

PURPOSE OF THIS UPDATE

The purpose of this update is to inform the community of the status of projects at the Albany Public Library.

Our Vision: *'Albany aims to be Western Australia's most sought after destination to live, work and visit.'*



COMMUNITY UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2020



ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY

ALBANY HISTORY COLLECTION

In March 2017, the Albany History Collection (AHC) was relocated from the Albany Public Library to the Albany Co-operative Society building.

In June 2018, the AHC was again temporarily moved to the Vancouver Arts Centre. At that time, moving the collection back to Albany Public Library was not possible due to space constraints following the refurbishment undertaken with the Visitor Centre construction.

In the interim, a body of refurbishment work was planned for Albany Public Library. Given the close links between the AHC and Library Information service, it was determined that the best fit for the AHC was to add space to the library in the form of a mezzanine floor. This capital works project could be achieved within existing budget, approved by Council in 2019. The result would be an enhanced library space, with access to the Visitors Centre and AHC.

SUMMARY OF WORKS

In addition to the construction of a mezzanine floor to house the Albany History Collection, other necessary works have been scheduled for completion to complement and enhance the Library:

- Pedestrian access from Alison Hartman Gardens to the rear of the Library with construction of stairs from the rear carpark, linking the Student Housing Development to the Library, Town Square and Town Hall
- 24hr access, secure study rooms for tertiary students
- Retrofit of public toilets to account for increased demand
- Installation of a new air conditioning system
- Ceiling and wall treatments throughout the building
- Application of render to the retaining wall in the rear car park

PROJECT STATUS

- Planning & Design – late 2019 to early 2020
- Implementation – September 2020



photo courtesy of : Albany History Collection



PROJECT TIMELINE

Due to the nature of the works, there will be a staged construction timeline.

Starting in late August, the final piece of work is expected to be completed by December. Sections of the library will be inaccessible during construction for safety purposes.

Staff will undertake work ahead of this time to ensure that library stock remains available.

During the final stages of construction, the Albany History Collection will be inaccessible.

Phone and email appointments will still be managed, but there will be limits on what material can be accessed.



ACCESS & YOUR SAFETY

To ensure customer and staff safety during construction, parts of the library will be inaccessible. Signage and physical barriers will be in place.

Shelving will be moved ahead of works to ensure the collection can still be accessed. The nature of construction means that there may be further disruption.

Certain areas of the library will be inaccessible but work will be done ahead of time to ensure library collections are still accessible.

Refurbishment of the public toilets has been planned to minimise disruption but the toilets will not be accessible whilst during construction.

The nature of construction is such that we cannot guarantee against disruption. If the safety of staff or customers is in doubt, the library will close. Advance notice will be given wherever possible.



PARKING & ACROD BAYS

Sections of the car park will be inaccessible for the duration of construction.

There will be temporary changes made to the ACROD bays to ensure access is maintained.

The current ACROD bays will be removed and repositioned within the main carpark giving easier access to the Library walkway.



LEGEND

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| | ACROD PARKING |
| | 3 HOUR PARKING |
| | 1 HOUR PARKING |
| | REMOVED |



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