



# Media release

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## **Aboriginal flag to fly above Albany Town Hall**

The City of Albany advises the Aboriginal flag is currently flying above Albany Town Hall in recognition of several important current and upcoming occasions.

The flag is flying in recognition of National Sorry Day, National Reconciliation Week and *Koolark Koort Koorliny* (Heart Coming Home) – an important exhibition of rare, rediscovered Aboriginal artworks on display at the Town Hall.

The exhibition, which opened last Saturday and will end on June 29, shows the Herbert Mayer Collection of Carrolup Artwork.

The works on display were created by Aboriginal children from the Stolen Generations at the Carrolup Native Settlement between 1946 and 1950, and were rediscovered in 2004 before being donated to Curtin University in 2013.

To complement the exhibition, from May 31 to August 2 Vancouver Arts Centre will display *Ripples in the Pond*, a celebration of the influence of the Carrolup school of art on Noongar artists.

The Aboriginal flag is expected to fly above the Town Hall until the end of *Koolark Koort Koorliny*, and during NAIDOC Week 2014 (July 6-13).

National Sorry Day was Monday May 26, while National Reconciliation Week is from May 27 until June 3.

The City of Albany has an accord with the local Noongar community which recognises Noongar people as the traditional owners of the land, raises awareness of their history and culture, and encourages reconciliation.

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