



# CBD gets revamped for Anzac

Two major projects designed to rejuvenate Albany's historic central business district in preparation for the November Anzac Centenary commemorations will go ahead thanks to the City of Albany and Lotterywest. As part of a plan endorsed by Albany City Council last week, a thriving Town Square will be created in the centre of Albany, and one of WA's most significant heritage streetscapes – Stirling Terrace – will receive a major revamp.

Mayor Dennis Wellington said the area between the Town Hall and Albany Public Library, just off Albany's iconic York Street, would be transformed into the "civic heart" of the City.

"This Town Square will be an activated community meeting place and gathering space for learning and cultural engagement, and will incorporate artwork, new landscaping features, improved core infrastructure and much better linkage with York Street," he said.

"Not only will it provide a high quality space for smaller subsidiary events during the Anzac Centenary, it also has the potential to be the hub for all sorts of community events in the future, from our Christmas Festival to markets to everything in between."

Stirling Terrace, which is 500m



An early concept drawing of the Stirling Terrace upgrade. The project scope may change during development.

from the Town Square site overlooking Anzac Peace Park and the Albany Waterfront Marina, will also receive an overhaul.

Mr Wellington said the terrace was a highly significant historic site which had been a hub for commercial enterprise and civic engagement since the mid-19th century.

A well-known 100-year-old photograph depicts soldiers marching along Stirling Terrace about to depart for the First World War.

"Stirling Terrace is one of our most precious assets," Mr Wellington said.

"We want to enhance the area in preparation for Anzac Centenary events such as the Stirling Terrace Mess Hall, and looking forward, we want the street to become a permanent high-quality shared space designed for people to be able to shop, dine, walk, ride, drive and parade."

The exact scope and timing of the plans are subject to further discussion and consultation with local businesses.

Mr Wellington thanked Lotterywest for generously committing \$500,000 towards the Town Square project (\$1 million estimated total cost) and

\$300,000 towards the Stirling Terrace enhancement (\$700,000 estimated total cost).

Council has agreed to borrow the rest of the funds at fixed interest rates which are currently at record low levels.

In a separate but related project Council has also endorsed major upgrades to Princess Royal Fortress to complement the National Anzac Centre, including memorial gardens and a new cafe/restaurant.

For more information on Albany's plans for the Anzac Centenary, visit [anzacalbany.com.au](http://anzacalbany.com.au).

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

February 25: Ordinary Council Meeting, 6pm

## ROAD WORKS

Gravel Road Maintenance

Sandburg, North, Old Elleker, Hazzard, Dempster, Palmdale, Fish Track, Youngs, Sleeman, Lake Sadie, Tennessee, Bornholm, Kronkup

Bitumen Road Maintenance

Lower Denmark, Frenchman Bay, Little Grove, Nanarup, Pfeiffer, Centennial, McKail, Orana

Road Sweeping

CBD, Yakamia, Lockyer, Mira Mar, Emu Point, Collingwood Heights, Spencer Park

## Median Strips Public Forum

A public forum on a plan to enhance two of Albany's busiest roads will be held next month.

The City of Albany has invited any interested residents to provide feedback on a draft design that has been developed for the median strips along Albany Hwy and North Rd.

The project will create a more aesthetically pleasing entrance statement into the Albany Central Business District and a safer working space for the City staff responsible for maintaining the median strips.

City of Albany Coordinator of Developed Reserves Jacqui Purvis said preliminary designs included local artworks, street trees, better traffic visibility and easier access to median strips to improve access across both busy roads.

Works being considered include replacement of existing gardens with more suitable plants, hard landscaping, addition of more trees, the inclusion of sculptures; and the relocation and installation of pedestrian crossings.

The project area is in two sections: North Road from the main roundabout at Chester Pass Road to the roundabout on Campbell Road; and Albany Highway from the main roundabout at Chester Pass Road to the roundabout on York Street.

Ms Purvis said the City would welcome feedback on the plan from as many people as possible, especially those that live or work near the affected areas.

The forum will be held Thursday February 13 at the City of Albany's Civic Rooms at 6pm.

The City of Albany is committed to listening to the community.

For queries relating to the community forum, or to RSVP, please contact City of Albany Stakeholder Relations Manager Julie-Ann Gray on 9841 9421 or [julieann@albany.wa.gov.au](mailto:julieann@albany.wa.gov.au).

## Happy Australia Day in Albany



The circus activities were a hit among the kids.

The Albany community was out in full force over the weekend as Albany celebrated Australia Day.

Middleton Beach was packed as Albany residents and tourists alike flocked to the Australia Day Big Breakfast.

The crowds then moved on to Eyre Park in the afternoon for a day of circus activities, zorb balls and bouncy castles.

Free Australia flags were handed out to both the grown-ups and the kids, and the food trucks were bustling as the crowd lined up for ice cream, popcorn, burgers and other treats.

As the sun set, over 350 patrons lay on their picnic blankets for an outdoor showing of an Australian classic, Muriel's Wedding.

The movie under the stars was a great way to cap off an eventful Australia Day in Albany.

The City of Albany would like to thank all staff and volunteers for the success of this year's Australia Day festivities.

The City was proudly partnered by Act-Belong-Commit and Lotterywest

## WA Taste Master samples Albany



AHP General Manager Dean Lee presents Anzac biscuits as an Albany memento.

Amazing Albany played host to WA's Taste Master Rich Keam recently as part of a six day visit to the Great Southern region.

Western Australia's Best Jobs in the World winner drove from Perth to Albany in a Campervan with his family on his penultimate trip as WA's Taste Master in a bid to promote the region as an extraordinary self-drive destination.

While in Albany, Mr Keam sampled some of the region's best produce with breakfast at York Street Cafe, a seafood feast at The Old Marron Farm, a bushfood platter at The Bushfood Factory and Cafe and a wander around the famous Albany Farmers Market.

He also learned the secrets of coffee-making at The Naked Bean Coffee Roasters, and tasted WA's



Taste Master Rich Keam left the UK with his family to take up the position.

first single malt whiskey at the Great Southern Distilling Company.

But he did more than just taste, jumping into a paddle kayak for a water adventure at Emu Point with Great Southern Discovery, collecting 'beyond free range' eggs at Shipley's Farm and admiring the natural rock formations at Torndirrup National Park and West Cape Howe National Park.

Mr Keam also admired the view from the National Anzac Centre site as part of a private tour around the Princess Royal Fortress with Albany Heritage Park General Manager Dean Lee, who presented him with a box of Anzac Biscuits as a souvenir from his visit to the birthplace of the Anzac story.

As WA's Taste Master, Rich is blogging about the State to showcase Western Australia's extraordinary landscapes and experiences, and promote the state as a culinary tourism destination to intrastate, interstate and international audiences.

Mr Keam's experiences and travels are documented at [www.tastewesternaustralia.com](http://www.tastewesternaustralia.com) and on social media at [twitter.com/richkeam](https://twitter.com/richkeam) and [instagram.com/tastemaster\\_wa](https://instagram.com/tastemaster_wa).

The 'Best Jobs in the World' campaign, which was launched last year, is a collaboration between Tourism Australia, Tourism Western Australia and five other States and Territories.

## This summer life is cooler in Amazing Albany

'While Perth is cooking this summer, escape the heat and enjoy an Amazing Albany adventure in more relaxed weather,' reads Amazing Albany's new summer campaign.

This summer Amazing Albany is showing Perth just how much cooler life on the south coast is in a summer

radio campaign that will run on Nova 93.7 from this week til mid-March.

The Nova team will take to the streets handing out Amazing Albany merchandise and 'cool down' the stuffy Perth CBD crowd with bottles of water.

Listeners also stand to win one of five Amazing Albany hampers valued at over

\$350, featuring products from sponsors Great Southern Distilling Company, Wignalls Wines, Mount Romance and Yellow Bird.

Look out for changes on the Amazing Albany Facebook page and website, and keep an eye out for competitions and giveaways as Albany

gears up for an eventful 2014.

The 2014 Amazing Albany Holiday Planner is available for you to plan the summer to remember.

Need dining ideas? The Dining Out Guide is here to help!

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