

Current Major Projects

ALBANY PRINCESS ROYAL PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

- **Approximate project value:** \$70 million
- **Estimated completion date:** April 2010
- **COA role:** Key Stakeholder
- **Contact:** Peter Madigan, Executive Director



Project Details

Albany Princess Royal Performing Arts Centre has been designed by Cox Howlett & Bailey Woodland, with the construction contract awarded to Doric.

The venue has been developed for the City of Albany by the Government of Western Australia and construction is being managed by the Department of Building Management and Works.

The venue consists of:

- A magnificent 620 seat theatre, with the auditorium stalls seating 450, and the dress circle 170. The rows are all slightly curved and the rake of the seating is among the steepest in regional WA.
- Full stage flying capabilities and an orchestra pit which can rise to become a stage extension, adding flexibility to the venue.
- Kalyenup Studio, at the eastern end of the southern foyer, is a wonderful 200 seat studio space capable of anything from classical concerts to cutting edge theatre, to breakout spaces for conferences and more.
- Hanover Room, situated on the second level of the southern foyer, the Hanover Room is an elegant function space which, with spectacular views of Princess Royal Harbour, making an ideal meeting room.
- Café, is situated in the south western corner of the foyer, with unique sweeping harbour views. It will become a popular place to enjoy coffee and fine food in Albany.

Work on the iconic Albany Princess Royal Performing Arts Centre is well on track with leading WA builder DORIC completing in-ground works on the time and within budget.

The basement foundations and in-ground services were a key milestone on the challenging construction project.

These followed strategic concrete pouring and extensive site evaluation and works, which was made challenging due to the project's close proximity to the harbour.

The striking looking building is expected to be the jewel in the crown of the Albany waterfront precinct. The design features four triangles of zinc-cladded panels, with an inner diamond of zinc-coated aluminum roofing and glass skylights.

On completion, the venue will be handed over to the City of Albany, which will be responsible for its operation, and extensive business planning is already well advanced.

Project Details

April 2007	Brief Finalisation
June 2007	Masterplan completed
June 2007	Schematic Design completed
September 2007	Design Development completed
February 2008	Contract Documentation completed
April 2008	Tender advertised
June 2008	Tender closed
July 2009	Tender Assessment and construction contract awarded
July 2008 – April 2010	Construction period
June 2010	Construction overrun, fit out, commissioning
June 2010	Handover to City of Albany

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