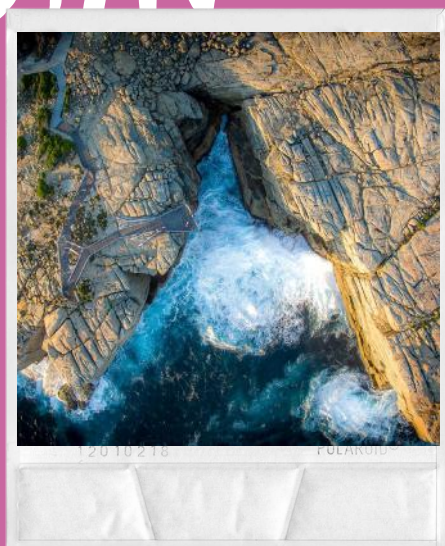




ALBANY 2026



THE COOLER MONTHS

WHAT'S ON IN ALBANY:
MAY - AUGUST

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.



WINTER, THE ALBANY WAY

Winter in Albany hits differently. It rolls in off the Southern Ocean, crisp and wild, wrapping the coastline in mist and turning every lookout into something a little more dramatic. The kind of weather that makes you slow down, lean in, and really feel where you are.

Albany 2026 invites you to experience winter not as something to escape, but something to step into.

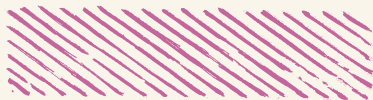
Across the season, the city comes alive in quieter, richer ways. Think early mornings surfing in chilling waves, live music in bustling pubs, toasting marshmallows with the kids, and moments that feel a little bit magic because of the cold, not despite it.

It's a time for wandering empty beaches with the wind in your hair, then finding your way to somewhere warm. A time for creativity, connection, and seeing familiar places in a completely different light.

Rug up, rock up. Follow the music, follow the stories.

Winter in Albany is waiting.

See you soon.



KAARLA WIRREN (FIRE SPIRIT)

The vision of respected local Elder Aunty Carol Pettersen and presented by Southern Edge Arts, this powerful work celebrates the resilience of people in the face of historic change. Set in the dramatic amphitheatre at Albany's Historic Whaling Station, KAARLA WIRREN features fire artists performing alongside a cast of local young people who have spent six months developing this extraordinary piece.

SAT, 16TH MAY 5PM - 8PM FREE TICKETED



FESTIVAL OF DUSK

Festival of Dusk lands at Albany Town Hall with Perth's ARIA chart-toppers *Gyroscope* headlining, returning to Albany for the first time in 15 years. Joined by *The Frauds* and Great Southern favourites *Ivory Dusk*, *Packhorse* and *Dig The Dust*. All ages event with a licensed bar.

SAT, 16TH MAY ALBANY TOWN HALL



CAMTRANS 2026 ALBANY CLASSIC "AROUND THE HOUSES"

"Around the Houses" brings the thrill of historic motorsport to the streets of the Albany CBD. Spectators can expect a spectacular line-up of vehicles, from vintage wire wheels and post-vintage classics through to open wheel racers and big cube muscle cars, all echoing the golden eras of racing.

SUN, 31ST MAY 9AM - 5PM ADULTS \$20



ALBANY IS

A soundscape woven from the voices, songs and sounds of Albany and its surrounds. Available for self-navigation on personal devices, this immersive audio journey captures the spirit of place and offers a meditative and reflective experience. Best experienced while exploring Albany via its established trails or meandering to your own whims.

AVAILABLE JUNE ONLINE





MARITIME FESTIVAL

AS THE DAYS GROW SHORTER AND WINTER SETS IN, ALBANY COMES ALIVE WITH A VIBRANT PROGRAM OF ARTS, CULTURE, AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN.

Step into the warmth and explore a month-long celebration of our port city's rich maritime heritage.

From live music and art exhibitions to immersive film screenings, bustling markets, and family adventures, the 2026 Maritime Festival offers something for everyone. So set your course and drop anchor in Albany.

Head online for the full Maritime Festival program.

1ST - 31ST JULY

FEATURED EVENTS BELOW



FORESHORE FRIDAY

Embrace the spirit of winter and join us for Foreshore Friday, an 18+ cosy night of live music, local flavour, and good vibes by the water in the Albany Boatshed.

FRIDAY, 3RD JULY

6PM - 11PM

\$10 PP



ALL AT SEA SATURDAY

Ready the sails and chart yer course for one of the biggest days of the Maritime Festival! Join us at the Albany Boatshed for a day packed with hands-on fun and discovery to keep the whole crew entertained.

SATURDAY, 4TH JULY

9.30AM - 2.30PM

FREE



ALBANY MARITIME ART EXHIBITION

A captivating display of maritime-inspired artworks inviting visitors to explore the ocean's beauty, power and mystery through the eyes of talented local artists.

3RD - 28TH JULY

VANCOUVER ARTS CENTRE

FREE

THE ALBANY INTERNATIONAL FOLK 'N' SHANTY FESTIVAL

Let the shanties soar and the Guinness pour... The Albany International Folk 'n' Shanty Festival is going green!

The spirit of the Emerald Isle will descend on Albany in July with toe-tapping tunes, wild reels, and rebel songs as we celebrate the music, magic, and mischief of Ireland.

So dust off your bodhrán, lace up ye ghillies, and join in on a festival that's bursting with heritage and heart.

10TH - 12TH JULY VARIOUS TIMES & LOCATIONS



RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is held annually from 27 May to 3 June.

Head online for the full Reconciliation Week program.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK BREAKFAST

Join a morning of truth-telling, connection and community, followed by a live statewide broadcast sharing First Nations voices and stories, anchoring reflections and guiding us toward a more united future.

WED, 27TH MAY ALBANY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

RELIVE KAYA 2026

Relive one of the most powerful moments of Albany 2026 at a special film screening and Q&A at Albany Town Hall. These cinematic works, created with Menang Elders, artists and musicians, bring story, language and connection to Country to the screen, and were commissioned to launch Albany 2026 on New Year's Eve.

SAT, 23RD MAY ALBANY TOWN HALL \$10PP





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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.

In the 1840s, Menang people shared their kaartdijin (knowledge) with early colonist Robert Neill, guiding his study of local waters by helping to catch, preserve, and name fish. Neill's legacy includes detailed paintings of fish, reptiles, mammals, and landscapes, as well as portraits of Menang people and collections of their material culture.

Now, for the first time, this material and knowledge return home to Albany, uniting international collections with WA Museum objects and local artefacts.

4TH JUL – 21ST FEBRUARY 2027

10AM - 4PM

MUSEUM OF THE GREAT SOUTHERN

FREE

BINALUP MENANG FIRST LIGHT, FIRST PEOPLE

A Menang-led collaboration between Elders and award-winning portrait photographer Nic Duncan. A series of 30 portraits of Elders and emerging leaders will shine a light on the positive contributions the Menang people have made and continue to make in the Albany community.

26TH JUN - 26TH JULY

ALBANY TOWN HALL



NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Week in Albany will bring the community together to recognise and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. A program of events and activities is planned, including exhibitions and film screenings, with opportunities to connect, learn and reflect across the week.

Head online for the full NAIDOC Week program.

5TH JULY 2026 – 12TH JULY 2026

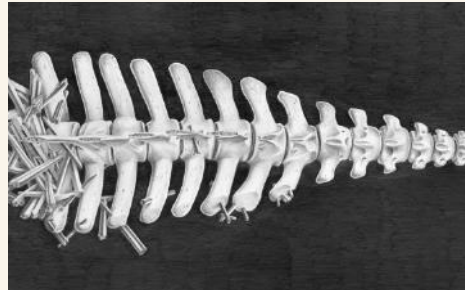


AT ALBANY'S HISTORIC WHALING STATION:

ERIN COATES - THE BONEYARD

Through haunting imagery, sculptural forms, underwater film, and large-scale installation works, the exhibition reflects on memory, extinction, and regeneration, creating a powerful meditation on the intersection of family narrative, natural history, and the remnants of whaling in Western Australia.

3RD JUL – 30TH AUG 2026



RAPTURE

An intimate evening of dance, sculpture, and sound inspired by the tides, the moon, and the healing power of the sea. Includes dinner in the Whalers Gallery with a menu specifically paired to the performance.

5TH JUNE 2026

\$115





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