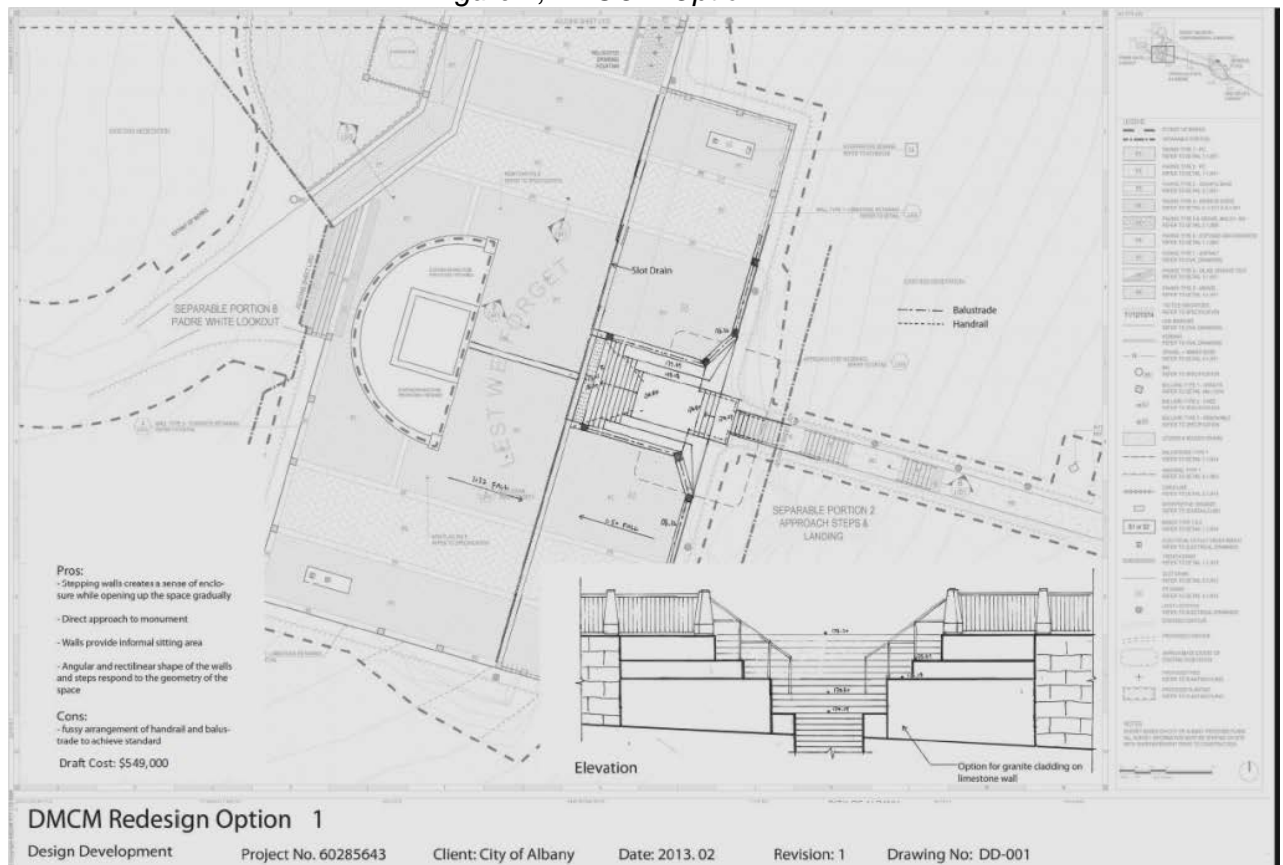


## 16.1: MOUNT CLARENCE DESERT MOUNTED CORPS MEMORIAL RE-DESIGN

<b>Land Description</b>	: Apex Drive, Mount Clarence. Desert Mounted Corps Memorial.
<b>Proponent</b>	: City of Albany
<b>Owner</b>	: Crown Land vested in the City of Albany
<b>Responsible Officer(s)</b>	: Chief Executive Officer (G Foster)
<b>Maps and Diagrams:</b>	

Figure 1, AECOM Option 1



### IN BRIEF

- At the Council's request it was proposed to amend the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial design to a single tier level prior to construction.
- Alternative options were developed by AECOM and provided at a Council workshop on the 7th February 2013 where it was agreed to proceed with Option 1 (as shown above).
- Consequently, detailed design of the above has been actioned and will be issued as an addendum to the current request for tender.
- The released construction tender will close on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013, with the successful contractor to be awarded at the April Ordinary Council Meeting.
- Construction to commence post Anzac Day 2013.

**RECOMMENDATION****ITEM 16.1: RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION  
VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY**

**THAT Council AGREE to proceed with amending the adopted Desert Mounted Corps Memorial design as per Figure 1, AECOM Option 1, to increase public visibility for Dawn Service ceremonies and mitigate potential safety concerns.**

**BACKGROUND**

1. In 2006 the Mounts Management Concept Plans for Mount Clarence was adopted by Council.
2. Detailed design for the Mount Clarence precinct was actioned, with the design for the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial being adopted by Council on the 20 April 2010.
3. Funds from the State Government of \$5.836million have been secured to undertake the refurbishment of the Mount Clarence Precinct in preparation for the Anzac Centenary, with the intention to commence and complete construction before Anzac Day 2014.
4. At the request of Councillor Dufty, the adopted design was requested to be amended to a single tier level. With Council endorsement at the December 2012 Audit and Finance, AECOM were commissioned to investigate design options.
5. Design options were presented to Council on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2013, where Option 1 was chosen to proceed to detailed design by simple majority.

**DISCUSSION**

6. The previously adopted design included a two tiered viewing platform with expanding granite staircase. Councillor Dufty's proposal, approved by Elected Members was to investigate the construction of a single level to increase visual aspects for people attending the Dawn Service Ceremony and mitigate possible safety issues with people agglomerating on the extended staircase during events.
7. Approval for the design options investigation and a full re-design of the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial was deemed necessary and actioned immediately by City Officers.
8. Four AECOM concept designs were produced and provided to Council at the Workshop, where by simple majority it was agreed to proceed with Option 1.
9. The detailed design amendment will form an addendum to the current request for tender which closes on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013, with the successful contractor to be awarded at the April Ordinary Council Meeting. The Mount Clarence construction is due to commence post Anzac Day 2013.

**GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION**

10. The City's Heritage Advisor has been consulted in relation to the proposal. The State Heritage Office will be required to endorse the amended design as part of the City of Albany Planning Application. This application will require amendment.

11. The State Government funding body have been consulted in relation to the amendment and will be formally notified of the design amendment in due course.

### **PUBLIC CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

12. Extensive consultation has been previously undertaken. This is deemed a minor design amendment that would not require additional community consultation.
13. The RSL and Apex Club have been consulted.

### **STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

14. Council have the delegated authority to approve the redesign.
15. The Building and Planning applications will require amendment.

### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

16. This item directly relates to the following elements from the Albany Insight ~ Beyond 2020 Corporate Plan...

***Community Vision:***

***Historic Albany – Home to a vibrant, resourceful and culturally diverse community...***

***Priority Goals and Objectives:***

***Goal 1: Lifestyle and Environment ... Objective 1.5 Development...responds to our unique historical and environmental values...***

***Goal 2. Economic Development Objective 2.4...Our unique cultural heritage attractions deliver world class tourism precincts.***

***City of Albany Mission Statement:***

***At the City of Albany we... Seek innovative ways to do things and empower our people to deliver on expectations and promises.***

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

17. Nil

### **RISK IDENTIFICATION & MITIGATION**

18. The risk identification and categorisation relies on the City's Risk Management Framework.

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Consequence</b>	<b>Risk Analysis</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<i>The redesign may appear featureless as a single level platform</i>	<i>Likely</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Ensure Council are advocates for the redesign and community benefit.</i>
<i>Stakeholder expectations are not met.</i>	<i>Possible</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Consult with the Apex Club and RSL immediately</i>
<i>Tender exceeds allocated budget</i>	<i>Likely</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Value management of works with successful contractor.</i>

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

19. All costs associated with the redesign were borne by the City of Albany, as per Council approval.
20. The construction cost will be budgeted from the State Government funding allocation of \$5.836million
21. Cost investigations have indicated that the redesign is cost neutral to the previous design, however will be formally determined upon close of tender on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2013.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

22. Nil

**ALTERNATE OPTIONS**

23. Nil.
24. No further design changes can be accommodated. Council's choice of Option 1 is now final as construction is due to commence post Anzac Day this year.

**SUMMARY CONCLUSION**

25. The redesign of the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial and Approach Steps will allow for improved public visibility of the Dawn Service and mitigate safety concerns associated with the previously design stairwell. The Option 1 redesign of the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial will be issued as an addendum to the currently let request for tender.

<b>Consulted References</b>	:	Nil
<b>File Number (Name of Ward)</b>	:	PR.DEC.4 - Frederickstown Ward
<b>Previous Reference</b>	:	OCM 20.04.10 Item 19.3 Audit and Finance 18 December 2012 Elected Members Briefing 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2013