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## **Upgraded memorial enhances Albany Anzac Day Dawn Service**



Record crowds gathered atop the newly upgraded Mt Clarence in Albany last Friday for the annual Anzac Day Dawn Service, organised by the Albany RSL.

The estimated 3500-strong crowd took in the solemn service from the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial, which has been significantly expanded and improved. Past crowds have peaked at about 2000.

The upgrade work has included: a spacious public plaza area which has approximately doubled crowd capacity to about 4000, lighting upgrades, granite bench seating, interpretive signage, new entry statements, an upgrade of the Avenue of Honour, upgraded steps and much more.

Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said the project had met its objectives of significantly increasing the space, safety and aesthetics of the area in preparation for the 2014-18 Anzac Centenary period.

"You can't help but be impressed by the work that's gone on here, it's truly magnificent," he said.

"It was a huge undertaking and the fact that it was completed to such high quality while remaining on budget is a real testament to the dedication and skill of City of Albany staff and contractors."

Mr Wellington thanked the State Government for funding the \$5.8 million project. The upgrades are expected to be officially opened in the coming weeks.

Anzac Day 2014 marked 99 years from the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops on the shores of Gallipoli.

Adjacent to the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial, on the summit of Mt Clarence, is the spectacular Padre White Lookout, named after the man who conducted Australia's first Anzac Day service in Albany.

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