



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.com.au. Additional information can be obtained through the contact person noted for each project.

Katanning Hospital Upgrade

Proponent: WA Country Health

Value: \$35.4 million **Location:** Katanning

Description: Katanning Hospital will be upgraded to include a new state-of-the-art emergency department, medical imaging department and new outpatient care facility. A new laundry and morgue will also be built. The project is funded through Royalties for Regions under the Southern Inland Health Initiative.

Status: The first component of the building process, the forward works, were to commence on site in February 2016 with tenders expected to go out in April. The main building works are expected to start mid-2016 and will take about 18 months to complete.

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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 has been progressed in parallel with the work on the existing bores.

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CBH Grain Depot

Proponent: CBH

Value: \$27 million **Location:** Albany

Description: Establishment of a 140,000 tonne grain receival and storage facility at Down Road. The facility will reduce the reliance on shipping during the harvest period and help with grain type and grade segregation.

Status: Construction is expected to be completed in time for the 2016/17 harvest.

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Centennial Park Upgrade

Proponent: City of Albany

Value: \$26 million **Location:** Albany

Description: Staged development of Centennial Park Sporting Precinct including 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: Civil works on the Western Precinct began in July 2015 along North Rd, including earthworks, subsoil drainage, irrigation, the laying of new turf and the building pad for the new Cricket Soccer Pavilion. The early works will support the establishment of turf in time for the winter sporting season (April 2016).

Biomass Fuel Pellets

Proponent: Plantation Energy

Value: \$20 million **Location:** Albany

Description: The export of Densified Biomass Fuel (DBF) pellets manufactured from sustainably managed bluegum plantation forests. Production of 250,000t per annum is expected.

Status: The facility was mothballed in 2012, but the proponent is looking to resume operations in the first half of 2016.

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Denmark Wastewater Recycling

Proponent: Water Corporation

Value: \$15 million

Location: Denmark

Description: Construction of a waste water recycling scheme to irrigate Denmark's golf course and land at the WA College of Agriculture Denmark. The scheme will reuse treated wastewater from the Denmark Wastewater Treatment Plant through a new pipeline for use in irrigation. The project is funded through Royalties for Regions.

Status: The scheme is expected to be operational by the first half of 2018.

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Southern Inland Health Initiative

Proponent: WA Country Health

Value: \$9.6 million

Location: Kojonup, Gnowangerup and Tambellup

Description: Building works to upgrade Kojonup Hospital, Gnowangerup Hospital and Tambellup Health Centre as part of the \$109 million Southern Inland Health Initiative small hospital and nursing post refurbishment program. The program is funded through Royalties for Regions.

Status: Refurbishment works at each of the locations commenced in May 2015 and have now been completed.

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Sounness Recreation Precinct

Proponent: Shire of Plantagenet

Value: \$9.5 million

Location: Mount Barker

Description: Upgrade of Sounness Park Recreation Precinct. The project received \$4.5 million through Royalties for Regions.

Status: Stage One of the Sounness Park precinct comprised new sporting clubrooms, change rooms, a refurbishment of the Sounness Park Oval, competition standard lighting and a wastewater catchment and re-use system. Stages Two and Three included construction of the cricket oval and a hockey ground featuring a hybrid synthetic surface,



lighting, scorers' hut and players' dugouts. All three stages are now complete.

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Breath Feature Film

Proponent: Breath Productions

Value: \$9 million

Location: Denmark

Description: Movie production of Tim Winton's award-winning novel Breath. A \$2.3 million investment by the State Government, including \$1.5 million from Royalties for Regions, helped to secure Denmark as the film site.

Status: Pre-production began at the end of January and shooting is scheduled to commence in April 2016 with project completion by June 2017.

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Simon Baker will direct and star in the movie Breath.

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 underway and due for completion in December 2016.

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Collet Barker Court

Proponent: Plantagenet Village Homes

Value: \$8 million

Location: Mount Barker

Description: Seven independent living units will be constructed in the third stage of the Plantagenet Village Homes Collet Barker Court

project, which will ultimately provide 21 independent living units for seniors in a five-stage development. The project received a grant of \$1.24 million from Royalties for Regions to support stage 3.

Status: The first stage, completed in 2014, comprised five units, and the second stage is the construction of a clubhouse and communal facilities. Stages 2 and 3 are due for completion by March 2017.

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Torndirrup Upgrade

Proponent: Department of Parks and Wildlife

Value: \$6.8 million

Location: Albany (The Gap and Natural Bridge)

Description: Through Royalties for Regions, the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPW) 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: Under construction. Due for completion in April 2016.

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Upgraded infrastructure at the Natural Bridge.

Katanning Early Childhood Hub

Proponent: Shire of Katanning

Value: \$6.3 million

Location: Katanning

Description: Construction of a multipurpose building to house a range of early childhood services in Katanning. The project includes \$5.7 million of Royalties for Regions funding.

Status: Construction to commence in September 2016.

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Regional Waste Management

Proponent: Shires of Jerramungup, Katanning, Kent, Gnowangerup and Ravensthorpe

Value: \$5.3 million

Location: Katanning and Ravensthorpe

Description: Construction of two regional landfill facilities serviced by upgraded or newly constructed transfer stations located within the participating shires. The project aims to rationalise the waste collection and disposal network, allowing the region to manage resources more effectively. The project received \$3.1 million from Royalties for Regions.

Status: The Katanning and Ravensthorpe landfill sites and associated transfer stations are expected to be completed by June 2017.

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South Coast Highway

Proponent: Main Roads WA

Value: \$5 million

Location: Albany

Description: Upgrade 4km section of South Coast Highway from Pfeiffer Road to just west of Cheyne Beach Road.

Status: Funding of \$1 million made available for preconstruction activity with \$4 million becoming available in 2016-17 for construction.

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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 and Cannery site to return it to productive use.

Status: The remediation work is complete. Its validation by an accredited contaminated sites auditor and submission to the Department of Environmental Regulation (DER) for assessment is expected to be completed by mid-2016. DER signoff is expected by the end of the year.

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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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Norman House Affordable Student Accommodation

Proponent: Great Southern Community Housing Association
Value: \$3 million **Location:** Albany
Description: Construction of five four-bed residential units for dedicated and affordable student accommodation facilities in the Norman House precinct to encourage more international and domestic students to attend tertiary and vocational institutions in the Great Southern.
Status: The project received \$1.17 million in Royalties for Regions funding. Tendering for construction is expected in May 2016 and the estimated completion is Q1, 2017.
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Denmark Riverside Club

Proponent: Denmark Riverside Club
Value: \$2.2 million **Location:** Denmark
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Status: Construction is underway and due for completion by December 2016.
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Groundwater Investigation

Proponent: Department of Water
Value: \$1.6 million **Location:** Albany
Description: Investigation of groundwater resources in the Albany hinterland and the Albany groundwater area. Funding was received through Royalties for Regions.
Status: Albany hinterland: Drilling of potential palaeochannel water resources was completed in December 2014 with 16 investigation holes drilled and two long-term monitoring bores constructed. The next stage re-analysed the aerial electromagnetic data with the benefit of the lithological understanding gained through the drilling project. Sustainable abstraction quantities will be estimated taking into account the potential recharge from rainfall.

Albany groundwater area: A groundwater model is being developed to model various future climate and abstraction scenarios, revise understanding of the available resource quantity and guide improved groundwater management.

All project components are due for completion in mid-2016.

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Morgan Richards Community Centre Refurbishment

Proponent: Shire of Denmark
Value: \$1.4 million **Location:** Denmark
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Status: The opening was held on 6 December 2015.
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Kojonup Independent Living Units

Proponent: Shire of Kojonup
Value: \$1.3 million **Location:** Kojonup
Description: Three independent living units will be constructed in the second stage of the Shire of Kojonup's Independent Living Units project at Loton Close, adding to the three units completed in the first stage. The project received \$646,000 from Royalties for Regions.
Status: The project is due for completion in December 2017.
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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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