

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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Attention: News Editor

### **New life for cemetery**

A careful makeover will start soon on a key part of Albany's history.

The Memorial Park Cemetery in Middleton Road holds the graves of many of Albany's pioneers and their descendants, and many of the gravesites have deteriorated over decades.

Royalties for Regions funding of \$46,000 will support a \$105,000 project that will include restoration of some of the graves, along with parking controls and more appropriate tree plantings.

GSDC Chief Executive Officer Bruce Manning said the funding was a revision of a grant initially offered last year for a project that included fencing the cemetery.

"The Albany Cemetery Board subsequently reviewed its position on that project and sought a change in the scope of the works, which was recently approved by the GSDC Board," Mr Manning said.

"Albany will be pleased that its historic cemetery will get some long overdue care and attention.

"A 2005 heritage conservation plan notes significant damage to gravesites and some issues with exotic trees and remnant stumps of dead trees.

"The revised project will begin the necessary gravesite restoration work, implement a tree replacement program and put barriers in place to control intrusive parking," Mr Manning said.

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