

# Funding for rail loop, seniors

Royalties for Regions support for Great Southern projects

Two major projects in the Great Southern shared more than \$3 million in Royalties for Regions funding announced in March.

Funding of \$2.5 million will support the construction of a \$6 million rail loop at the Port of Albany and a further \$532,820 will support Stage 2 of the \$8 million Collet Barker Court project providing seniors' accommodation in Mount Barker.

Regional Development Minister Terry Redman announced the funding on Wednesday 26 March. At a function at the Albany Port Authority, Mr Redman said the new rail loop would make train movements at the Port more efficient.

He said the long-term sustainability of regional communities depended on economic development and the Port of Albany was critical to enabling growth in the Great Southern.

Mr Redman said the rail loop was a significant piece of infrastructure to ensure that the Port would not be a bottleneck to the growth of the region.

Currently, the rail line into the port ends near the woodchip terminal. The rail loop, expected to be completed by 2015, will improve efficiencies and enable increased flow of export product through the Port.

Albany Port Authority Chief Executive Officer Brad Williamson said the rail loop would open up a new area of waterfront at the Port, the last available land in the precinct.

"It's an enabler of an enormous amount of trade for the Port," Mr Williamson said.

Building the rail loop is the first stage in a plan that includes the later construction of a bridge over the rail at the east end of the loop.

Wagin MLA Terry Waldron formally announced the funding for the Collet Barker Court project at a function at the Shire of Plantagenet on Wednesday 16 April.



Collet Barker Court is a Plantagenet Village Homes project to provide independent living accommodation for seniors in 21 two- and three-bedroom units near the centre of Mount Barker.

Stage 1, the first five units, is now under way, supported by the GSDC through the Great Southern Regional Grants Scheme. It will be finished in June.

Stage 2 comprises a further five units, a clubhouse and communal facilities. The Royalties for Regions funding announced by Mr Waldron supports the clubhouse and communal facilities components of Stage 2.

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Wagin MLA Terry Waldron congratulates Linda Sounness, the Deputy Chair of Plantagenet Village Homes, with GSDC Chair Peter Rundle and Plantagenet Shire President Ken Clements.

GSDC Chair Peter Rundle (left) and Regional Development Minister Terry Redman look over the layout of the proposed rail loop with Albany Port Authority Chief Executive Officer Brad Williamson (right).



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# Festival season delights

## Food and culture celebrations

Thousands of people enjoyed the Great Southern's 2014 festival season in February and March.

Late summer and early autumn bring the stimulation and pleasures of the Great Southern Festival and IGA Taste Great Southern, drawing visitors to the region and enticing locals to a host of events.

Both festivals were initiated with the help of the GSDC and both continue to be supported by the Commission.

The GSDC is the Great Southern Principal Partner of the Great Southern Festival. The Great Southern is the only region in WA to host a program of Perth Festival events.

Cellos dominated the Great Southern Festival and music lovers were treated to some virtuoso performances from classical to contemporary.

Another successful film season drew crowds, soul legend Booker T Jones entertained a big audience at Castelli Estate and solo actor Dennis O'Hare conjured up a cast of thousands in his telling of An Iliad.

Chefs and winemakers seduced the tastebuds at a string of events in Taste Great Southern, some of them complementing the Great Southern Festival program.



*Above: Booker T Jones entertained the crowd at Castelli Estate during the Great Southern Festival.*

*Right: Poh Ling Yeow demonstrated some tasty techniques at the Oyster and Bush Food Festivals during Taste Great Southern.*

At Albany's Eyre Park, special attention was given to bush foods and oysters at a dual celebration that rolled smoothly into the Great Southern Festival's outdoor cinema presentation Girt By Sea.

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# Bus trip for coastal treat

## Holiday program for inland young people

The GSDC's annual Holiday Bus service carried 138 people from inland communities to the coast during the summer holiday in January 2014.

The temporary 'coastal migration' included teenagers and young children accompanied by a parent or guardian, looking to spend a day at the beach, surf park, cinema or in the city.

The Tambellup Community Resource Centre administered the service in 2014 and manager Beth Schlueter commended the program.

"The Holiday Bus is a great initiative for communities in the central Great Southern," Ms Schlueter said.

"It enables our young people, who might not otherwise get the opportunity during the holidays, to get to Albany

"We would encourage families and young people to get on board in 2015 for a great day out."

Now in its 12th year, the Holiday Bus runs twice a week during January, from Wagin to Cranbrook then to Albany, stopping at all

towns along the route on Great Southern Highway and Albany Highway.

The coach can accommodate up to 46 people and all the essentials for holiday fun, including skateboards, bikes, bodyboards and surfboards, in the baggage compartment.

The 2014 Holiday Bus was funded by the GSDC with contributions from the Shires of Broomehill-Tambellup, Plantagenet, Wagin and Woodanilling.

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## Three on medal shortlist

### Panel selects contenders

Nominations have closed for the GSDC Medal and three regional leaders are in the running for the prestigious award.

Regional Development Minister Terry Redman will present the 2014 GSDC Medal at a gala dinner event on Friday 20 June 2014 at the Albany Entertainment Centre.

The finalists are project leader Basil Schur, WOW Wilderness proprietor Gary Muir and innovative farmer Stephen Frost.

Great Southern Development Commission Chairman Peter Rundle thanked the nominators.

"The GSDC Medal recognises people doing great work in the community, and the contribution they make to the pool of expertise and knowledge we have in this region," Mr Rundle said.

"It would not be possible without those on the ground identifying local leaders and innovators, and taking the time to prepare the nominations."

The medal assessment panel, led by chair Naomi Arrowsmith, shortlisted three finalists from the nominees and conducted interviews to determine who will receive the sterling silver medal and a \$12,000 grant to further their work.

Ms Arrowsmith said the interviews were a unique opportunity for the panel to learn firsthand about the finalists' work,



*The GSDC Medal will be awarded in June.*

their motivations and their views on the management of natural resources in the region.

Finalist Basil Schur, from Denmark, is an educator, facilitator and project leader with Greenskills.

Through his work, Mr Schur incorporates conservation values with social and production outcomes across a host of projects implemented in the region.

Examples of his work include the development of management plans for wetlands and waterways, the creation of the Denmark Learning Precinct including the eco-architecture inspired Sanctuary

and the South Coast Shorebird survey program.

Gary Muir, from Walpole, is an interpreter and communicator for science and management of natural resources. Mr Muir is an innovator for phytophthora dieback control, an outdoor educator and WOW Wilderness eco-guide.

In addition to local projects such as the UR Walpole school eco-education program (now in its 10th year), Mr Muir develops and implements a range of local, state and international projects through the international WOW team.

Stephen Frost is a farmer from Narrikup who incorporates biodiversity conservation and innovative techniques to enhance production. These include grass and sedge plantings to improve water quality in dams, wildflower production, fodder trees such as sweet oaks, and semi-rotational grazing systems.

Mr Frost is a pioneer in soil microbiology including ongoing research and trials to develop sustainable biological farming systems. He is also responsible for the establishment of Western Mineral Fertilisers in Tunderden.

Enquiries about the GSDC Medal dinner can be directed to reception at the GSDC Albany office on 9842 4888.

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## Saleyard nears official opening

### Finishing touches under way

Katanning's new livestock saleyard is now operationally complete and will be officially opened in May.

The GSDC supported the development of a business case for the \$24.9 million saleyard, which gained \$17 million of State Government funding and \$7.42 million from the Commonwealth Government

through the Regional Development Australia Fund.

The saleyard includes a 4.2 ha roofed area and an extensive concourse.

Storm water captured at the site will fully supply the saleyard operation and the excess will be pumped via a 4.5 km

pipeline to a created lake at Piesse Park in Katanning.

The project's finishing touches, including landscaping and the Piesse Park works, are expected to be finalised by July.

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# Great Southern Major Projects

The Great Southern Development Commission provides this update on major industry, infrastructure and construction related projects to better inform the community of the status of major projects and to maximise local and regional business and employment involvement. These projects are also listed at [www.gsd.c.wa.gov.au](http://www.gsd.c.wa.gov.au). Additional information can be obtained through the contact person noted for each project.

## Albany Health Campus

**Proponent:** Health Department  
**Value:** \$170.4 million  
**Location:** Albany

**Description:** Construction of a new health campus which functions as the hub for health services in the Great Southern and demolition of the old hospital.

**Status:** Stage 1 was completed when the new hospital was opened in May 2013. Stage 2 was completed in December 2013 and involved the demolition of the old hospital building, refurbishment works and the creation of additional car parking bays and landscaping.

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## Southdown Magnetite Feasibility Study

**Proponent:** Grange Resources Ltd  
**Value:** \$150 million (feasibility study only)  
**Location:** Wellstead

**Description:** Grange Resources is developing a \$2.9 billion Southdown magnetite project near Wellstead. The original project proposal targeted production of 10 million tonnes per annum of high grade magnetite concentrate to be shipped from Albany Port. Transport from the mine to port was proposed via an underground slurry pipeline. The magnetite concentrate would be processed into pellets at Kemaman, Malaysia.

**Status:** Definitive feasibility study complete. Mine and port environmental permits secured. Grange Resources is currently reviewing the project on the basis of a reduced scale start-up.

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## Centennial Park Upgrade

**Proponent:** City of Albany  
**Value:** \$42 million  
**Location:** Albany

**Description:** Includes the delivery of a new premier oval, grandstand, clubrooms and event space; drainage and reticulation improvements; improved vehicle access; sport fields lighting and power upgrades; additional multi-user soccer and cricket club room and storage facilities; new multi-use field behind PCYC; additional space for playing surfaces; shared pathway trail connections; and civic park and nature play space.

**Status:** Stage 1 under way: Multi-use playing field behind the PCYC, Railways Football Club playing field renovations and lighting  
Stage 2 detailed design: mid-late 2014  
Stage 3 works to western precinct: late 2014  
Stage 4 works to eastern precinct: end of 2015

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## Plantagenet Water Main

**Proponent:** Water Corporation  
**Value:** \$35 million  
**Location:** Albany

**Description:** A staged upgrade of the existing water supply pipeline and pump stations between Albany and Mount Barker to improve the surety of water supplies.

**Status:** Stage 1 to replace the 27km section from Chorkerup to Mount Barker is under construction and due for completion by the end of 2014. A new pump station will be built at Kokokup by 2015 as part of the project.

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## Katanning Regional Saleyards

**Proponent:** Shire of Katanning  
**Value:** \$24.9 million  
**Location:** Katanning

**Description:** The construction of a new state-of-the-art sheep saleyards to support improved compliance with environmental legislation, animal welfare regulations and occupational health and safety.

**Status:** Under construction. Official opening scheduled for May 2014.

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## Albany Borefields

**Proponent:** Water Corporation  
**Value:** \$24 million  
**Location:** Albany

**Description:** A series of new bores will be constructed to improve the spread of groundwater withdrawal points. Up to 25 old bores will be replaced due to ageing, clogging and deterioration. The expansion and improvement of the borefield is required to meet the needs of increasing population and seasonal water demands.

**Status:** Replacement of the existing bores commenced in late 2013 and will take approximately three years to complete. Construction of the new bores will progress in parallel with the work on the existing bores and will take approximately 12 months to complete.

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## National Anzac Centre

**Proponent:** Building Management and Works, Department of Finance (on behalf of the Commonwealth Government; Government of Western Australia; City of Albany; and RSL)  
**Value:** \$12 million  
**Location:** Mount Adelaide, Albany

**Description:** World-class interpretive centre with virtual connection capability and associated landscape works located within the Princess Royal Fortress precinct on Mount Adelaide, Albany. The Centre will feature electronic displays and state-of-the-art interpretive

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systems, exhibitions and educative resources depicting the stories of the Australian and New Zealand service men and women of World War I and the important role the town of Albany played in the creation of the Anzac spirit.

**Status:** Forward works to clear the site concluded in September 2013 and the main construction works commenced in November 2013. The building will be officially opened on 1 November 2014.

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### Denmark Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

**Proponent:** Water Corporation

**Value:** \$11 million

**Location:** Denmark

**Description:** An upgrade to Denmark's wastewater treatment plant to meet future community needs. Includes the construction of new inlet works, an oxidation ditch to circulate and oxygenate wastewater, a large circular clarifier for the separation of solids and treated wastewater, and a new laboratory / operations building.

**Status:** Works due for commissioning in September 2014.

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### Frost/Sounness Recreation Precinct Development

**Proponent:** Shire of Plantagenet

**Value:** \$10.9 million

**Location:** Mount Barker

**Description:** Development of recreation facilities at the Frost / Sounness Recreation Precinct in Mount Barker.

**Status:** Stage One of the Sounness Park precinct is complete and comprises new sporting clubrooms, change rooms, a refurbishment of the Sounness Park Oval, competition standard lighting and an integrated water recycling system. The total Stage One cost is \$6.1 million. Funding of \$1.45 million has been received from Regional Development Australia and the Department of Sport and Recreation towards the construction of Stages Two and Three. The budget for Stages Two and Three is \$2.5 million. The Shire of Plantagenet is aiming to start these stages within the next six months. Work

is under way at Frost Park with the construction of a thoroughbred racehorse training track and on-course stabling block. Further developments will be progressed on the completion of Sounness Park.

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### Katanning SuperTown

**Proponent:** Shire of Katanning

**Value:** \$8.9 million

**Location:** Katanning

**Description:** Katanning was granted \$8.9 million through Royalties for Regions for two projects. The major project is an \$8.7 million transformation of the town's central precinct and town entry.

**Status:** Work under way. Due for completion in December 2014.

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### Port of Albany Rail Loop

**Proponent:** Port of Albany

**Value:** \$6.5 million

**Location:** Albany

**Description:** A rail loop will be constructed to replace the current single track rail siding which has a dead end. This will improve rail transport efficiencies by allowing trains to continue in the same direction of travel and permit woodchip and bulk minerals trains of varying lengths to operate within the Port. The project received \$2.5 million from Royalties for Regions.

**Status:** Planning and approvals are under way and will take about nine months followed by construction which is expected to be completed in late 2015.

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### Mount Clarence Infrastructure Upgrade

**Proponent:** City of Albany

**Value:** \$5.8 million

**Location:** Albany



*Katanning's SuperTowns project will transform the town's centre.*

**Description:** Significant restoration and new works on Mount Clarence to improve space, safety and aesthetics. This includes improvements to the Avenue of Honour, a new lookout platform and refurbishing the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial. The project is funded by the State Government, including \$2.8 million from Royalties for Regions.

**Status:** The work was completed in April 2014 in time for Anzac Day.

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### Community Services and Health Sciences Building

**Proponent:** Great Southern Institute of Technology

**Value:** \$5.8 million

**Location:** Albany

**Description:** The construction of a new teaching and learning block that provides additional classrooms, laboratories and workspaces to ensure that the training environment meets the standards of industry and expectations of students. The project will expand and improve upon the institute's existing infrastructure currently available for the delivery of qualifications in health, community services & children's services

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**Status:** Funding received via the State Government Royalties for Regions program. Forward works completed in July 2013 with the main construction project scheduled for completion in September 2014.

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### Albany Gas Works Site Remediation

**Proponent:** LandCorp

**Value:** \$4.4 million (subject to determination of site use)

**Location:** Princess Royal Drive, Albany

**Description:** Remediation of former Albany Gas Works site to return it to productive use.

**Status:** LandCorp is currently closing out an ecological impact assessment to determine the impact the site's groundwater is having upon the marine environment of Princess Royal Harbour. Upon completion of the assessment (expected later this year), LandCorp will develop a remedial action plan and seek advice from the Department of Environment Regulation, in consultation with the local community. The future land use for the site is yet to be determined and is likely to be influenced by the outcomes of a site management plan and community input.

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### Electricity Capacity Expansion

**Proponent:** Western Power

**Value:** \$4.2 million

**Location:** Albany

**Description:** As rapid network growth and load increase continues throughout the Albany region there is a requirement to increase the fault level protection across the networks by installing additional protection equipment in multiple feeder locations to protect feeder conductors.

**Status:** To be completed in 2014/15.

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### Albany Airport Upgrade

**Proponent:** City of Albany

**Value:** \$4 million

**Location:** Albany

**Description:** Terminal works: The design and implementation of a new permanent departure lounge, improved baggage check-in and reclaim facilities and enhanced X-ray security screening equipment.

Jet compliance works: An upgrade of the main runway to ensure the airport can handle jet aircraft services under the MOS 139 civil aviation safety regulations. Works include replacing the lighting, hardening the shoulders and extending the runway emergency stopping areas.

Aircraft parking aprons: Relocation and expansion of the general aviation aircraft parking apron.

**Status:** All works are under construction and due for completion by July 2014.

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### Torndirrup Upgrade

**Proponent:** Department of Parks and Wildlife

**Value:** \$3.95 million

**Location:** Albany (The Gap)

**Description:** Through Royalties for Regions, the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) has received funding to upgrade the facilities at The Gap and Natural Bridge in Torndirrup National Park near Albany. The updates include new lookout structures at The Gap and Natural Bridge, new site information and a new pathway network with full access for wheelchairs.

**Status:** Design work completed. Tender process under way.

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### Community Housing

**Proponent:** GS Community Housing Association

**Value:** \$3.8 million

**Location:** Albany (Cockburn Road)

**Description:** Purchase of land and construction of 12 two-bedroom dwellings for aged or disabled tenants. Part funded by Royalties for Regions.

**Status:** Completed January 2014.

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### Restoration of Berths 1 and 2

**Proponent:** Albany Port Authority

**Value:** \$3.2 million

**Location:** Albany Port

**Description:** Berths 1 and 2 are the oldest wharves at the port and are in need of restoration to their original design capacity.

**Status:** Substantial completion of pile restoration to the front half of both wharves has enabled the removal of all of the imposed no-load zones. For the next year, pile restoration work continues to the rear half of berth 2 in an access area near the joint between berths 1 and 2. The work is expected to continue for another five years, after which there will be ongoing restoration work to berths 1 and 2 albeit at a slower rate. This would complete repairs to the concrete deck and the piles as they slowly deteriorate to a point where repair is justified.

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Albany Port. Photo by Katrina Bartley.





## Great Southern Major Projects

### *Albany Highway Widening*

**Proponent:** Main Roads  
**Value:** \$3 million  
**Location:** Kojonup Section 2  
**Description:** Sealed widening.  
**Status:** Planning and design complete. Delivery scheduled for February - March 2015.  
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### *Albany Highway Passing Lane*

**Proponent:** Main Roads  
**Value:** \$2.5 million  
**Location:** Settlement Road  
**Description:** Construct north-bound passing lane  
**Status:** Project development delivery scheduled for November 2014 - February 2015.  
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### *Great Southern Highway Widening*

**Proponent:** Main Roads  
**Value:** \$2 million  
**Location:** Cranbrook - Section 2  
**Description:** Sealed widening  
**Status:** Planning and design commenced. Scheduled for delivery March - May 2015.  
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### *Hawthorn House*

**Proponent:** Alzheimer's Australia WA  
**Value:** \$2 million  
**Location:** Albany  
**Description:** A new centre to care for people with dementia and their families. With the assistance of GSDC, the AAWA gained a grant of \$992,334 from the Regional Development Council's Action Agenda Funding Scheme towards construction.  
**Status:** Under construction and close to completion. Hawthorn House operations will move to the new centre in May.  
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### *Seniors Accommodation*

**Proponent:** Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup  
**Value:** \$1.7 million  
**Location:** Tambellup  
**Description:** The Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup will construct six two-bedroom units for independent living seniors accommodation in response to a long-term unmet need.  
**Status:** Construction of the units commenced in November 2013, with estimated completion in September 2014.  
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### *Groundwater Investigation*

**Proponent:** Department of Water  
**Value:** \$1.6 million  
**Location:** Albany  
**Description:** The Department of Water has received funding through Royalties for Regions to investigate groundwater resources in the Albany hinterland and the Albany groundwater area. The four-year investigation program involves airborne geophysical survey, topographic LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) surveying and analysis of data using a groundwater model. The data collected during the project will improve knowledge of the groundwater resources and assist to: identify and confirm new groundwater sources to the north and west of Albany; map groundwater quality variations and saltwater intrusion in the Albany groundwater area; quantify the recharge potential of the Albany groundwater area; and produce reports and maps on potential groundwater availability to support development in the region.  
**Status:** The aerial electromagnetic surveys have been completed and the drilling phase is scheduled to for April/May 2014. Overall study due for completion mid-2015.  
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### *Chester Pass Road Widening*

**Proponent:** Main Roads  
**Value:** \$1.4 million  
**Location:** Borden - ongoing staged project  
**Description:** Sealed widening.  
**Status:** Project planning complete, scheduled for delivery May-June 2015.  
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### *Morgan Richards Community Centre Refurbishment Project*

**Proponent:** Shire of Denmark  
**Value:** \$1.1 million  
**Location:** Denmark  
**Description:** Refurbishment and redevelopment of the former Denmark Hospital site to provide integrated community, business, tourism and events facilities. The facility provides a much-needed co-located 'hub' for regional community and tourism activity by providing integrated spaces for business incubation, festival support, artistic gallery and sales, dynamic regional events, inter-generational and community groups, shared offices and support services.  
**Status:** Funding has been secured for the project and final development approvals have been obtained. Expected completion date is mid-2015.  
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### *Albany Ring Road Planning*

**Proponent:** Main Roads  
**Value:** \$1 million  
**Location:** Albany  
**Description:** Detailed planning for stages 2 and 3 of the proposed Albany Ring Road. The work will determine future funding requirements.  
**Status:** Stage one of the Albany Ring Road was completed in 2007. Preliminary concept design has been completed for stages 2 and 3. Detailed planning is progressing.  
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# Healthier future for Katanning lake

## Research to enhance water quality

Better water quality and improved amenities are in store for Lake Ewlyamartup in the Shire of Katanning.

Stage 2 of the Department of Regional Development Living Lakes Initiative has started, bringing closer its objective of enhancing existing natural ephemeral lake systems through creative engineering solutions.

After preliminary work in 2011, Lake Ewlyamartup was one of two Western Australian lakes selected to proceed to Stage 2 of the initiative, which is the development of construction-ready engineering designs and costing. Funding support from the GSDC helped to set up initial technical studies that will inform the current consultations.

Consultants from Worley Parsons visited the lake in February with members of the Lake Ewlyamartup Working Group (LEWG). LEWG Project Officer Ella Maesepp said there was great energy at the meeting.



*Canoeing enthusiasts at Lake Ewlyamartup.*

"We were really pleased to have the opportunity to share with the consultants the local knowledge about the lake, and discuss in detail the various options to improve water quality," Mrs Maesepp said.

"We took kayaks out in order to get an idea of water conditions across the lake, and point out key areas such as the hooded plover nesting sites.

"We also spent significant time exploring the characteristics of the lake's inlet, outlet

and existing drainage channel," Mrs Maesepp said.

The consultants will now develop the preliminary designs for the engineering works to improve water quality, in consultation with the LEWG, and a draft design is expected to be ready for community consultation in May. The final engineering design and costing is anticipated to be completed in November.

As well as the Living Lakes work, the LEWG and the Shire of Katanning, supported by partners including the GSDC, are implementing a Recreation Area Plan to improve amenity at the site.

The access road and parking area has been gravelled, and facilities will soon be installed including a new boat ramp, toilets, sheltered seating, barbecues and signage.

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