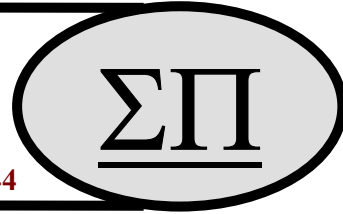


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Albany's UNESCO World Heritage *Australian Convict Colonial Settlements*

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"The Australian Government, in partnership with state and territory governments, is preparing a nomination for World Heritage listing of 11 of Australia's convict sites. The 11 convict sites were an exceptional example of the global story of forced migration. The convict sites tell the unique story of the exile of convicts from one side of the world to another and their critical role in developing the economy and cultural life of a new nation."

"While there are many dark stories from the convict settlements, they've also left a positive legacy such as new experiments in penal reform and rehabilitation and opportunities for convicts to build a new life. The Australian Government's nomination of these 11 sites shows the importance Australians put on their convict past and its physical legacy. They are worthy of a place on the world's premier heritage list."

"The 11 sites expected to be collectively nominated for the World Heritage List are :

- ❖ **New South Wales** : Old Government House and part of the Domain (Parramatta), Hyde Park Barracks (Sydney), Cockatoo Island Convict Site (Sydney) and Old Great North Road Precinct (near Wiseman's Ferry).
- ❖ **Norfolk Island** : Kingston and Arthur's Vale Historic Area.
- ❖ **Tasmania** : Port Arthur Historic Site, Cascades Female Factory Historic Site (Hobart), Darlington Probation Station (Maria Island), Coal Mines Historic Site (via Premadeyna) and Brickendon and Woolmers Estates (near Longford).
- ❖ **Western Australia** : Fremantle Prison." (no mention of Residency Museum, Eclipse Museum or Old Gaol, Albany).

"The nomination will be submitted to the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in mid 2007 and processed as part of the 2008 UNESCO cycle. The sites were selected after extensive consultations with heritage experts in Australia and overseas."

Senator the Hon. Ian Campbell (WA), Federal Minister for Environment & Heritage Media Statement : 21 Jan 2007



Note : A second railway line (not electrified) would require partial demolition of the Eclipse Museum building (refer vertical dashed line).

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The following is a list of **FEDERAL** politicians who endorse, support, or support-in-principle, the nomination :

Federal Candidates for O'Connor 2007 (who endorse, support, or support-in-principle)

Hon. Wilson Tuckey (Liberal)	Mr Philip Gardiner (National)	Mr Mac Forsyth (Christian Dem)
Mr Dominic Rose (Labor)	Mr Adrian Price (Greens)	

Federal Candidates for O'Connor 2007 (who would not or did not commit to a position)

Mr Darius Crowe (Ind)	Mr George Giudice (Ind)	Mr Michael Walton (Ind)
Mr Stephen Carson (Family First)		

Federal Candidates for O'Connor 2007 (who were opposed)

Ms Judy Sudholz (Citizens EC)	Mr Ross Paravicini (One Nation)
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Senate Candidates for Western Australia 2007 (who endorse, support, or support-in-principle)

Hon. Louise Pratt MLC (Labor #1)	Hon. Ruth Webber (Labor #3)	Mr Gary Warden (Climate)
Mr Gerard Goiran (Christian Dem)	Mr Peter Watt (Christian Dem)	Ms Sarah Bishop (Climate)
Dr Erica Lewin (Democrats)	Mr Rob Olver (Democrats)	Mr Don Hoddy (Democrats)
Mr Scott Ludlam (Greens)	Ms Alison Xamon (Greens)	Ms Brenda Roy (Greens)
Mr Tony Crook (National)	Mrs Wendy Duncan (National)	Mrs Jane Mouritz (Liberal #5)
Mr Thomas Hoyer (Carers Alli')	Ms Shirley Primeau (Carers Alli')	Mr Michael Mischin (Liberal #4)
Hon. David Johnston (Liberal #1)	Hon. Alan Eggleston (Liberal #2)	Ms Michaelia Cash (Liberal #3)

Senate Candidates for Western Australia 2007 (who would not or did not commit to a position)

Hon. Mark Bishop (Labor #2)	Mr Bob Boulger (Dem Labor)	Mr Eric Miller (Dem Labor)
Ms Linda Rose (Family First)	Ms Cathie Fabian (Family First)	Mr Steve Fuhrmann (Family First)
Mr Geoff Dixon (NC Parents)	Mr Mike Ward (NC Parents)	Ms Saywood Lane (WWW)
Mr Peter Whelan (Liberty Dem)	Mr Daniel Parker (Liberty & Dem)	Ms Meryki Basden (WWW)
Mr Trent Hawkins (Socialist Alli')	Ms Julie Gray (Socialist Alli')	Mr Daniel J. Mayer (SOL)
Mr Gerard Kettle (CC Environ)	Ms Shirley Anton (CC Environ)	Ms Zoe Lamont (SOL)
Mr Matthew Brown (Liberal #6)	Ms Jennifer Armstrong (Ind)	Mr Graeme Campbell (Ind)
Mr Edward Dabrowski (Ind)	Mr John Fischer (Ind)	Mr Kevin Fitzgerald (Ind)
Mr Geoff Gibson (Ind)	Mr Russell Graham (Ind)	Mr Richard McNaught (Ind)
Mr Michael Tan (Ind)	Mr Eric Wynne (Ind)	

Senate Candidates for Western Australia 2007 (who were opposed)

Ms Jean Robinson (Citizens EC)	Mr Stuart Smith (Citizens EC)
Mr James Hopkinson (One Nation)	Mr Ron McLean (One Nation)

Sitting Senators for Western Australia (not up for election, who endorse, support, or support-in-principle)

Hon. Judith Adams (Liberal)	Hon. Mathias Cormann (Liberal)	Hon. Chris Ellison (Liberal)
Hon. Rachel Siewert (Greens)	Hon. Andrew Murray (Democrats – 2008)	

Sitting Senators for Western Australia (not up for election, who would not or did not commit to a position)

Hon. Ross Lightfoot (Liberal – 2008)	Hon. Chris Evans (Labor)	Hon. Glenn Sterle (Labor)
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Note : This was the final list as at Federal Election 2007 (Candidates highlighted in **Yellow** were successful in election).

The following is a list of STATE politicians who endorse, support, or support-in-principle, the nomination :

State Candidates 2008 (who endorse, support, or support-in-principle)

Hon. Robyn McSweeney MLC (Liberal SW #1)	Minister for Community Services, Western Australia
Hon. Nigel Hallett MLC (Liberal SW #2)	Member for South-West, Western Australia
Hon. Barry House MLC (Liberal SW #3)	Member for South-West, Western Australia
Hon. Peter Watson MLA (Labor)	Member for Albany, Western Australia
Hon. Matt Benson MLC (Labor #1)	Member for Agriculture, Western Australia
Hon. Paul Llewellyn MLC (Greens SW #1)	Member for South-West, Western Australia

State Candidates 2008 (who would not or did not commit to a position)

Hon. Colin Barnett MLA (Liberal)	Premier & Minister for State Development, Western Australia
Hon. John Castrilli MLA (Liberal)	Minister for Heritage; Local Government, Western Australia
Hon. Liz Constable MLA (Independent)	Minister for Tourism, Western Australia
Mr Andrew Partington (Liberal)	Candidate for Albany MLA, Western Australia
Hon. Brendon Grylls MLA (National)	Minister for Regional Development, Western Australia
Hon. Terry Redman MLA (National)	Minister for Agriculture & Food, Western Australia
Hon. Colin Holt MLC (Nationals SW #1)	Member for South-West, Western Australia
Hon. Eric Ripper MLA (Labor)	Leader of the Opposition, Western Australia
Hon. Mark McGowan MLA (Labor)	Shadow Minister for Trade; Planning, Western Australia
Hon. Alannah MacTiernan MLA (Labor)	Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Western Australia
Mr Paul Papalia MLA (Labor)	Shadow Minister for Heritage; Local Govt. Western Australia
Hon. Ljiljana Ravlich MLC (Labor)	Shadow Minister for Tourism; Accountability, Western Australia
Hon. Sally Talbot MLC (Labor SW #1)	Shadow Minister for Environment, Western Australia
Hon. Adele Farina MLC (Labor SW #2)	Member for South-West, Western Australia

The following is a list of LOCAL politicians who endorse, support, or support-in-principle, the nomination :

Albany City Councillors (who endorse, support, or support-in-principle)

Cr Milton Evans	Mayor 2007-11	Cr John Walker	Kalgan Ward 2007-09
Cr Des Wolfe	West Ward 2007-11	Cr Nicolette Williams	West Ward 2007-08
Cr Dot Price	Frederickstown Ward 2007-11	Cr Chris Morris	Frederickstown Ward 2007-08
Cr Roley Paver	Vancouver Ward 2007-11	Cr Kim Stanton	Vancouver Ward 2007-09
Cr Joy Matla	Yakamia Ward 2007-11	Cr Gordon Kidman	Yakamia Ward 2007-09
Cr Jill Bostock	Breaksea Ward 2007-11	Cr Daniel Wiseman	Breaksea Ward 2007-09

Albany City Councillors (who are not yet committed)

Cr Mervyn Leavesley	Kalgan Ward 2009-13	Cr Dennis Wellington	Frederickstown Ward 2009-13
Cr David Bostock	Vancouver Ward 2009-13	Cr Don Dufty	West Ward 2009-13
Cr Ray Hammond	Breaksea Ward 2009-13	Cr John Sutton	Yakamia Ward 2009-13

Others (who endorse, support, or support-in-principle)

Mr Andrew Eyden	CEO, Albany Historical Society
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Others (who are not yet committed)

Mr Tom Perrigo	CEO, National Trust of Western Australia
Mr Colin Griffiths	CEO, Australian Council of National Trusts
Mr Graham Harvey	CEO, Albany Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Mr James Pearson	CEO, Chamber of Commerce & Industry Western Australia
Mr Peter Anderson	CEO, Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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Note : Just because these politicians support the nomination doesn't mean that it will be automatically supported by the State Government of Western Australia and the Commonwealth of Australia, or that the inclusion of the Albany Amity Heritage Precinct will be acceptable to the UNESCO World Heritage authority. What we are doing, however, is defining the relative merit of this heritage precinct, be it World Heritage status, as well as bearing Commonwealth, State and Municipal heritage significance - this is particularly critical to any future heavy freight rail expansion strategy for the Port of Albany which transgresses through the centre of the heritage precinct and the city's waterfront.



Proposal for State Heritage Nomination - Precinct

The Albany Amity Heritage Precinct is the oldest European settlement location in Western Australia and dates to proclamation in January 1827.

The precinct comprises four main elements being :

1. Major Edmund Lockyer's Residence
2. The Old Gaol
3. Eclipse Museum & Associated Buildings
4. The Replica Brig Amity Exhibit

The proposition is now put to the Heritage Council of Western Australia to support the nomination of the precinct as a place under the State Heritage Register.

Custodial responsibility is believed to be jointly managed by the WA Museum and the City of Albany.

Proposed Precinct Boundary



Client : Heritage Council of Western Australia
Report : Albany UNESCO WH CCS Nomination

Title : Amity Heritage Precinct
Scale : ~ 1 : 2,000
Date : 15 December 2011 12:08
Source : Google Earth & Landgate

Fig. No.
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A number of federal candidates have asked what impact World Heritage inscription will have on the continuity of Albany port access. It depends on your viewpoint, but my professional opinion is, very little – there is currently one railway line and a two-lane road that is almost impossible to re-engineer to two railway lines and a four-lane road without significant impact on the amity heritage precinct and the city waterfront precinct.

Therefore, it will be urban development under a Peak Oil & Gas business regime associated with an Albany Central Business District lead residential / commercial consolidation and waterfront tourism that will systematically reduce effective long-term heavy freight access expressed through scale of economy capacity (truck / train length) and a decline in operating hours (curfews / noise abatement / traffic management capacity).

In the mean-time, Grange Resources' new billion dollar Southdown iron ore project will establish 1500 new homes on Albany's urban periphery; consolidate existing and proposed commercial & industrial business; and put an estimated additional 5,000 vehicle movements per day on Albany's road network (particularly the big round-about) – it's a good thing we are building that ring road to the current port location!

Of course, future governments State and Federal might agree to suggest 'we need to push through a heavy freight (road / rail) access solution', ignoring Albany Anzac and the Western Bicentennial – and, good luck with that!

Thank you for your email of 1 November 2007 to Ms Sally Mansfield, Permanent Delegate, Australian Delegation to UNESCO. Ms Mansfield has passed your email to me to reply.

A Convict Nomination Steering Committee (CNSC) was established in May 2006 to oversee preparation of the Australian Convict Sites World Heritage nomination. The CNSC, comprising officials from state and territory and Australian Government agencies, examined convict sites around Australia. A short list of sites was identified and each site was assessed against the UNESCO *World Heritage Convention* and *Operation Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention*.

Under these requirements, a World Heritage place must be 'of outstanding universal value' and demonstrate that it is 'so exceptional as to transcend national boundaries and to be of common importance for present and future generations of all humanity'. A World Heritage place must also have a high degree of authenticity and integrity.

The assessment process involved deliberations by the CNSC, drawing on previous work and supplemented by advice from national and international experts. The CNSC agreed that the short listed convict sites were the best demonstration of the UNESCO technical requirements and most likely to result in a successful nomination. Together, the sites are an outstanding representation of the forced migration of convicts. Each of the sites contributes one or more elements that mark Australia as exceptional and has a high degree of authenticity and integrity.

While the Old Albany Gaol/Amity Heritage Precinct is an important Australian convict site it was not determined by the CNSC to be one of Australia's outstanding convict sites. In addition, the expert reports did not support its inclusion in a serial World Heritage nomination.

Important convict sites around Australia are expected to benefit substantially in the event that the Australian Convict Sites are inscribed on the World Heritage List. The CNSC is currently examining ways to maximise tourism opportunities for other significant convict sites. It is anticipated that state and territory officials will coordinate tourism and promotion strategies of convict sites in their jurisdiction. Tourism trails of convict sites in Australia are likely to be one of these measures.

Yours sincerely

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The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) seeks to encourage the identification, protection and preservation of cultural and natural heritage around the world considered to be of outstanding value to humanity. This is embodied in an international treaty called the **Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage**, adopted by UNESCO in 1972.

UNESCO's World Heritage mission is to:

- A. Encourage countries to sign the World Heritage Convention and to ensure the protection of their natural and cultural heritage;
- B. Encourage States Parties to the Convention to nominate sites within their national territory for inclusion on the World Heritage List;
- C. Encourage States Parties to establish management plans and set up reporting systems on the state of conservation of their World Heritage sites;
- D. Help States Parties safeguard World Heritage properties by providing technical assistance and professional training;
- E. Provide emergency assistance for World Heritage sites in immediate danger;
- F. Support States Parties' public awareness-building activities for World Heritage conservation;
- G. Encourage participation of the local population in the preservation of their cultural and natural heritage;
- H. Encourage international cooperation in the conservation of our world's cultural and natural heritage.

UNESCO's World Heritage selection criteria (Cultural & Natural) includes:

1. To represent a masterpiece of human creative genius;
2. To exhibit an important interchange of human values, over a span of time or within a cultural area of the world, on developments in architecture or technology, monumental arts, town-planning or landscape design;
3. To bear a unique or at least exceptional testimony to a cultural tradition or to a civilization which is living or which has disappeared;
4. To be an outstanding example of a type of building, architectural or technological ensemble or landscape which illustrates (a) significant stage(s) in human history;
5. To be an outstanding example of a traditional human settlement, land-use, or sea-use which is representative of a culture (or cultures), or human interaction with the environment especially when it has become vulnerable under the impact of irreversible change;
6. To be directly or tangibly associated with events or living traditions, with ideas, or with beliefs, with artistic and literary works of outstanding universal significance. (The Committee considers that this criterion should preferably be used in conjunction with other criteria);
7. To contain superlative natural phenomena or areas of exceptional natural beauty and aesthetic importance;
8. To be outstanding examples representing major stages of earth's history, including the record of life, significant on-going geological processes in the development of landforms, or significant geomorphic or physiographic features;
9. To be outstanding examples representing significant on-going ecological and biological processes in the evolution and development of terrestrial, fresh water, coastal and marine ecosystems and communities of plants and animals;
10. To contain the most important and significant natural habitats for in-situ conservation of biological diversity, including those containing threatened species of outstanding universal value from the point of view of science or conservation.

The protection, management, authenticity & integrity of properties are also important considerations.

Since 1992 significant interactions between people and the natural environment have been recognized as **cultural landscapes**.

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/criteria/>

The Commonwealth's decision on UNESCO's World Heritage Nomination – Australian Convict Colonial Settlements

Senator Ruth Webber (Western Australia) asked the Minister representing (*Senator the Hon. Penny Wong*) the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (*the Hon. Peter Garrett MHR*), upon notice, on 13 February 2008 :

With reference to the World Heritage nomination of Albany Old Gaol / Amity Heritage Precinct :

- (1) Who were the consultants that prepared the nomination for the former Government.
- (2) Did the consultants identify the Albany Old Gaol/Amity Heritage Precinct as a possible convict settlement site.
- (3) Given that the above site is the oldest European heritage precinct settlement in Western Australia, clearly established under convict labour, why was this location not included by the Minister in the nomination.
- (4) Given that the Western Australian Government and the city of Albany have already approved icon heritage status to the Albany Anzac [precinct] (with state and federal funding) and the implicit relationship between the Albany Waterfront project and the Residency Museum/Eclipse Museum / Old Gaol Heritage Precinct, was the Western Australian Minister for Housing and Works, Heritage, Indigenous Affairs, Land Information, the Honourable Michelle Roberts MLA, and the city of Albany consulted as to the precinct's inclusion for nomination.
- (5) Is the Minister now prepared to include the Heritage Precinct as an addendum to the nomination.

Senator Penny Wong (South Australia – Minister for Climate Change and Water) — The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts has provided the following answer to the honourable senator's question :

- (1) The nomination was prepared by the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and Arts. The nomination was overseen by the Convict Nomination Steering Committee which comprised nominees of the relevant state and territory ministers, including the Western Australian Minister. In preparing the nomination, the Department and the Convict Nomination Steering Committee drew on the expertise of over twenty experts in Australia and overseas.
- (2) Albany Old Gaol/Amity Heritage Precinct was not identified in any expert reports as a possible convict site for inclusion in the nomination. A report prepared by Dr Pearson and Mr Marshall in 1995 listed Albany Residency, which is part of the Albany Old Gaol/Amity Heritage Precinct, as one of several hundred significant convict sites around Australia but did not recommend its inclusion in the World Heritage nomination.
- (3) While Albany Old Gaol/Amity Heritage Precinct is one of many important convict sites around Australia, it would not meet the rigorous technical requirements of a World Heritage place. In particular, a World Heritage place must 'demonstrate that it is so exceptional as to transcend national boundaries and to be of common importance for present and future generations for all humanity'. The Convict Nomination Steering Committee and Australian and international experts, in the context of the nomination, did not assess Albany Old Gaol/Amity Heritage Precinct to be one of Australia's outstanding examples of the forced migration of convicts or of global developments in the punishment of crime during the 19th century.
- (4) The Western Australian Department of Housing and Works was represented on the Convict Nomination Steering Committee. The Western Australian Minister for Housing and Works, the Hon Michelle Roberts MLA, endorsed the eleven nominated sites in 2006 and supported the submission of the nomination in 2007. Community consultations for the nomination, which were arranged by the Western Australian Government, were conducted at Fremantle in May 2007. The City of Albany did not attend these consultations and has not made any representations to me or, to my department's knowledge, any former ministers about the Albany Old Gaol/Amity Heritage Precinct.
- (5) Albany Old Gaol/Amity Heritage Precinct will not be included in the Australian Convict Sites World Heritage nomination as it does not meet UNESCO's technical requirements for World Heritage places."

Senator Penny Wong (South Australia), Commonwealth of Australia Extract : Hansard, 13 May 2008

Following up – While clearly a lot of Western Australian's would disagree, the outcome that the Commonwealth of Australia does not support including Albany's Old Gaol as an addendum to the World Heritage nomination was perhaps to be expected. The practical outcome of that decision is that the future of the Amity Heritage Precinct is an entirely Australian affair for consideration under Commonwealth, National, State and Local heritage registers in the lead-up to Albany Anzac 2014-18 and Albany Bicentennial 2026-27. You could assume that would be a fairly straight-forward proposition, but then again ...

Following up – As the saying goes If you ignore history, you are destined to repeat it! What history is the Commonwealth ignoring? Australia's #1 cultural heritage event, Anzac Day (World War I), and the Western Bicentennial of European Settlement (Colonisation). But we have to export those woodchips to Japan, iron ore to China and grains to Iraq – of course. That's why they call us Diggers, Mate!

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Anzac – Commonwealths of Australia & New Zealand Army Corps

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Anzac spirit continues to define values for nation : “The Australian young men and boys who, moved by a spirit of patriotism and service, signed up for World War I would have been astonished if anyone had suggested that their deeds would help define the enduring values of a young nation. They were, after all, everyday people, drawn from all walks of life, and did not regard themselves as being exceptional. Yet nearly a century on, the nation looks back on them with pride and draws inspiration from the qualities they, and the inheritors of their tradition, have shown on battlefields. Anzac Day has become the most important day of national observance on the calendar. It is not, as some critics have misguidedly said, a celebration of war. It is primarily a commemoration of people who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country, an occasion to honour their memory and to give thanks for their contributions to protecting our precious liberties.”

“It also increasingly has become a time for contemplating the values that we aspire to uphold as a nation and whether these remain true to the grand tradition of the Anzacs. The Australian community has grown and changed dramatically over the past century, for better or worse. It is a far different society from the one the original Anzacs left for war all those years ago. Yet their qualities continue to shape the national character, providing a touchstone for basic values such as the fair go and egalitarianism. The Young Anzacs who stormed the cliffs of the Dardanelles on April 25, 1915, distinguished themselves with the extraordinary spirit they showed in refusing to be daunted by the impossible task of dislodging the Turks from their commanding position above. They weren't to know it at the time, of course, but their heroism established a distinctively Australian tradition.”

“When we think of the Anzacs, we think of courage, mateship, determination and an indomitable spirit. We also think of a characteristic irreverence, especially in the face of self-important authority, and of humour in the most testing of circumstances. They were closely representative of the society from which they came and their spirit is still part of Australia. The Anzacs in both world wars were overwhelmingly citizen soldiers who served until the enemy was beaten, because Australia initially did not have a professional standing army or a hereditary aristocratic officer corps. This may help to explain a democratic ethos in the Australian military. That has been reinforced by civilian oversight by governments guided by principles such as the rule of law and freedom of thought and expression. These are favourable conditions for fostering resourcefulness and individual initiative. Troops returning from wars went back to civilian life. They were not seen (*or treated*) as separate from the community but as belonging to it. That closeness remains to this day and is particularly marked on Anzac Day. The example of loyalty, self-sacrifice and commitment to duty set by the Anzacs came from within Australian society, rather than being imposed, and continues to be the standard to which Australians should aspire. Our debt to them is immeasurable. *Let us not forget.*”

Paul Armstrong, Editor, The West Australian Editorial : West Australian (Page 20), 25 Apr 2008

Albany Peace Park loses \$½ million to Canberra : “Almost half a million dollars has been robbed from Albany's Anzac Peace Park as Canberra continues to play politics with funding for regional areas. The \$443,000 in funding secured for the memorial project was scrapped after a review earlier this year by Kevin Rudd's razor gang. It was reinstated after a significant public outcry. But now, in a back-flip on a back-flip, the funds have once more been rejected. The City of Albany said the park would still go ahead, but the funding shortfall means the memory wall, honouring Albany's wartime history, and other significant interpretive elements, would not.”

“Albany Returned Services League Sub-branch president Laurie Fraser said he was shocked by the news, saying the memory wall had been the ‘heart’ of the proposed park. It is just unbelievable how governments cannot seem to keep their word to maintain a significant community project that has had a tremendous amount of planning and organisation go into it for more than four years, Mr Fraser said. The memory wall would have been the integral part of memorial services. By not having that, they have taken away the most significant part of the park. I'm just not sure how the whole thing is going to fit in now. We are extremely disappointed and angry, Mr Fraser said.”

“The Office for Regional Development, which scrapped the regional Partnership program which was to have funded the project, said the project had been given the opportunity to finalise its contract, but did not meet the conditions for review. While this is disappointing, we had to ensure a thorough and proper process to avoid the mismanagement of the former government's handling of Regional Partnerships, parliamentary secretary for regional Australia Gary Gray said (*Member for Brand – home of the Australian Indian Fleet at HMAS Stirling, Garden Island, Cockburn Sound, Perth*). Great Southern (*Area Consultative Committee and*) Regional Partnerships Scheme chairman Len Smith said the decision was disappointing. In the end, I think it was a blatantly political thing. It will make the previous government look stupid if they knock some of these projects back, Mr Smith said.

Hon. Gary Gray MHR, Federal Minister for Regional Development Article : Albany Extra (Page 3), 15 Aug 2008

A speech to launch the book ‘Great White Fleet to Coral Sea – Naval Strategy & the Development of Australia-United States Relations, 1900-1945’ : “Thank you Professor Alan Dupont (Director of the Centre for International Security Studies) for that

introduction and for the invitation to the University of Sydney. On Wednesday, the USS John S McCain will arrive in Sydney to commemorate the 1908 voyage by the United States Navy's Great White Fleet, marking the centenary of the visit to Australia by sixteen battleships of that fleet. The visit of the USS John S McCain reflects the historical significance of the original visit by the Great White Fleet for today's Alliance between Australia and the United States."

"The Commonwealth of Australia to which the Great White Fleet sailed in 1908 was a very different place to that to which the USS John S McCain will arrive. Australia was a new federal union formed from a group of six British colonies. The Australians of the new Federation had not yet embraced the full independence which their American cousins had asserted in the late eighteenth century. However, the action taken by Prime Minister Alfred Deakin in inviting the Great White Fleet outside the normal channels of communication through Britain was an important and striking assertion of the young Australia's emerging sense of self-belief. The Great White Fleet was welcomed effusively in Australia."

"When Prime Minister Deakin invited President Theodore Roosevelt in 1907 to send the fleet to Australia, he observed accurately, as history would show, that the visit would '*tend to knit their relations more closely*'. When the fleet arrived in August 1908, Deakin returned to this theme and, borrowing from Sir Henry Parkes (another Australian Prime Minister), spoke of the '*crimson thread of kinship*' as the chief bond between the two nations. This kinship was keenly demonstrated by the Australian public during the Fleet's visit and served as a firm foundation for the US-Australia relationship."

"The *New York Times* reported that 500,000 Australians lined the harbour foreshores and quays or stood on public buildings to view the arrival of the Fleet. The official Sydney program, dubbed Fleet Week, ran to twenty pages and included fire works, sporting contests, a gymkhana, parades and reviews, a vice-regal ball, a garden party and massed displays by schoolchildren. In Melbourne, American Week was marked by similar parades, reviews, soirées and fireworks. In Albany, from where Australian ships sailed during World War One, the fleet made a seven-day visit. It was accorded a warm civic reception by then Western Australian Premier, Sir Newton Moore."

"This (*and other actions*) established the enduring bond between our two great nations. It is built on a common heritage, shared values and joint endeavour, resolve and sacrifice when times were at their worst. Both our nations share a common belief in democracy, in respect for the rule of law, in equality of opportunity and in '*a fair go*'. The Alliance that bond reflects remains the indisputable bedrock of Australia's security, strategic and defence arrangements. The Australian Government very much values the cooperation Australian and United States forces continue to demonstrate in working together to meet security and strategic challenges, both regionally and globally. The Alliance is not just a relationship between our military forces or a friendship between Governments. It is a friendship between nations and people."

Hon. Stephen Smith MHR, Minister for Foreign Affairs Extract : www.foreignminister.gov.au 18 Aug 2008

Following up – the Hon. Stephen Smith MHR is the Federal Member for Perth (WA); with his federal colleagues the Hon. Arch Bevis MHR, Member for Brisbane (Qld); the Hon. Joel Fitzgibbon MHR, Minister for Defence, Member for Hunter (Newcastle, NSW); the Hon. Tanya Plibersek MHR, Minister for Housing & Status of Women, Member for Sydney (NSW); the Hon. Lindsay Tanner MHR, Minister for Finance, Member for Melbourne (Vic); the Hon. Duncan Kerr MHR, Minister for Pacific Affairs, Member for Denison (Hobart, Tas); and the Hon. Kate Ellis MHR, Minister for Youth & Sport, Member for Adelaide (SA) – its all leading up to Anzac 2014-18.



America's Great White Fleet leaves [Hampton Roads, Virginia](#) on December 16, 1907 for its World Tour 1907-09

MP's peace park fury : "Albany MLA Peter Watson (*Labor*) claims the Federal Government has insulted Albany by knocking back funding for the Anzac Peace Park. Mr Watson said he phoned Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development Gary Gray (*MHR Brand – Stirling Naval Base, Rockingham, WA*) to give him a piece of (his) mind. I have a good relationship with Gary Gray, but in this case I told him that his government had insulted Albany, and the memory of the Anzacs. The funding request to the Federal Government of \$433,000 was for a memory wall and some of the larger interpretive centre elements."

"The City of Albany had been told the funding was secure. I'm absolutely staggered that the Federal Government can knock back funding for a project of such national significance. The Anzac Peace Park will be front and centre of the 2014 commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the first Anzac fleet leaving Australia's shores from Albany. Mr Watson said the Federal Government's decision was a cruel blow to the many people and organisations who had worked so hard to have it established. City workers started transforming the site last week (*with State funding in the order of \$65 million*)."

Hon. Peter Watson MLA, Member for Albany; PS for Great Southern Extract : AGS Weekender (Page 6), 21 Aug 2008

Port of Albany – heartbeat of a town, a city and a region : "Albany has been the cornerstone of much of the modern history of WA and its port is no different. Until the turn of the 20th Century, Albany was the State's primary commercial port. Situated on the north shore of Princess Royal harbour, the port today serves almost as a distribution funnel for the burgeoning agricultural region of the Great Southern. CBH has a major – and recently expanded – plant at the port for the grain harvests and the rapidly maturing timber industry is now a daily sight on local roads, all leading to the port. And cruise ships have become a diverse and vibrant part of the harbour's bustling life."

"Between November last year and this year, 14 of those ocean-going cities will have sailed into King George Sound – with hefty bookings until 2010. QE2 (Queen Elizabeth II) – the grand dame of them all – arrived on March 4 with the video watchable around the world on You-Tube. In 2006-07, trade reached a new record of 3.5 million tonnes, driven by a 30% increase in the volume of woodchip exports. Add last year's good regional harvest and this year's potential bumper crop and that number can only go up. To demonstrate the international reach of Albany's port, particularly since its latest incarnation as Australia's largest woodchip port, the shipping industry introduced a new class of woodchip carrier – the Albanymax."

"The first such vessel, the Albany Pioneer, visited the port on its maiden voyage from Japan on April 26 last year. It is expected woodchips will produce in excess of two million tonnes of exports annually for the Port of Albany by 2011. And the role of the port is clearly on an expansion curve. Iron ore, oil, gas and bulk products are all in the pipeline, along with a new log trade which started exporting in 2007. Planning is also well developed for exporting biomass fuel pellets and kaolin clay, exemplifying Albany port remains an imperative and capitalising force for the city and the Great Southern."

America's Great White Fleet Centenary Souvenir Feature Extract : Albany Advertiser (Wrap Page 4), 04 Sep 2008

Following up – yes its all good – we just don't talk about the Albany Waterfront Project and Entertainment Centre, but that will all change when Peter Watson is no longer the Member for Albany (perhaps 2012), and eventually the Carpenter Labor Government will lose in Western Australia (they did on 15 Sep 2008), and the Rudd Labor Government eventually will lose in Australia (perhaps 2011, maybe sooner) – we shall fight them on the beaches and in the fields – we shall never surrender. Thank God the Americans, who know how to celebrate history and still exhibit some sense of national pride, chose to remember the Great White Fleet 1908.

Time to get it right at the port : "Last week's visit by naval ships commemorating the 1908 Great White Fleet visit highlights Albany's essential character as a port. Albany's other qualities are often in the limelight as we focus on tourism, whale watching, Anzac connections, viticulture and so on. But our port activities are fundamental to our history, our current prosperity and our future. The City of Albany council has no jurisdiction over the port, which is under State Government authority, but the Council is firmly committed to the continuing operations of the port. As part of discussions leading up to the waterfront project, we guaranteed 24-hour, seven-day freight access on city roads leading to the port."

"We are committed to working with the Albany Port Authority on its plans for changes to port roads and we need to maintain a clear understanding of port operations and security requirements. A security dilemma can be seen in the visit of the USS Shoup, which created a strong desire for public access to commemorate part of Albany's history and a need for strict security as the visit coincided with the September 11 anniversary. As the Port Authority balances access and security, the Council will seek ways to plan paths to or around the port to connect with Ellen Cove boardwalk and provide access routes for cruise ship passengers to the centre of town, via the pedestrian bridge."

"I look forward to better solutions for cruise passengers. Albany can expect 11 cruise ships in the next season from November to March and the Queen Victoria will visit in February 2010. It is just six years until the centenary of the Anzac convoy's departure and it is time to get it right at the waterfront and the port. A committee is looking at this next centenary celebration, which has the potential to be bigger than the Centenary of Federation. We might even consider a re-enactment of the Anzac Fleet assembly. I want to know the intentions of the Federal Government and the new State Government for this event and I want to ensure that Albany's port plays a central role."

Mayor Milton Evans, City of Albany Article : Albany Advertiser (Page 7), 18 Sep 2008

Following up – Mayor Milton Evans was formerly the Deputy Mayor of the City of Albany from 1999-2005 under Mayor Alison Goode; he represented the Yakamia Ward from 1999-2007; and was formerly a Councillor of the Shire of Albany prior to amalgamation with the Town.

Obituary – Heritage chief and vigneron : “Gerry Gauntlett possessed a rare but priceless quality; persuasiveness. His gentlemanly demeanour belied a steely resolve to get things done, making him an effective and astute leader in public and private life. Gerry was in the property business all his working life, first as a public service valuer and then in real estate where he finished in 1996 as managing director of the WA branch of international agents Knight Frank. Such was the esteem in which he was held that, even as a septuagenarian who unwittingly did not have long to live, he held leadership roles at both ends of his profession. As chairman of the Heritage Council of WA, he helped preserve interesting old buildings, and as inaugural chairman of the Armadale Redevelopment Authority (ARA), he oversaw new urban development.”

“Heritage Council acting director Stephen Carrick said an annual award would be created in memory of Gerry’s 15-year association with the council. Gerry was a truly wonderful man, with a tremendous spirit, unquestionable integrity and. Of course, a great sense of humour. Kay Hallahan, a former (*Labor*) State planning minister and deputy chairwoman of the ARA, said Gerry had all the best attributes of leadership. He looked for a harmonious way of finding resolutions to the most complex of problems. Gerry’s strong social conscience had directed the ARA which was set up by former planning and infrastructure minister Alannah MacTiernan (*and still State Member for Armadale*). I was looking for someone who had connections with the big end of town and had the social conscience to put a place like Armadale on the map and had the social agenda to boost the quality of life, Ms MacTiernan said. He was the perfect person for the job, commercially savvy and with a great compassion and an interest that transcended making money.”

Gerry Gauntlett, Past-Chairman, Heritage Council of Western Australia e-News : WA Business News, 07 Oct 2008

Following up – Gerry Gauntlett served with Patric de Villiers, another past-Chairman of the Heritage Council of Western Australia, and together with several other prominent members of the built environment community of Perth (sic. Western Australia), declined to be briefed on the Rainbow 2000[®] Project when advised – unlike the independent National Trust of Western Australia.

Historic facts were distorted : “A number of contentious issues were quoted in an article in the Albany Advertiser of November 25. That Albany is the most historical city in WA is not strictly correct. Settlement at Albany (King George’s Sound) is recorded as formally taking place on January 21, 1827 following Major Edmund Lockyer’s selection of the site for settlement on December 25, 1826. The City of Albany was not proclaimed until 1998. That Albany has no heritage protection, as claimed by the Albany Historical Society chief executive Andrew Eyden is not correct. There, in fact, 52 places entered in the State Register of Heritage Places with the statutory protection of the heritage of Western Australia Act 1990, including the Stirling Terrace Precinct which incorporates 32-190 Stirling Terrace and 28-32 Spencer Street.”

“Heritage protection for all or any of the places included in the Municipal heritage Inventory has been progressed by the City of Albany Council to a Historic Buildings Schedule – Schedule 8 in the current Town Planning Scheme – thereby providing further statutory control by the local authority and protection for significant places. It is important to note that the initial survey of heritage places in the Townsite Area of Albany was carried out for the National Trust and incorporated into the Town Planning Scheme at the time by Margaret Feilman *LFPIA*, town planning consultant, in the 1960s. In August 1995, I prepared a schedule of approximately 143 Heritage Places in Albany for the Town of Albany, including a colour photograph and brief details for each, intended for incorporation into a municipal Heritage Inventory for Albany, a requirement of the heritage of Western Australia Act 1990. Inaccurate reporting and incorrect public statements which distort facts can be mistaken by readers to be truthful statements.”

Ronald Bodycoat AM, LFRAIA, Heritage Architect Article : Albany Advertiser (Page 9), 16 Dec 2008

Following up – The City of Albany’s Municipal Heritage Inventory (Interim Place List) canvassing both the former Town of Albany (Town Planning Scheme 1A) and Shire of Albany (Town Planning Scheme 3), was prepared by consultants *Heritage Today* (Leah O’Brien and Cathy Day) in September 1999, assisted by Kris Keen, *Heritage Architect* and a local Steering Committee – it involved a review of 437 places. The City of Albany resolved in April 2000 to prepare a new District Community Planning Scheme, including relevant heritage provisions.

Heritage boss goes with shot at political masters : “Retiring Heritage Council of WA director Ian Baxter says politics needs to be taken out of heritage issues in WA, including removing the Minister from the decision-making process. Mr Baxter, who forged his reputation as a heritage tough-nut during the Old Swan Brewery debate of the early 1990s and the prosecution of a Perth developer for illegally demolishing the old Railway Hotel in Barrack Street, retired on Friday after 17 years as the State’s heritage boss. Mr Baxter’s parting shots come as the council prepares to re-list a Beaufort Street property owned by former *Labor* heritage minister Michelle Roberts, which she had allowed to slide off the interim register while in the job. He said the council should be given more autonomy, with appeals sent to an independent arbiter such as the State Administrative Tribunal. If they had the guts to do it, the Government could have a ‘call-in-power’ for a decision the Heritage Council might make on matters of strategic importance, like when *heritage is in the way of a new railway or port*, he said. It amazes me that ministers have time to sign off on every registration. The council should be given more autonomy and responsibility to deal with things independently. Until that happens, we’ll continue with this dog’s breakfast.”

“Mr Baxter listed Heritage Council successes as retaining Newspaper House in St. George’s Terrace (*Perth*), the Raffles Hotel (*Melville*), buildings at 140 Williams Street now under redevelopment (*Perth*), the Midland Railway Workshops (*Swan*), the conversions of the Old Maltings building in Northbridge (*Perth*) and the Bunbury silos (*Bunbury*), and the retention of the East Perth Power Station (*Perth*). But successive Governments had failed to address the power station and Old Treasury Building (*Perth*), which represented wasted opportunities. The council’s greatest success had been putting heritage issues ‘on the map’ after a long period when many heritage buildings were destroyed. When I first came in, people didn’t understand what heritage was and what we were trying to achieve, he said. We’ve introduced conservation plans for 70% of our listed places and they have become like a bible for developing heritage places. WA has 1300 heritage-listed places.”

Ian Baxter, Past-Director, Heritage Council of Western Australia Article : West Australian (Page 18), 02 Feb 2009

Following up – The Heritage Council of Western Australia and Ian Baxter were contacted on no less than ten occasions between 1999 and 2008, with requests to brief the HCWA on the Rainbow 2000 project, and later the Albany Amity Heritage Precinct nomination as part of Australia's national cultural heritage associated with convict colonial settlement – all requests were declined throughout the Court Coalition and Gallop / Carpenter Labor years, with several Chairman choosing not to address Albany's heritage conundrum.



HIJMS Ibuki (foreground) and HMS Minotaur (background) at anchor in Wellington Harbour, New Zealand, 1914.

(Photo courtesy of Royal New Zealand Navy : Public Relations).

Japan's link to Anzac legend : Albany media consultant Denise Smithson is on a mission to piece together the mystery of a Japanese battleship and its part in the Anzac legend. The research project, *Japan's Forgotten Link to the Anzac Legend*, has been partially funded by the Australia Japan Foundation, part of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and started this month. Mrs Smithson's consultancy, Smithson Media, is researching the Japanese ship, His Imperial Japanese Majesty's Ship Ibuki, which had been part of the naval escort of the Australian and New Zealand Expeditionary Forces to the Middle East at the beginning of World War I in 1914. After sailing from Japan, via New Zealand, HIJMS Ibuki played a pivotal role in the protection of the convoy of troop ships assembled from around Australia and New Zealand, and on November 1, 1914 sailed from Albany in Western Australia, Mrs Smithson said."

"Smithson Media is seeking information about the role the Ibuki (*pronounced e-boo-key*) played in the protection of the ANZEF fleet as the troop convoy made its way to Egypt and eventually Gallipoli. It would be a difficult task, as records and sources of information were sparse, Mrs Smithson said. But I like a challenge. I know how important the Anzac legend is to Albany, and this is a chance to fill out the story, she said. Albany has a profound and continuing connection with the Anzac legend. Uncovering more information about the Ibuki would add to Australia and Japan's knowledge and understanding of each other's place in world history. It was also significant given the growing economic ties Albany had established through export to Japanese markets. Smithson Media will research in Australia, Japan and New Zealand and publish findings in a report to the government and project partners when it is completed in May next year. Smithson Media is still seeking funding partners for this project and would welcome discussion with interested parties."

Denise Smithson, Managing Director, Smithson Media Article : Albany Advertiser (Page 4), 10 Mar 2009

Conclusion of exercises OCEAN PROTECTOR & TASMANEX – RAN & RNZN : For the first time in over 20 years, the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) will exercise its right to the Freedom of Entry to the City of Sydney on Saturday 14 March 2009. After a number of ceremonial activities, the parade will commence at 10:00am from The Rocks. The parade of Officers and Sailors will march along George Street, past the Sydney Town Hall, turn right into Liverpool Street and finish adjacent Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour at 11:30am. The Queen's Colour will be paraded as part of this ceremony and will be the first time it has been paraded by the Royal Australian Navy in Sydney since it was presented by the Governor General in 1989. It is expected that there will be up to 5000 RAN personnel marching along with Australian Naval Cadets from all over NSW and the ACT. This march will be the largest parade of naval personnel since the World War II Victory in Japan Day Parade in 1945. More than one third of the RAN will be participating, and an event of this scale is unlikely to occur again in the near future."

Website : Royal Australian Navy (Freedom of Entry to the City of Sydney), 13 Mar 2009

Following up – 2011 is the centenary celebration of the establishment of the Royal Australian Navy, and the first flag ship HMAS Australia was laid down in 26 Jun 1910, and commissioned 21 Jun 1913 (HMAS Melbourne laid down 14 Apr 1911 and commissioned 18 Jan 1913, while HMAS Sydney was laid down in Feb 1911 and commissioned 26 Jun 1913) – all have visited the Port of Albany.

Turkish-Australian Community : “I have had the privilege of visiting Gallipoli and being a guest of the Turkish government. I will concede that at the outset. I have had the privilege of going to Gallipoli, where our two countries were once enemies. Since that time, the Commonwealth of Australia and the Republic of Turkey have established a unique relationship and a bond forged in the blood of young men from both our nations. This uniqueness, at the core of the deep-rooted relations between our two countries, gained even more momentum following the unforgettable reconciliatory remarks of the founder of the modern Turkish republic, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, to the mothers of the fallen Anzac soldiers. He said :

You, the mothers who sent their sons from far away countries, wipe away your tears. Your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land, they have become our sons as well.

There is no statue or plaque more moving than the one at Ari Burnu, on the beach at Gallipoli. The words of Atatürk are there for all Australians and others to read.”

“The Turkish nation is now a friendly power. Members of the Turkish community have integrated into Australian society and become wonderful Australians. To be reminded of events that took place in history that long ago, and a biased interpretation if I may say so, is certainly not warranted. I acknowledge along with a lot of others the unique relationship that exists between Australia and Turkey—a bond that has been highlighted by the commitment of both our nations to the rights and liberties of our citizens and to the pursuit of a just world, which was highlighted in a statement of Kemal Atatürk: ‘Peace at home; peace in the world.’ I commend the Republic of Turkey’s commitment to democracy, to the rule of law, and—particularly in the region in which it lives—to secularism, which is something that is quite unique in that part of the world.”

Senator the Hon. Alan Ferguson (South Australia), Deputy-President of the Senate Extract : Hansard (Page 87-88), 18 Mar 2009

Govt confirms support for Anzac peace park : “Australian government funding for three ready-to-go local infrastructure projects in Albany has been confirmed. A total of \$626,000 has been provided for the Anzac Peace Park, the upgrade of the Anzac memorial on Mt. Clarence and a mountain bike trail. Albany MLA Peter Watson said the funding would help generate construction activity and support local jobs. It will also benefit our local community by delivering much-needed upgrades to our public open spaces. The funding is part of the Rudd government’s \$800 million Community Infrastructure Program. Mr Watson said the support for Albany’s Anzac links was important in the lead-up to the centenary of the Gallipoli invasion.”

“Albany holds a key place in the Anzac legend and it is important we do all we can to recognise this. The Albany Anzac Peace Park will enable visitors to Albany as well as Albany locals to learn about our key role in Australia’s military heritage. Mr Watson highlighted the significant role Albany played in the history of the Anzac Day dawn service. The service, which is now a part of our cultural heritage, traces its roots back to a service held on Mt. Clarence in Albany. Mr Watson had a dig at the State Government’s recent promise to the regions of money through the Royalties for Regions program. He said it was a clear departure from the National Party’s pork-barrelling. Real regional development stimulates the economy and happens across all of our regions.”

Hon. Peter Watson MLA, Member for Albany Extract : AGS Weekender (Page 5), 02 Apr 2009

Rallying the troops for centenary : “Albany needs to ‘lift its game’ to be ready for the 100th anniversary of troops leaving for Gallipoli, according to the Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL). After a City of Albany steering group meeting on Friday, Albany RSL president Laurie Fraser said they had called in professionals to organise Anzac services in preparation for the November 1, 2014 celebrations. The City has set aside a fund of \$70,000, plus an additional \$10,000 in every budget until 2014 for the event, and has plans to attract a range of VIPs and navy ships. The event will kick off celebrations for the 2015, 100th anniversary of the Anzac landing. We are changing quite dramatically how we do Anzac Day, starting next year, Mr Fraser said. People will be bussed in from designated pick-up points, there’ll be projection screens and a different layout and we’ll project it (*the dawn service*) down to the Residency Museum, and hold a gunfire breakfast for the public.”

“Traffic and risk management hadn’t really been taken into account ... so we’ve brought in more specialists instead of relying on volunteers so it’ll be far more professional. We’ve always worked within our means and done a good job but we’ve got to step up the pace and get our act together in so little time. Mr Fraser said calling in the State RSL was a ‘quantum leap forward’ in making the event world class. The troops leaving from Albany – the uniqueness of Albany, he said. We will improve and historically, the numbers of people attending are ever-increasing – this is an icon event for Albany.”

“City of Albany Mayor Milton Evans said the City would work the community and relevant stakeholders to ensure the event surpassed expectation. All stages of the Anzac Peace Park and the restoration and upgrade of the Mt. Clarence memorials should be completed before 2014, he said.”

Laurie Fraser MBE, President, Albany RSL Article : Albany Advertiser (Page 5), 18 Aug 2009

Following up – In truth, the former President of the Albany RSL Sub-Branch, Digger Cleak (RAN Rtd), who was an original member of the Albany Anzac 2000 Development Committee, and now serves with the WA State Executive of the RSL, should be attributed with influencing the National RSL to take a stronger position on the matter by insisting on a broader scope and professional approach to the project.

Following up – Imagine what might have been achieved had we started 17 years ago, and established the proper groundwork in 2001.

Centenary of Great White Fleet : “It started in 1908! The bonds of friendship between the Western Australian public and the US navy goes back much further than you think On 11 September 1908, sixteen American battleships under the command of

Rear Admiral Charles Sperry, dropped anchor in King George Sound to give 15,000 US sailors and marines the opportunity to stretch their legs in Albany and meet a few locals."

"The original concept for an event in 2008 to celebrate the centenary of the visit to Albany by the Great White Fleet was developed by Brad Williamson, CEO of the Albany Port Authority. Following an approach by the Port to the US 7th Fleet Command and the Australian Navy, the idea grew into an Australia-wide celebration of the original visit by the Great White Fleet, with US and Australian Navy vessels visiting Sydney, Melbourne, and Albany as they did in 1908. Ships which took part in the Albany visit were USS Shoup (guided missile destroyer), HMAS Darwin (long range escort frigate) and HMAS Sirius (tanker / auxiliary oiler)."

Brad Williamson, CEO, Albany Port Authority Extract : Annual Report 2008-09 (Page 21), 06 Nov 2009

Following up – In fact, Smithson Planning's first communication with the United States Consulate in Perth, Western Australia was with Mr Nicholas Sherwood (06 Oct 1998). There were subsequent follow-ups with his successors Sally-Beth Bunbry (27 Jan 2000), Oscar De Soto (20 Aug 2003 – including Cmdr Richard Tilghman, 7th Fleet Representative, US Navy), Robin McClellan (23 Nov 2004), and Ken Chern (21 Dec 2007). Brad Williamson commenced service with the Albany Port Authority in February 2003.

Still remembered at the birthplace of dawn service : "Albany was the site of the first Anzac dawn service 80 years ago and it was the last sight of home for many soldiers sailing off to war – but many locals feel the town (City) is being let down by poor planning for the Anzac centenary commemorations in 2014. Local Returned & Services League president, former SAS soldier Laurie Fraser, is one of those worried the town on the south coast of Western Australia could miss out on being at the forefront of the commemorations. Albany was the last place in Australia seen by the men who left in the first convoys heading to the main World War I conflicts in Gallipoli and the Western Front, France and Belgium."

"Ships from all eastern capitals waited in Albany's King George Sound before the first convoy of 39 ships carrying 30,000 troops and 10,000 horses, escorted by warships from Australia, New Zealand, Britain and Japan, left for Egypt on November 1, 1914. A second convoy of 17 ships carrying 8,000 men and their horses left on December 31."

"The 80th anniversary dawn service is part of a big Anzac weekend in Albany. An Anzac Peace Park recently built on the waterfront will be dedicated tomorrow before a large gathering of dignitaries, including representatives from France and Turkey (and Japan). But Mr Fraser is extremely concerned about a lack of movement towards planning for 2014. He says it is vitally important because Albany is the start of the Anzac trail which leads from here to Gallipoli and on to France and Belgium. It is so important in the formation of what we are today. It was the making of a nation. The Mayor of Albany, Milton Evans, acknowledges bureaucratic delays have been an issue, but says they are being addressed."

Laurie Fraser MBE OAM, President Albany RSL Extract : Weekend Australian (Page 8), 24 Apr 2010

The biggest show on earth : "Albany's 2014-15 Anzac centenary commemorations could have the same impact on the city as the America's Cup did on Fremantle, according to one leading stakeholder. City of Albany tourism and marketing advisory committee member Graham Harvey said Albany's connection to the Anzac story meant the commemorations could be the biggest event Albany has ever seen, but only if significant planning was done now. Mr Harvey (*the CEO of the Albany Chamber of Commerce & Industry*) said the event needed a \$50-100 million investment and the City needed to diversify its plans to include community members, tourism stakeholders and businesses as soon as possible. More than 30,000 troops assembled in Albany in November 1914 before departing for Egypt, ensuring Albany would hold a unique place as part of the Anzac legend."

Graham Harvey, CEO, Albany Chamber of Commerce & Industry Article : Albany Advertiser (Page 5), 29 Apr 2010

Funds needed for Anzac centenary : "Premier Colin Barnett, who was in Albany for the opening of the Anzac Peace Park at the weekend, to the Albany Advertiser he had given the City his in-principle support for the centenary Anzac commemorations. But City of Albany Mayor Milton Evans said plans had been in place since 2008 to turn the 2014-15 celebrations into a significant, multi-million dollar event. We also have plans to re-enact the scene where thousands of Australian soldiers boarded boats from Albany. This would be followed by the centenary Anzac Day celebrations in 2015, he said."

Mayor Milton Evans, City of Albany Article : Albany Advertiser (Page 5), 29 Apr 2010

Anzac centenary : "Albany's preparations for the centenary of Anzac Day in 2014 have been given a boost by the success of last weekend's events. High-ranking diplomatic representatives from England, France, Japan, Turkey and USA were among the 200 dignitaries who attended the opening of the Albany Peace Park on Saturday and remained for the Anzac Day services the following day. Albany mayor Milton Evans said Albany's part in the Anzac legend as the final Australian staging point for the first troops going to World War I was slowly being recognised. It was a major step towards what we are trying to achieve and we have just got to keep up with the momentum, he said. The level of people who were present went right across politics and international boundaries. Mr Evans said that with only four years until the centenary, the City had a short window of opportunity to pull all the major issues together to ensure Albany was recognised for its involvement. He said a committee which included Brigadier Geoff Hand (*11/28th Battalion Royal Western Australian Regiment*), the reviewing officer at Sunday's commemorative service, and local RSL sub-branch members will be addressing a full Council meeting with initial ideas."

Mayor Milton Evans, City of Albany Article : AGS Weekender (Page 3), 29 Apr 2010

Following up – In truth, Albany Anzac Re-enactment was first documented in 1997, and proffered to Mayor Annette Knight of the Town of Albany who made public statements in relation to millennium celebrations in 2000 – it then transgressed to the Centenary of Federation celebrations in 2001, and was credited to the Joint Chiefs of the Australian Defence Forces. With amalgamation and the Agribusiness MIS investment for port expansion, it disappeared off the radar until Smithson Planning proposed World Heritage nomination in 2007.

Following up – Mayor Milton Evans was a councillor with the Shire of Albany until Dec 1997 and was re-elected to the City of Albany as a councillor in May 1999 before contesting and winning the Mayoral election in 2007; while President Laurie Fraser of the Albany RSL initially served on the State Executive of the RSL WA; both have been with the respective organisations for the past thirteen years, and were fully conversant with our Rainbow 2000[®] Project proposals, including Albany Anzac 2014-18.

Nation's eyes on region : "The City of Albany has received mammoth support from all levels of the community, government and international delegations in working with the RSL to deliver the best ever Anzac weekend the community has experienced. We are thrilled to receive positive comments and in-principle support of the Premier, the Hon. Colin Barnett MLA and the Opposition Leader, the Hon. Eric Ripper MLA. The City of Albany and the RSL have been working together since 2008 and will continue to work closely to ensure the maximum potential for Albany, said Mayor Evans. Further to the plans for the Centenary, the 2014-15 Anzac Centenary Strategy Committee has a proposed recommendation to form a partnership. RSL State President Bill Gaynor supports a collaborative planning strategy involving community input into what will be a series of events in 2014-15. We value the contributions already made by the City of Albany in creating a dedicated park, improving the infrastructure at Mt Clarence and administering the Anzac Strategy committee."

"Now we must take the next step to honour the original Anzac's whose last sight of Australia was as they sailed out of King George Sound for the Battlefields of Gallipoli and the Western Front, said Mr Gaynor. The combined City of Albany and RSL Anzac Committee is proposing a transition to a new framework that would allow for various stakeholders to work collaboratively and ensure proper planning and delivery of a series of cultural heritage events to commemorate the Centenary. The Mayor, Milton Evans said the opening of the Anzac Peace Park and this year's Anzac services was a great example of how well the two organisations can work together. We look forward to our continued support of the Anzac events leading up to and beyond 2014. Albany is set to be placed on the world heritage map as a destination."

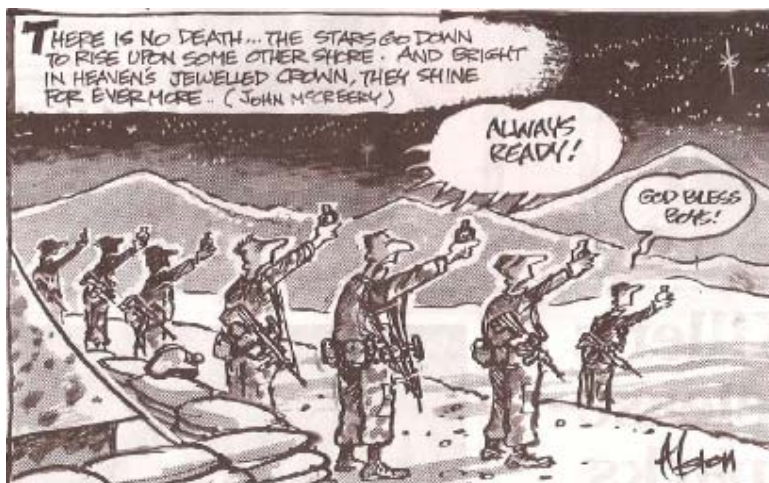
Mayor Milton Evans, City of Albany Article : AGS Weekender (Page 9), 06 May 2010

RSL chief backs Albany bid to be Anzac celebration focus : "The State President of the Returned & Services League has endorsed Albany as Australia's number one priority for the 2014-15 Anzac centenary celebrations. Bill Gaynor was in Albany on Friday for the first meeting of the group organising Albany's Anzac centenary events. Mr Gaynor said no other town (City) in Australia had such a significant relationship with the stories behind the Great War. Albany will be the focal point, he said. The town has been building strong connections to Turkey and France and the City has been taking great strides to hold such a significant event. Mr Gaynor said the meeting was the important first step in moving towards State and Federal involvement in the event. He said the vision needed sustainable infrastructure. The RSL is committed to supporting the coalition and we look forward to the future meetings, he said."

Bill Gaynor OAM, President, Returned & Services League WA Article : Albany Advertiser (Page 4), 08 Jun 2010

RSL chief backs Albany bid to be Anzac celebration focus : "Albany RSL sub-branch vice-president Peter Aspinall, who is chairing the group, said the next step was gaining community involvement in the process. Albany Chamber of Commerce and Industry chief executive Graham Harvey said in April the commemorations needed a \$50-\$100 million investment. He said the City needed to diversify its plans to include community members, tourism stakeholders and businesses. Mr Aspinall said it was too early to commit to a dollar amount or specific involvement from organisations. He said they now had an appropriate timeframe and the Albany community would be heavily involved in the process. Exact roles and responsibilities will come, he said, but it will be a concept on a national and international scale. The group consists of City of Albany Mayor Milton Evans and RSL members, community members and councillors. Brigadier Geoff Hand has been appointed the project's external consultant."

Peter Aspinall, Senior Vice President, Albany RSL Sub-Branch Article : Albany Advertiser (Page 4), 08 Jun 2010



Dean Alston, Cartoonist Cartoon : West Australian (Page 20), 09 Jun 2010

Albany has big plans for Anzac centenary : “A flotilla of international naval vessels will commemorate the departure from Albany of the first convoy bound for World War I, as part of plans to make the town the Australian focus for the Anzac centenary and beyond. Under the proposal, up to 16 vessels from the navies of Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain, France, the United States of America, and Japan will stage the commemoration on November 1, 2014. The Albany Centenary of Anzac Alliance is also working on plans for significant projects around Mt Clarence, which it hopes will make the area a focus for understanding and pay homage to the Anzac story.”

“Albany’s plan is among more than 600 submissions, including 60 from Western Australia, sent to the National Commission on the Commemoration of the Anzac Centenary. The centenary, starting in 2014, includes events to mark Australia’s involvement in World War I, including the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings in 2015 and the centenary of Armistice Day to mark the war’s end in 1918. The Albany Centenary of Anzac Alliance has been set up by the City of Albany and the Albany Sub-branch of the Returned and Services League. Alliance chairman Peter Aspinall said if it was possible to get the re-enactment of the convoy departure to a significant scale, it was likely to be a one-off event, and smaller re-enactments may be held at five-yearly intervals. The Centenary Commission will provide recommendations to the Federal Government early next year.”

Peter Aspinall, Chairman, Albany Centenary Anzac Alliance Article : West Australian (Page 6), 11 Nov 2010

Following up – It is illegal to commercialise Anzac in Australia without the approval of the Commonwealth Government, and the Returned & Services League of Australia have given the unequivocal support to the Albany Anzac 2014 re-enactment. Smithson Planning is currently endeavouring to secure multi-partisan support from the Liberals, Labor, the Nationals, the Greens and the Independents.

Albany Anzac 2014-18 : “In relation to Mr Smithson’s concerns about impact on the Anzac 2014-18 activities from waterfront development, I am advised that the construction of the marina and breakwaters will be completed by February 2011 and, as such, should not encroach upon the Anzac 2014-18 activities. The development sites created on the waterfront, including sites for mixed use, commercial, tourism and short-stay accommodation will be completed by December 2010. These will be sold for development by LandCorp with a 36-month build-by development clause to be attached to its contracts of sale which is designed to ensure that development of those sites by the successful purchaser happens in a timely manner. Given the above projected timelines, the majority of the built form development on the waterfront will be completed in time for the Albany Anzac 2014-18 celebrations.”

Hon. Brendon Grylls MLA, Minister for Regional Development; Lands Letter : 30 Nov 2010

Albany Anzac 2014-18 : “On 27 September this year I wrote to the Western Australian Minister for Lands (and Regional Development; assisting State Development; Transport), the Hon. Brendon Grylls MLA, with your concerns about development at the Albany Waterfront. As you are aware, I recently visited Albany to view for myself the work of the Albany Alliance in preparation for the commemoration of the Centenary of the Anzac in 2014-18. I was very impressed with the Alliance’s work to date. I did have an opportunity during my visit to inspect the new Albany Entertainment Centre on the waterfront and see for myself the impressive plans to incorporate the waterfront precinct into the commemorative events proposed for Mt Clarence and The Forts (Australian War Memorial Museum - Mt Adelaide).”

“I note your concerns about development. However, after visiting Albany for myself and receiving a detailed brief on proposed events for 2014-18, I do not believe that there is any need for the federal parliament to become involved in planning matters which are rightly the responsibility of the state and local government authorities. Minister Grylls has outlined a development timetable which will enable further development ahead of commemorative events in 2014.”

Senator the Hon. Michael Ronaldson, Shadow Minister for Veterans’ Affairs Letter : 16 Dec 2010

Anzac 2014-18 Commemoration : “The departure of the first Australian military convoy from Albany was a significant event on our Nation’s history. The Albany Alliance, which has been established to coordinate Anzac Centenary celebrations in Albany, has proposed a re-enactment of the 1st ANZEF Fleet’s departure as one of its keynote events. The Western Australian Government supports this proposal and has recommended to the National Commission on the Commemoration of the Anzac Day Centenary (the Commission) that the event be supported by the Commonwealth Government. I understand the Commission is currently refining its final report for submission to the Commonwealth Government in the near future. I am confident the recommendations will support Albany as a centrepiece in the commemorative events.”

Hon. Colin Barnett MLA, Premier of Western Australia Letter : 28 Mar 2011

Following up – The Premier’s letter was signed on 21 Mar 2011, posted on 24 Mar 2011 and received on 28 Mar 2011 – the same day the National Commission on the Centenary Commemoration of Anzac handed down its report, including Albany Anzac 2014. To his credit, the Hon. Peter Watson MLA, Member for Albany endorsed those sentiments the same day – we are waiting for the Greens and Nationals to make the commitment multi partisan in Western Australia – and then the Commonwealth of Australia.

End of Statements : Author’s notes follow.

Most of our work is now done on Facebook, using photographs in albums :

- ❖ Neil Smithson – [Albany Anzac 2014-18](#) (Vols. 1-2)
- ❖ Smithson Planning – Albany Centenary of Anzac Alliance (Vol. 1)
- ❖ Smithson Planning – Albany Major Redevelopment Opportunities (Vol. 1)
- ❖ Smithson Planning – Albany Waterfront Project & Entertainment Centre (Vol. 1)
- ❖ Smithson Planning – [Anzac Centenary Commemorations 2014-18](#) (Vols. 1-3)
- ❖ Smithson Planning – Anzac Gallipoli History 2015 (Vols. 1-3)
- ❖ Smithson Planning – Avon 2020 Regional Planning Strategy (Vol. 1)
- ❖ Smithson Planning – Batavia 2020 Regional Planning Strategy (Vol. 1)
- ❖ Smithson Planning – Fremantle South Metropolitan Regional Planning Strategy (Vol. 1)
- ❖ Smithson Planning – Gascoyne 2020 Regional Planning Strategy (Vol. 1)
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- ❖ Smithson Planning – Pilbara 2020 Regional Planning Strategy (Vol. 1)
- ❖ Smithson Planning – [Rainbow 2000 Project](#) (Vols. 1-3)
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- ❖ [Albany International Airport](#) – achieving regional accessibility for trade
- ❖ [Albany Industrial Seaport Relocation Plan](#) – achieving regional accessibility for trade
- ❖ [Albany's UNESCO World Heritage – Anzac & Convict Colonial Settlement](#) – international tourism
- ❖ [Albany & the Corruption Crime Commission WA](#) – the complexity of regional development
- ❖ [Anzac 2014-18 – a National Celebration Strategy](#) – there is a role for each Australian state / various cities
- ❖ [Global Warming & Sea Level Change](#) – profound implications for insurance & property development.
- ❖ [Manypeaks Transitional Governance](#) – a challenge for the State of Western Australia
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The Day My Family Came :

I half awoke to a strange new calm
In a sleep that would not clear
For this was the sleep to cure all harm
And which frees us from all fear
Shot had come from left and right
With shrapnel shell and flame
Had turned my sunlit days to night
Where now none would call my name
Years passed me by as I waited
Missed the generations yet to come.

Sadly knew I would not be fated,
To be a Father, hold a son
I heard again the sounds of war
When twenty years of sleep had gone
For five long years, maybe more
Till peace once more, at last had come
More years passed, new voices came
The stones and trenches to explore
But no one ever called my name
So I wished and waited ever more.

Each time I thought perhaps, perhaps
Perhaps this time they must call me
But they only called for the other chaps
None ever called to set me free
Through years of lonely vigil kept
To look for me, they never came
None ever searched or even wept
Nobody stayed to speak my name
Until that summer day I heard some
Voices soft and strained with tears.

Then I knew that THEY had come
To roll away those wasted years
Their hearts felt out to hold me
Made me whole like other men
For they had come just me to see
Drawing me back home with them
Now I am at peace and free to roam
Where ere my Family speak my name
That day my soul was called back home
For on that day my Family came.

Michael Edwards, Poet & Retired English Fireman Header : West Australian (Page 1), 25 Apr 2008

Following up – Inspired by the death of British soldier Herbert Camp – killed in action – Battle of the Somme, 1916.



America's Great White Fleet returns to Albany : USS Shoup DDG #86 Arleigh-Burke Class Destroyer, 10 Sep 2008



America's Great White Fleet incognito : USS John S. McCain DDG #56 Arleigh-Burke Class Destroyer, 10 Sep 2008



America's Great White Fleet returns to Albany under escort from HMAS Sirius O#266 Supply Vessel, 10 Sep 2008



↑ Montage : View from Mount Clarence overlooking Anzac War memorial to King George Sound – and you can picture the ANZEF fleet in the sound



↑ Montage : View from location of proposed Albany Anzac Peace Park to Mount Clarence with assemble crowd at Anzac Day Parade 2007

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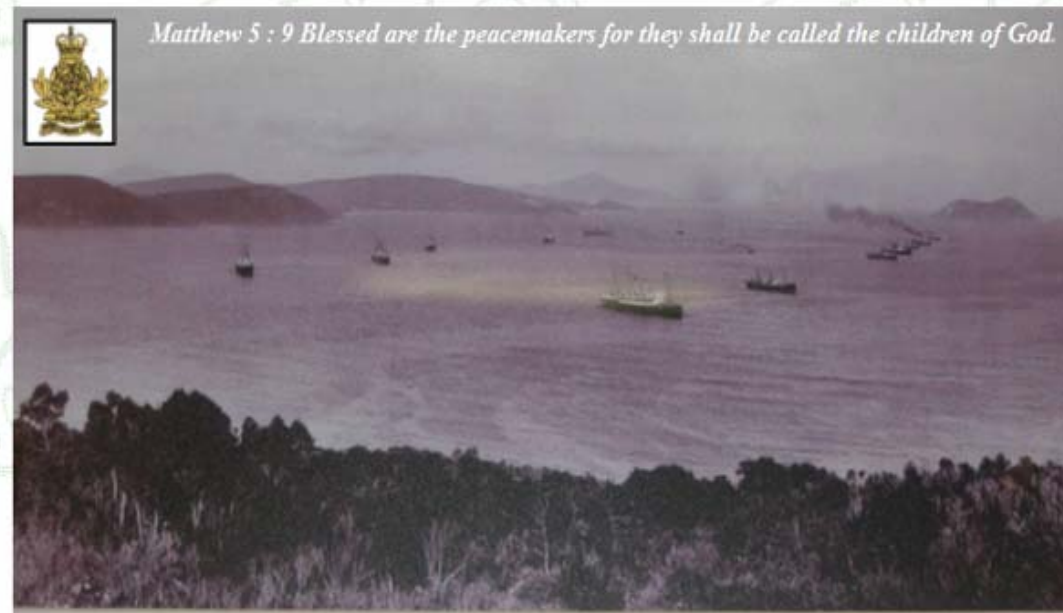
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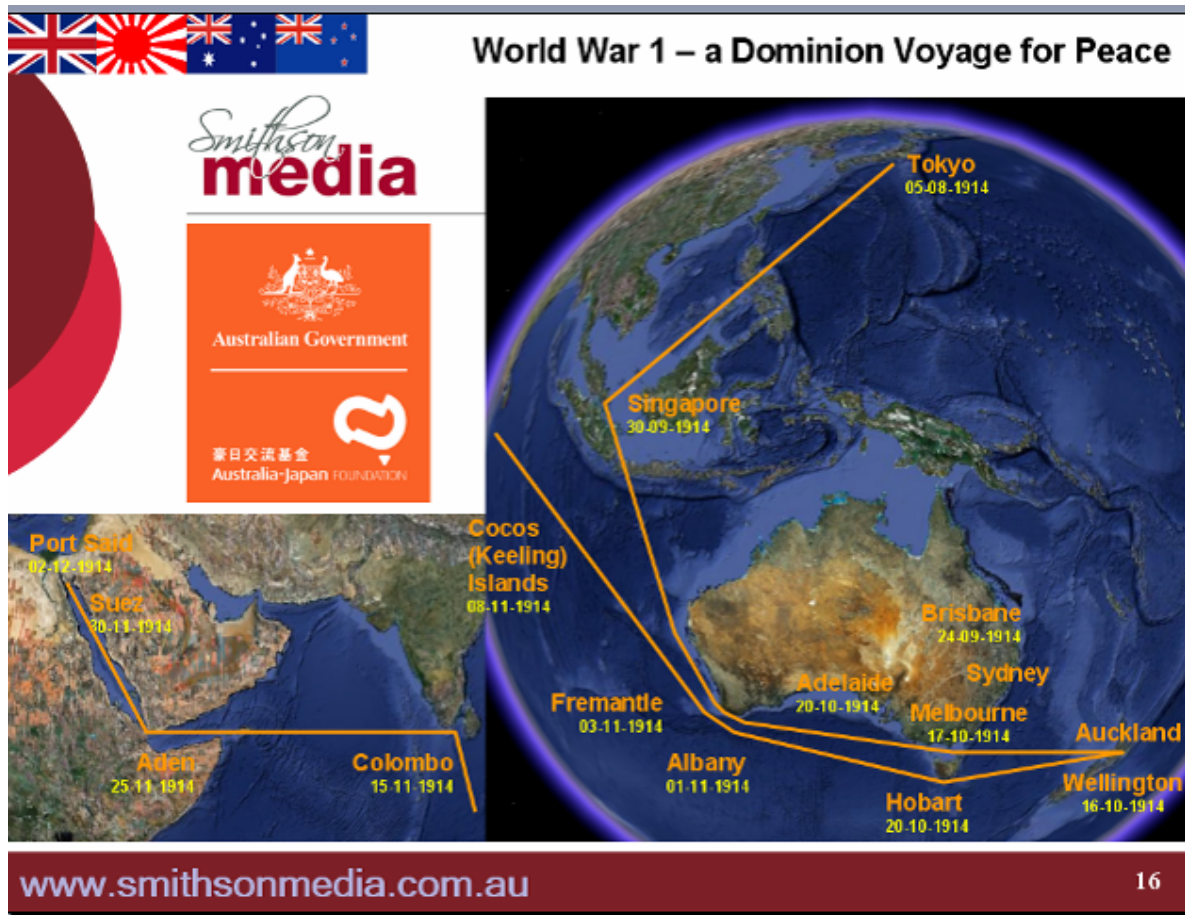
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ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST DETACHMENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND IMPERIAL EXPEDITIONARY FORCES IN KING GEORGE'S SOUND, ALBANY, W.A., 31ST OCTOBER, 1914											
AUSTRALIAN TRANSPORTS						NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORTS				WARSHIPS	
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A2 "Hesperus"	A7 "Hesperus"	A12 "Hesperus"	A17 "Star of Victoria"	A22 "Warrior"	A27 "Scoutmaster"	N.M.N.219 "Manawatu"	N.M.N.220 "Star of India"	N.M.N.221 "Warrior"	N.M.N.222 "Hesperus"	N.M.N.223 "Hesperus"	N.M.N.224 "Hesperus"
A3 "Hesperus"	A8 "Hesperus"	A13 "Hesperus"	A18 "Star of Victoria"	A23 "Warrior"	A28 "Scoutmaster"	N.M.N.225 "Manawatu"	N.M.N.226 "Star of India"	N.M.N.227 "Warrior"	N.M.N.228 "Hesperus"	N.M.N.229 "Hesperus"	N.M.N.230 "Hesperus"
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ANZAC – the spirit of Australia and New Zealand is borne of respect for freedom.

Following our August briefings in Canberra (and the subsequent world tour), I am pleased to advise that the City of Albany resolved on Tuesday 20 October 2009 to commence formal planning and liaison with the relevant Anzac diplomatic missions with the view to staging a symbolic re-enactment of the assembly and departure of the 1st ANZEF convoys from King George's Sound on 1 November 2014 and 31 December 2014.

I am sure that you will appreciate that this represents a significant (multi \$billion) growth path for Albany, the Great Southern, Western Australia and Australia. Our thanks for the continuing interest over the last 12 years – particularly the Ministers and the Shadow Ministers for Foreign Affairs in the last several years.

Sometimes it takes a while to introduce strategic planning, and then bring on board the stakeholders as meaningful participants. In 2009, Smithson Planning & Smithson Media briefed the diplomatic missions of the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Japan, Turkey, France, Germany, Singapore and India in Australia (documentation to the United States and Canada).

We also completed an excellent world tour (eastern states Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, London, Tokyo), with a definitive outcome (photographic and literary evidence) for Japanese participation through the HIJMS Ibuki including its visits to Singapore, Fremantle, Albany, Hobart, Wellington, Colombo and Aden in late 1914.

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Author's notes : The Rainbow 2000[®] Project is both a corporate investment strategy and a doctoral research program that examines the hypothesis "Is planning the antithesis of politics? – a case study of Albany & the Great Southern Region, Western Australia, focusing on the inter-relationship between regional development and Local, State & Federal politics in contemporary Australia.

In thirteen years, the *West Australian* Newspaper and the *Sunday Times* never published one article about Rainbow 2000[®] that we are aware of (one exception : West letters 30 July 2007 Page 15); the *WA Business News* published one small piece suggesting some reticence about the continuity of port access in the framework of a significant port expansion program to accommodate grain, woodchips and iron ore.

Perth television STW9, TVW7, NEW10 & SBS28 have never covered Rainbow 2000[®], and both *GWN7* and *WIN9* as regional networks have not canvassed the regional strategy – GWN's Noel Brunning stood for the federal seat of Forrest (Independent) in 2007; Reece Whitby from Channel 7 Perth stood for the state seat of Morley (Labor) in 2008; and Karen Brown from the *West Australian* and the *Weekend Australian* stood for the state seat of Mt. Lawley (Labor) in 2008 – Whitby and Brown being part of Premier Alan Carpenter's parachute dream team – all were unsuccessful for a variety of reasons.

ABC National (radio & television) maintains a largely anti-development stance in the Great Southern, although nationally they have done some great things for Anzac and via Difference of Opinion. *RadioWest* sceptically accepted a paid advertisement.

There were the original paid advertisements referred to by the Albany Town & Shire Councils et.al. of 13 November 1997 appearing in the *Albany Advertiser* and the *Albany & Great Southern Weekender*, with the occasional timely paid reminder advertisement in the Albany Advertiser to reflect that Rainbow 2000[®] – a Regional Planning Strategy for Albany & the Great Southern was not going away that easy.

One rather prominent (and perhaps cynical) article appeared in the *Weekend Australian* in the lead-up to Mayoral / Council elections for the City of Albany in 1999, following which the author was a 'failed' candidate. Otherwise, all communication channels have been pursued vigorously with extensive material being referred to politicians on all sides of the debate, media journalists in print, radio and television and the *National Press Club* in Canberra.

The only thing people choose to believe in is the power of authority and / or the investment dollar – media was no exception, regardless of whether the program could have been beneficial to their commercial aspirations. The alternative is that the non-Albany based media from Perth and Bunbury understood only too well the implications, and misconstrued growth and development as competitive threat (doubtful).

Local politics and commercial relationship both took their toll on local newspaper coverage and balanced representation of the issues. It is reasonable to suggest that few people understand let alone endorse long-term strategic planning that doesn't directly benefit them instantly.

In twelve years, the program of community consultation / participation has included advice in some form or other to governance :

- ❖ Australian embassies of the nations of the World, the United Nations & European Union
- ❖ Governor-Generals of Australia, and every Federal member of parliament (House / Speakers & Senate / Presidents)
- ❖ Prime Ministers & Federal Cabinet Members, and the Leaders of the Opposition & Shadow Cabinet Members & Minority Parties
- ❖ Governors of Western Australia, and every State member of parliament (Legislative Assembly & Council)
- ❖ Western Australian Premiers & Cabinets, and the Leaders of the Opposition & Shadow Cabinets & Minority Parties
- ❖ Premiers / Ministers of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania
- ❖ Leaders of the Opposition / Shadow Ministers of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania
- ❖ Chief Ministers / Ministers of the Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory
- ❖ Lord Mayors & Councils of the Cities of Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart, Adelaide and Perth
- ❖ Advisory Council of Infrastructure Australia & the Convenors of the Australia 2020 Forum
- ❖ Relevant Federal and State agencies / regulatory authorities
- ❖ Great Southern, and other Regional Development Commissions of Western Australia
- ❖ Fremantle Ports, Westralia Airports Corporation, and the Albany Port Authority
- ❖ Australian Local Government Association and each State / Territory Association
- ❖ Local Government Authorities of Western Australia & the Great Southern Region
- ❖ Mayors / Presidents / Commissioners & Councillors of the Town, Shire and City of Albany
- ❖ Presidents & Executive Councillors of the Returned & Services League of Australia (National & State Divisions)
- ❖ Presidents & Executive Councillors of the Planning Institute of Australia
- ❖ Presidents & Executive Councillors of the Environment Institute of Australia & New Zealand
- ❖ Presidents & Executive Committees of the Australian, Western Australian and Albany Chambers of Commerce & Industry
- ❖ Presidents & Executive Committees of the Australian & Western Australian National Trusts & the Albany Historical Society.

For a comprehensive (and interactive) list of community participation / consultation, refer to :

- ❖ www.smithsonplanning.com.au/R2000Participation1997-2006.zip (275 A4 pages : ~ 14,422 entries : 0.81Mb zipped : 4.04Mb)
- ❖ www.smithsonplanning.com.au/R2000Participation2007-2008.zip (377 A4 pages : ~ 19,997 entries : 1.56Mb zipped : 7.46Mb)
- ❖ www.smithsonplanning.com.au/R2000Participation2009-2010.zip (431 A4 pages : ~ 22,994 entries : 2.78Mb zipped : 12.10Mb)
- ❖ www.smithsonplanning.com.au/R2000Participation2011-2027.zip (223 A4 pages : ~ 11,000+ entries : 1.26Mb zipped : 5.23Mb).

It is not our place to judge the politics – that will be for the electorate, and the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions.

All in all – things are looking very good. A [general disclaimer](#) applies to this material – don't assume, please ask.

Date : Thursday, 15 December 2011

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