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Town centres refreshed

Town centres across the Great Southern look fresh and friendly following a range of projects undertaken with Royalties for Regions funding through the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) over the past year.

Local governments in the region were invited to put forward projects in February 2011 for improvements in town centres, including better landscaping, roads, paths, gardens, lighting and signs.

Each of the Great Southern's 11 local governments put up proposals that shared in \$1 million funding in the Town Centre Enhancement Program, for projects worth more than \$3 million.

The City of Albany installed new drainage and footpaths in Elleker, and subsequent works will include more footpath construction and road resurfacing.

Jerramungup established a town centre garden of rare flora from the Fitzgerald Biosphere, and undertook improvements to its entry statements, landscaping around the war memorial, paving and road surfaces.

Jerramungup's project also included the preparation of plans to enhance the Bremer Bay town centre.

Mount Barker gained better drainage, footpaths and road surface in Short Street, along with banners for Lowood Road.

The Shire of Gnowangerup enhanced the town centres of Gnowangerup, Borden and Ongerup, including the provision of heritage and public art components.

Denmark improved landscaping, paving and signage in the Strickland Street south precinct, and provided a bicycle path and better parking facilities.

GSDC Board Chairperson Peter Rundle said the improvements across the region would enhance the lives of local residents and provide a more attractive town environment for visitors.

"Tambellup installed a gazebo to shelter visitors and Gnowangerup improved facilities at Varey Park in the main street," Mr Rundle said.



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“Visitors to the towns will welcome the improvements and find the region’s towns presenting an inviting face.

“Residents in the towns can take renewed pride in their local environment and continue to build on the strengths of their communities,” Mr Rundle said.

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