



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 commenced in August 2016, with stage 1 due for completion by late 2017 and stage 2 by mid-2018.

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The new cricket and soccer pavilion is part of the Centennial Park upgrade.

2016. The AFL stadium and oval are under construction and due for completion by March 2017.

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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: The new facility was completed and opened in November 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 Q1 2017 with operations restarting mid-year.

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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 park and nature play space.

Status: The project is well advanced with construction of the western precinct playing fields completed. The cricket and soccer pavilion was officially opened by the Minister for Sport and Recreation in November

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

Katanning SuperTown Heritage Centre

Proponent: Shire of Katanning

Value: \$19 million

Location: Katanning

Description: The project includes improvements to the All Ages Playground, construction of new tourist facilities and museum, creation of a botanic garden and a medium density residential land development adjacent to the botanic garden and Piesse Lake. Project funding includes \$15.7 million from Royalties for Regions.

Status: Work is under way and due for completion in August 2019.

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Great Southern Housing Initiative

Proponent: Great Southern Development Commission

Value: \$18.6 million

Location: Shires of Broomehill-Tambellup, Cranbrook, Gnowangerup, Jerramungup, Katanning, Kent and Kojonup.

Description: The project will deliver a total of 48 housing units (26 units for independent seniors and 22 units for regional employees) at multiple locations across seven local government areas. The delivery of these housing units will assist in removing a key impediment to the attraction and retention of population to these regional communities.

The project includes \$11.5 million in funding from Royalties for Regions.

Status: The project will be delivered over the next three years.

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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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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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William Bay National Park

Proponent: Department of Parks and Wildlife

Value: \$10.5 million

Location: Denmark

Description: The project will upgrade visitor infrastructure at William Bay National Park through the development of world class visitor facilities reflecting the unique character of William Bay and the Denmark area. Works include purpose-built trails, sealed roads and car parks, installation of signs, public art and interpretation nodes and construction of visitor amenities such as lookouts and picnic tables. Trails will also be upgraded with realignment of the Bibbulmun Track and Munda Biddi Trail and a further upgrade of the Wilderness to Ocean Trail from Denmark to the park. Project funding includes \$9.3 million from Royalties for Regions.

Status: The project is progressing over the next two years with completion expected in 2019-20.

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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 in May 2016. The film is now in post-production and is expected to be released in 2017.

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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 way, due for completion in Q1 2017.

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The Collet Barker Court project is providing accommodation and facilities for independent seniors in Mount Barker.

Collet Barker Court

Proponent: Plantagenet Village Homes

Value: \$8 million

Location: Mount Barker

Description: Seven independent living units will be constructed in Stage 3 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 \$1.24 million Royalties for Regions grant to support Stage 3.

Status: Stage 1, now completed, comprised five units. Stage 2 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's Early Childhood Hub will host a range of services for families with young children.

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: The project is under way with completion expected by September 2018.

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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 in 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: Environmental monitoring at the Gasworks site (as well as

surrounding lots) to validate remediation has now been completed. The Contaminated Site Auditor's final report to the DER is now due in the first half of 2017. The report was delayed due to additional monitoring required by the auditor in the second half of 2016. LandCorp has submitted a Scheme Amendment to the City of Albany to increase the density of the site to R60 (currently R20). Council unanimously supported the amendment at its November 2016 meeting. The amendment is now being sent to EPA for consent to advertise. (Site classification and scheme amendment processes are being run concurrently to minimise delivery delays.) Once classification and scheme amendment processes are complete, LandCorp will release the land for sale. It is anticipated these processes will be completed by the end of 2017.

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Premier Flour Mill

Proponent: Dome Coffees Australia

Value: \$4 million

Location: Katanning

Description: The project restores the Premier Flour Mill building to its former glory featuring a Dome café and restaurant, 20-room inn, museum and space for additional retail activities.

Status: Work is underway with completion expected by July 2017.

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Tambellup is redeveloping its sports pavilion.

Tambellup Sports Pavilion

Proponent: Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup

Value: \$3.6 million

Location: Tambellup

Description: Redevelopment of the Tambellup Sports Pavilion 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 the 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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Gnowangerup celebrated the opening of its new pool in 2016.

Gnowangerup Swimming Pool

Proponent: Shire of Gnowangerup

Value: \$3 million

Location: Gnowangerup

Description: A new centrally located modern aquatic centre replacing an 80-year-old pool on the edge of town which had reached the end of its serviceable life. The project was supported with \$200,000 from the GSDC's Regional Grants Scheme.

Status: The aquatic centre was officially opened on 5 November 2016.

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Lake Ewlyamartup

Proponent: Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management

Value: \$2.3 million

Location: Katanning

Description: Part of the Living Lakes initiative aimed at implementing creative engineering solutions to enhance ephemeral lake systems through the re-creation of permanent water bodies. Lake enhancements will increase opportunities for recreational and tourism activities. The project is funded through Royalties for Regions.

Status: The project is due for completion in June 2019.

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Bremer Bay's town centre is set to gain a new look.

Bremer Bay Town Centre and Trail

Proponent: Shire of Jerramungup

Value: \$2.2 million

Location: Jerramungup

Description: The project includes improvements to street furniture, footpaths, native landscaping and public art, construction of a civic square, and shared-use trail project linking the Bremer Bay town centre to the Bremer Bay cemetery. Project funding includes \$1.7 million from Royalties for Regions.

Status: The project commenced with the construction of the shared-use trail with landscaping, street furniture, footpaths, public art and civic square due for completion by March 2018.

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The Denmark Riverside Club provides a new venue that can be used by community organisations.

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: The clubhouse was completed and opened in October 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 completion due 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: The results of the investigation were released by the Minister for Water in November 2016. The findings were significant including 5GL/yr of good quality groundwater, plus another 5GL/yr of lesser quality water potentially suitable for agriculture and processing. The groundwater locations are shown on a detailed map outlining prospective zones, depth, quality and potential quantity of water available for use.
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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: Completion due in December 2017.
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