



HERITAGE
COUNCIL



ALBANY REGIONAL HERITAGE CONFERENCE 2024

PROGRAM

Retravision Stadium
and Function Centre
24-25 October 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE HCWA CHAIR



Western Australia is a place like no other.

We are a blend of cultures and traditions in a place with a rich and ancient history.

The Heritage Council wants to ensure the epic stories of Western Australia are told.

We believe that history is a boundless resource for learning, for connecting, for healing and for strengthening our social and cultural bonds.

To achieve that, we must recognise and promote Western Australia's history in full, acknowledging different perspectives, shared stories and painful truths.

It is no accident that our regional heritage conference is in Albany.

The region is the country of the Menang people of the Noongar nation who have important places and songlines that are part of a living culture dating back many thousands of years.

It is the site of French survey in 1792 that could have created a very different – and French speaking – history for our State.

It is the site of the first permanent base in Western Australia by colonial powers (1826), predating the Swan River Colony.

Our regional conference will focus on how Albany's stories are woven into a broader historical context and draw connections with other significant locations across Western Australia.

This year's conference theme, Destinations, connections and shared culture explores the significance and reinterpretation of heritage places, celebrating diverse viewpoints of Western Australia's history and heritage.

We acknowledge the important support of the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage in staging this conference.

We wish all those attending the 2024 conference an enjoyable and illuminating experience.

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Darren Foster
Chair
Heritage Council

WELCOME FROM MAYOR STOCKS



Welcome to the 2024 Regional Heritage Conference in Albany, Western Australia.

As Mayor of this remarkable City, it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to guests, speakers, and delegates to the Regional Heritage Conference.

Albany is situated in Menang Country, where the Traditional Custodians the Menang people of the Noongar Nation, have occupied the land for countless generations. Albany, with its rich history and culture, has long been a place where stories of the past intertwine with the present, which inspired this year's conference title and themes: Destinations, connections and shared culture: Albany 2024.

The Regional Heritage Conference is a pivotal event for stakeholders, industry professionals and community leaders, especially as we move towards the significant milestone of Albany 2026. The City's collaboration with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage in delivering this significant conference program aligns with the City's Strategic Community Plan 2032, Arts, Culture and Heritage Plan 2022-2027 and Bicentenary Strategic Plan Albany 2026, demonstrating the City's ongoing leadership and commitment engaging with community and stakeholders in recognising Albany's significant contribution to our state's history and heritage.

I am confident that the sessions, workshops, and discussions planned for this conference will not only deepen our understanding of cultural heritage but also inspire us to take actionable steps towards its continued recognition and preservation. The insights gained and connections made here will undoubtedly contribute to the ongoing efforts to safeguard our shared stories, culture and historical assets for future generations.

I encourage you all to explore our beautiful city and surrounds, immerse yourselves in its history, and enjoy the warm hospitality of our diverse and growing community. Let us celebrate our heritage with pride and work together to ensure that the stories of our past continue to enrich the lives of future generations.

Thank you for being part of this important event. I wish you all a productive and inspiring conference.

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Mayor Greg Stocks
City of Albany

NETWORKING EVENT - WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER

Networking event for delegates from 4:00pm - 7:00pm
at Strawberry Hill at Barmup, 174 Middleton Road, Albany.



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Meet in the Visitor Hub before going on either the cultural tour by Kurrah Mia or a tour of the buildings with the National Trust. Both tours will run between 4:15pm – 5:45pm.

CULTURAL TOUR BY KURRAH MIA 4:15PM – 5:45PM

Barmup is the Menang word for tall trees. It is a very special place as it sits across an ancient song/story and walking line that is still visible to this day. Barmup is on the walking line which spans from Karlyenup (place of fires) line at the Museum of the Great Southern via York Street, Yakkin Twoort (Dog Rock), Barmup to the top of Seymour Street, where it divides, one direction going to Tjurtgellong or Lake Sepping and the other line to Binalup (Middleton Beach). The top area of Barmup is a camp site, which is well away from the permanent source of water on the site. Participants of the walk will see Kaunt (shelter) native bush, medicine and food plants as well as see the differences in old buildings and in even older ones.

The tour is an easy walking one and will take approximately 1.5 hours. Please wear walking shoes and dress appropriately for the weather.

NATIONAL TRUST TOUR OF THE BUILDINGS 4:15PM – 5:15PM

Strawberry Hill at Barmup, located in present-day Albany, is significant as an important camp site for the Menang people and the site of the first colonial farm to be established in Western Australia. There are structures on the site that date back to the very earliest days of European Settlement, including a rare example of a 'cob' farm workers' cottage built in the 1830s.

Refreshments will be served during the event.

CONFERENCE DAY ONE – THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER

Registration desk will open from 8:00am at Retravision Stadium and Function Centre

TIME	ACTIVITY
9:00am	Welcome to delegates – MC Jarrad Inman Welcome to Country Welcome to delegates, Minister for Heritage Hon David Templeman MLA
9:20am	Interpretation Viewing the history of Kinjarling/Albany through the lens of historical panoramas – Andrew Woods Voices of Fremantle Prison: new ways to present authentic heritage – Lauretta Davies Finding a lost soul – Nick Lukacs
10:30am – 11:00am	Morning tea
11:00am	Reimagining Places From Harpoons to Heritage: Preserving Albany’s whaling past to maintain meaning, connections and continuity – Jen Bane Albany Snake Run Skate Park – Albany’s heritage reimagined and looking forward – Sian Ferraz WA State Heritage Listed Albany Pilot Station (fmr): Conceptually Reimagined and Funded – The journey thus far – Paul Mackey and project partners
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Lunch

TIME	ACTIVITY	
	Shared culture	
	Session in Room One	Session in Room Two
1:30pm	Sikh/Indian connection since 1883 thru Baron Charles Hugel – Tarun Preet Singh The sergeant and the surveyor – Dr Shane Burke and Peter Dimarco	Storylines – A Community Keeping Place – David Craddock and Wayne Eades
2:30pm	5 min break	
	From Millstone to Milestone – a journey begins – Hélène Bartleson Living Pathways; Reimagining Bessy Flower – A shared cultural historical project – Albany Bicentennial 2026 – Jennifer McRae	Truth-Telling and Hidden Histories – DLGSC Aboriginal History WA – Duane Kelly
3:30pm – 3:45pm	MC – Formal conference wrap up and close	
3:45pm – 4:30pm	Afternoon tea	

CONFERENCE DAY TWO – FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER

A choice of three activities running from 10am to 12 noon. Meet at the venue.

SITE VISIT - STRAWBERRY HILL AT BARMUP

Strawberry Hill at Barmup, located in present-day Albany, is significant as an important camp site for the Menang people and the site of the first colonial farm to be established in Western Australia. There are structures on the site that date back to the very earliest days of European Settlement, including a rare example of a 'cob' farm workers' cottage built in the 1830s. The National Trust is undertaking major works at the site, which are scheduled to be complete in time for Strawberry at Barmup to play a central role in Bicentenary commemorations due to be held in Albany in 2026.

H+H Architects are the lead consultants for the works. Tom Stevens and Lawrence Cuthbert from H+H will lead a tour of this remarkable site, and discuss the challenges and opportunities involved with the proposed works. This will include an examination of the unique challenges involved with conserving cob buildings.

TOUR OF PILOT STATION WITH SOUTHERN PORTS

A tour through Western Australia's first and only known extant 19th Century Pilot Station, see the concept designs recently funded by the State Government to \$8.3M and soak in the outstanding vistas nestled high above Ataturk Channel.



YARNING COUNTRY WITH MERNINGAR BARDOK ELDER LYNETTE KNAPP AND UWA ALBANY'S PROFESSOR STEPHEN HOPPER

The yarn will convey a Noongar family's perspective on Albany and its cultural significance, as well as western science insights, as explored at length by Lynette and Steve in collaborative oral history sessions under the four-year Walking Together project. The yarn will occur on the north edge of the tourist precinct associated with the National Anzac Centre atop Mt Adelaide, in an undercover pavilion. After an hour or so of yarning and Q&A, we will drive in cars to the midslopes of Mt Melville to inspect a gnaama boorna (water tree) of great cultural significance to Noongars from the Albany region. It will take a short walk of 500m along roads and tracks to approach the tree.