



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: \$32.4 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 main building works will commence in August 2016, with stage 1 due for completion by late 2017 and stage 2 by mid-2018.

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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: The project is well advanced with construction of the western precinct playing fields completed. Construction of the cricket/soccer pavilion is due for completion in August 2016 and the new football stadium is scheduled for completion by the end of 2016.

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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. Plant refurbishment is scheduled to commence in September with operations restarting in 2017.

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Construction of new student housing will at the old Albany Primary School site, preserving and refurbishing the existing buildings.

Affordable Student Accommodation

Proponent: Great Southern Community Housing Association

Value: Stage One \$3 million, Stage Two \$16 million

Location: Albany

Description: The project will provide dedicated and affordable student accommodation facilities to encourage more international and domestic students to attend tertiary and vocational institutions in the Great Southern. Stage 1 involves the construction of 20 units opposite the UWA Albany Centre in the Norman House precinct. Stage 2 will see the construction of a 40-bed accommodation facility at the old Albany Primary School site on Serpentine Road.

Status: Stage 1 received \$1.17 million in Royalties for Regions funding and is due for completion in December 2017. Stage 2 is being supported with \$11 million in Royalties for Regions funding and is due for completion in June 2018.

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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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GD Pork Expansion

Proponent: GD Pork Pty Ltd

Value: \$14.5 million

Location: Kojonup

Description: The expansion project will double production to 75,000 pigs per year. Project includes the construction of new finisher sheds, feed mill sheds, additional worker accommodation and an anaerobic digester that will convert waste material into power for use at the site.

Status: The project is due to be completed by December 2016.

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Albany Borefields

Proponent: Water Corporation

Value: \$14.4 million

Location: Albany

Description: To meet the needs of seasonal water demands and a growing population Water Corporation is constructing a series of new bores to service the Albany and Lower Great Southern Towns water supply scheme. All bores have a life-cycle and over time they need to be repaired or replaced due to aging, clogging and deterioration. A number of locations have been identified in the Albany area for replacement bores. Some replacements are next to the existing bores, others are located a short distance away from the current network. This network stretches from the Humphrey Road area through Torndirrup National Park and the Rifle Range to the end of the Verve Energy Windfarm within the Grasmere Reserve.

Status: Water Corporation has been completing exploratory test hole drilling in the area to determine suitable bore sites. Construction and equipping of the new bores will be complete in early 2018.

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Denmark East Development Precinct

Proponent: Shire of Denmark

Value: \$14.3 million

Location: Denmark

Description: The project will deliver 15 lots of the McIntosh Road light industrial area and a new road bridge across the Denmark River on East River Road, providing a connection to Scotsdale Road. The project received \$7.6m in Royalties for Regions funding.

Status: The bridge and development of the industrial lots are expected to be completed by mid-2018.

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Albany Fire and Rescue Station

Proponent: Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Value: \$9 million

Location: Albany

Description: Construction of a modern fit-for-purpose fire station on the corner of North Road and Bethel Way. The new facility will include dormitories, three appliance bays, a breathing apparatus servicing centre, gymnasium, study, a kitchen and dedicated training area.

Status: Under construction. Due for completion in first quarter of 2017.

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Simon Baker directs and stars in the movie *Breath*.

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: Formal filming was completed on 21 May 2016. Project completion by June 2017.

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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 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 will be constructed simultaneously and are due for completion by March 2018.

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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 expected to commence in fourth quarter 2016.

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Upgraded infrastructure at The Gap in Torndirrup National Park.

Torndirrup Upgrade

Proponent: Department of Parks and Wildlife

Value: \$6.1 million

Location: Albany (The Gap and Natural Bridge)

Description: The upgrade included new lookout structures, site information and a pathway network with full access for wheelchairs at the Gap and Natural Bridge in Torndirrup National Park. The project received \$5.1 million in Royalties for Regions funding.

Status: The project was completed and formally opened in May 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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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 for assessment is expected to be by the end of 2016.

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Tambellup Sports Pavilion

Proponent: Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup

Value: \$3.6 million **Location:** Tambellup

Description: Redevelopment of the Tambellup Sports Pavilion and to provide a facility that will be a hub for a full range of community sporting events and functions. Project includes the construction of a new synthetic bowling green. Project funding includes \$200,000 from GSDC's Great Southern Regional Grants Scheme.

Status: Project works are due for completion in September 2017.

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Restoration of Berths 1 and 2

Proponent: Albany Port Authority

Value: \$3.2 million

Location: Albany Port

Description: The restoration work is divided into two phases:

- 1: The catch-up phase which will restore all piles identified as requiring restoration.
- 2: Ongoing restoration phase, the extent of which will be determined by future structural surveys.

Status: Substantial completion of pile restoration to the front half of both berths has enabled the removal of all of the imposed no-load zones in what is considered to be the critical or working areas of the berths. 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 catch-up restoration work is expected to continue for approximately another five years, after which time there will be ongoing restoration work to berths 1 and 2 albeit at a slower rate as determined by ongoing structural surveys. During this stage the restoration work will target piles as they slowly deteriorate to a point where repair is justified.

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Denmark Riverside Club

Proponent: Denmark Riverside Club

Value: \$2.2 million **Location:** Denmark

Description: Construction of a new clubhouse. Project includes \$200,000 from the Great Southern Regional Grants Scheme.

Status: Construction is underway and due for completion by December 2016.

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Nyabing Community Hub

Proponent: Nyabing Progress Association

Value: \$1.65 million **Location:** Nyabing

Description: Staged redevelopment of the Nyabing Inn into a community hub including six accommodation units for short-term and seasonal workers, car parking, business offices, conference room, commercial kitchen and dining room. Stage one of the project is supported by \$200,000 through the GSDC's Regional Grants Scheme.

Status: Project works are due for completion in mid-2019.

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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: Existing and newly acquired drilling and geophysical datasets have been assessed to understand the hydrogeology of the Albany hinterland area between Redmond and Manypeaks. A map of potential groundwater resources with explanatory notes is being prepared for publication. This map illustrates the conceptual hydrogeology of the area's paleochannel aquifers and identifies areas suitable for further groundwater exploration.

Albany groundwater area: All available hydrogeological investigation data has been compiled and analysed to develop a numerical groundwater model for the Albany groundwater area. The model is being used to assess various future climate and abstraction scenarios to revise our understanding of the available resource. The initial modelling work is nearly complete and the model will continue to be used for ongoing groundwater planning to ensure this water resource is managed sustainably.

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Kojonup Independent Living Units

Proponent: Shire of Kojonup

Value: \$1.3 million **Location:** Kojonup

Description: The project comprises the construction of three additional independent living units at Loton Close. The project received \$646,000 from Royalties for Regions.

Status: The project is due for completion in December 2017.

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