community workshops starting in mid-February.

The Trails Hub Strategy was adopted by Albany City Council in July and aims to guide the development of Albany as a world-class trails tourism hub over the next 10 years.

Its key objectives are to develop a high-quality trails network, well planned and maintained supporting facilities and services, and enhance visitor experience.

Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said developing trails and associated infrastructure in Albany Heritage Park was a priority of the Strategy.

“We expect the project will set the framework to allow us to consolidate and rationalise trails on Mount Adelaide and Mount Clarence to transform the area into a high-class walking and mountain biking destination while protecting the valuable cultural, historical and environmental values of the area,” Mayor Wellington said.

“Developing these trails will complement other tourist attractions in Albany Heritage Park and bring a lot of benefits for local tourism.”

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