



# Media release

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## **Princess Royal Fortress closure**

The City of Albany advises Princess Royal Fortress will close at the end of this month while a major redevelopment is undertaken in preparation for the November Anzac Centenary.

The Forts will be closed for business from May 30 until mid-October while construction work on the \$1.1 million improvements is carried out.

However, the area will remain accessible via walking trails and cycle ways during construction, and Carlyles Function Centre will remain open as normal.

Entry fees to the Forts will be waived until May 30.

Improvements include a refurbishment of the café/restaurant, construction of new retail and administration spaces, landscaping enhancements (including a Memorial Garden) and improvements to public space.

Separately, work on a new Convoy Walk and Convoy Lookout atop Mt Adelaide will also be undertaken during this time.

Albany Heritage Park General Manager Dean Lee apologised for the inconvenience but said the end result would be well worth it.

“Princess Royal Fortress and the National Anzac Centre will be greatly enhanced by these improvements and it’s very exciting to see things taking shape,” he said.

The National Anzac Centre is intended to be the centrepiece of a renewed precinct known as Albany Heritage Park, incorporating Mt Clarence, Mt Adelaide, Princess Royal Fortress and the Lower Forts.

Mr Lee said the long-term vision of the Albany Heritage Park was to establish an iconic visitor destination similar to Kings Park, featuring a wealth of heritage, contemporary, Aboriginal, commemorative and natural assets.

“This is a long-term multi-stage project, but we are very confident Albany Heritage Park will provide a unique Albany experience, attracting local, national and international audiences; and will capitalise on a unique and important market – heritage tourism,” he said.

The recently upgraded Desert Mounted Corps Memorial on Mt Clarence will be unaffected by the Forts closure.

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