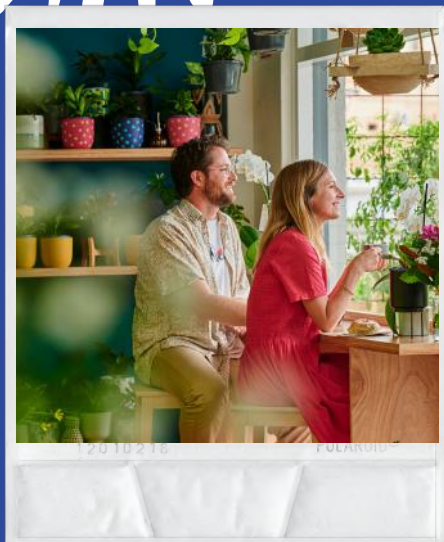




ALBANY 2026



THE LIGHTER MONTHS

WHAT'S ON IN ALBANY:
SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER

**SEE YOU
SOON** ALBANY
2026

ABOUT ALBANY 2026

This year, Albany is hosting Western Australia's first bicentenary, acknowledging the first place where Aboriginal and British people commenced living together on the western side of Australia.

At the heart of Albany 2026 is a story far older than two centuries. This is Menang Noongar Boodja; ancient Country with deep cultural roots, where stories have been passed down for countless generations and continue to be shared today.

A year-long program of events, Albany 2026 is a chance to reflect honestly on the past, celebrate our community today, and shape a future built on shared understanding and reconciliation.



RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AN ALBANY 2026 AMBASSADOR



Uncle Lester Coyne: I encourage everyone to experience *Kalyagul: Connections to Menang County*. Seeing these remarkable works return to Albany is deeply meaningful. It honours our ancestors, our knowledge and the stories that have always belonged here.



Tracey Bridges: *The Spring Social* is high on my to do list as I love seeing Stirling Terrace come to life in a street party style get together (and sunset from Stirling Terrace is stunning). See you there!



Matt Reuben James Ward: I'm most looking forward to sharing *The Song Catchers*, a new Australian music theatre work celebrating song, our spectacular landscapes, and community spirit with Albany audiences during its world premiere season.



Malcolm Traill: Don't miss *Our Place: Rain or Shine*. Theatre 180 has a national reputation for excellence, and this won't disappoint. I've seen excerpts which will make you laugh, cry, learn and reflect, all in the same show.



Mayor Greg Stocks: I'm most looking forward to *Carrying the Fire* and seeing thousands of people unite to create something truly unforgettable. This event is all about creativity, connection and community spirit, and invites us to consider what we carry from Albany 2026 into the future.

ALBANY IS

What does a place sound like when it starts telling its own story? Part oral history, part interactive podcast, *Albany Is* is an interactive audio journey that invites you to walk through town in the company of the people who know it best.

ONLINE - AVAILABLE NOW

FREE

KALYAGUL: CONNECTIONS TO MENANG COUNTRY

This landmark exhibition celebrates Menang people's deep connections to the land, sea and skies of Albany, and their role in shaping how the region's natural world was explored and understood.

ON UNTIL 21ST FEB 2027

10AM - 4PM

MUSEUM OF THE GREAT SOUTHERN

FREE

THE BOTANICAL WORLD OF MARY DELANY

Discover the extraordinary botanical world of Mary Delany in this touring exhibition from The British Museum, featuring high-resolution digital prints of her most spectacular works.

ON UNTIL 24TH OCT 2026 PRINCESS ROYAL FORTRESS

THE GIFT OF TRUTH TELLING

A lecture series exploring the many truths of Albany through different lenses - from Menang Elders, to expert historians, to cutting-edge scientists.

LECTURES ON THE 2ND & 4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT UWA ALBANY UNTIL OCT 2026

BETWEEN THE MOUNTAIN AND THE SEA

A two-week exhibition that features a 30-minute film showcasing the Wellstead District – located in the eastern reaches of the City of Albany.

8TH – 21ST SEPT 2026 VANCOUVER ARTS CENTRE

MAJOR ALBANY 2026 EVENT



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NUMEN

An immersive multimedia song cycle exploring the origins, climate and landscapes of the Great Southern region, created by Albany-based, award-winning artist Peter Morse.

17TH SEP – 14TH OCT 2026 **ALBANY TOWN HALL**



LAUNCHING MAPPING MENANG

Experience Mapping Menang, a Menang community-led project that uncovers deeply held stories of family, Country, and connection – stories that have endured despite the impacts of settlement. Bringing together oral histories, intergenerational knowledge, and archival research, the artworks created through Mapping Menang reveal a richly layered past.

19TH SEPT 2026 **BARMUP / STRAWBERRY HILL**



MAJOR ALBANY 2026 EVENT

OUR PLACE: RAIN OR SHINE

A bold, heartfelt celebration of Albany's identity – past, present and imagined. *Our Place, Rain or Shine*, presented by Theatre 180, bridges time, culture and generations as local community share stories, insights and experiences about their connection to the landscape and the special places that feature in the history of Albany and surrounds.

25TH – 26TH SEPT 2026 **TIMES VARY**

ALBANY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE **TICKETED**

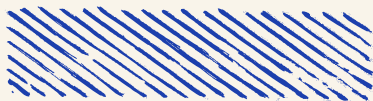


SOUTHERN ART AND CRAFT TRAIL

Explore exhibitions showcasing the very best of visual arts and crafts including sculpture, painting, photography, print making, glasswork, textiles, jewellery, pottery, woodcraft and much more.

26 SEPT 2026 - 11 OCT 2026

FOR MORE EVENTS HAPPENING IN ALBANY,
VISIT ALBANY2026.COM.AU



THE SPRING SOCIAL

Stirling Terrace blooms for two vibrant evenings, celebrating spring and offering market stalls, family-friendly activities, live music, Great Southern Wine Market and relaxed alfresco experiences.

26TH – 27TH SEPT 2026 5PM - 9PM

STIRLING TERRACE FREE

GREAT SOUTHERN NOONGAR FESTIVAL

An afternoon of cultural performances, storytelling, traditional activities and community celebration, creating opportunities to learn, connect and reflect.

1ST OCT 2026 ALISON HARTMAN GARDENS

THE SONG CATCHERS

West Australian Opera and Breaksea are proud to present *The Song Catchers*, an uplifting musical adventure of friendship and discovery, created for Albany 2026. Join Tipu, a curious fox, and Marri, an intriguing echidna, as they journey through a world where songs have been silenced.

23RD – 24TH OCT 2026 TIMES VARY

ALBANY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE TICKETED

LIVE @ THE TOWN HALL

Live @ the Town Hall is closing out an extraordinary 2026 season with a punk-rock blowout, headlined by one of Australia’s most unmistakable musical exports: *The Chats*.

24TH OCT 2026 ALBANY TOWN HALL

MAJOR ALBANY 2026 EVENT



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JENNIFER WOODS - BOODJA: A GORENG WOMAN'S JOURNEY

Jennifer Woods' paintings are grounded in Country, not just as landscape, but as living presence. Through layered earth tones, movement and mark-making, Jennifer explores connection, memory and renewal.

3RD – 29TH NOV 2026 HISTORIC WHALING STATION



MAJOR ALBANY 2026 EVENT

CARRYING THE FIRE

Albany will glow as thousands of handmade lanterns illuminate the coastline all the way from Emu Point to Binalup / Middleton Beach. Lamp-bearers will gather along the sand, transforming the foreshore into a breathtaking string of lights - a living, ephemeral artwork captured in footage to be shared worldwide.

7TH NOV 2026 TIMES VARY FREE

EMU POINT TO BINALUP / MIDDLETON BEACH



ALBANY AGRICULTURAL SHOW

With numerous exhibitions, carnival amusements, displays, and competitions of livestock, home industries and hobbies, it is an entertaining 2-day event for the community of Albany.

13 & 14 NOV 2026 88 COCKBURN ROAD



ALBANY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Experience Albany's CBD aglow this Christmas! Discover a spectacular interactive Christmas tree in the Town Square, then wander through dazzling light activations transforming Alison Hartman Gardens.

19 NOV 2026 – EARLY JAN 2027 ALBANY CBD



CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL & PAGEANT

Get ready to jingle all the way to the most spectacular holiday event of the year! Featuring dazzling entertainment, live music, delicious food, Christmas markets and activities for all ages.

5TH DEC 2026 ALBANY TOWN SQUARE

ALBANY BOXING DAY RACES

Celebrate 100 years of Boxing Day Races at Albany Racing Club with thrilling racing, great food, live entertainment and a special celebration of Menang culture and Albany's Bicentenary.

26TH DEC 2026

GATES FROM 11AM

NEW YEAR'S EVE PICNIC & FIREWORKS

Albany's biggest New Year's Eve celebration returns to Anzac Peace Park to farewell Albany 2026, with a dynamic line-up of live music, delicious food and spectacular fireworks at 9pm and midnight.

31ST DEC 2026

ANZAC PEACE PARK



MAJOR ALBANY 2026 EVENT





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