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Lighting the Sound

13–15 March | 20–22 March | 27–29 March 2026

Event
Information Kit

FORM acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians throughout Western Australia both past and present, whose enduring connection to this Country and ongoing contributions to our collective culture and communities we respect and honour. We appreciate and are deeply grateful for the privilege of working on these lands.

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Savage Beauty, Kari Kola, Connemara, County Galway, Ireland, 2020. Photograph courtesy of the artist.

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Albany will be transformed into a breathtaking canvas of light over three weekends in March. *Lighting the Sound*, the largest light installation ever staged on Earth, will illuminate Albany's hills and coastline like never before.

Be there when the lights go on.

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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM

The Hon. Reece Whitby MLA **Minister For Tourism: Great Southern**

On behalf of the Western Australian Government, I look forward to welcoming visitors from far and wide to WA's extraordinary Great Southern region for the Australian-exclusive *Lighting the Sound* event.

Set to wash Albany's pristine natural coastline and landmarks in colour and light over nine nights, this spectacular event has been crafted by renowned Finnish light artist, Kari Kola.

It's an honour to be hosting Kari's first-ever Australian light installation here in Western Australia, particularly with *Lighting the Sound*, which is expected to be one of the largest temporary lighting installations ever created. The event will shine a global spotlight on Western Australia and draw thousands of visitors to the region to immerse themselves in nature and culture.

For Great Southern businesses and communities, the influx of visitors means a major economic boost, with accommodation booked out and a wave of patrons filling bars and restaurants. This will support local jobs and boost Albany's vibrancy during its important bicentenary year—the first ever commemorated in Western Australia.

I encourage all visitors to take the opportunity to stay longer and travel further afield. Explore the Great Southern's rugged coastlines, ancient forests and mountains, and learn about the rich history and culture of the region.

However you plan your trip for *Lighting the Sound*, we know you'll have a great stay in Western Australia.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reece Whitby".

Reece Whitby MLA
Minister For Tourism: Great Southern

Program Overview

Event Dates

Fri 13 – Sun 15 March

Fri 20 – Sun 22 March

Fri 27 – Sun 29 March

Hours

6:00 – 9:00pm each night

Exclusive Program Highlights

Look out for these special features and activations that will enrich your *Lighting the Sound* experience:

Foreshore Sound Sauna

A meditative sauna experience inspired by Finnish traditions, blending heat, icy plunges and light.

Guided Walking Tours

Explore Albany's history and culture while watching the lights come to life. From sunset through to event close, experience the spectacular Princess Harbour and King George Sound as the lights begin to light up Albany like never before.

Pop-up Market Stalls

Local businesses will showcase unique crafts, artisanal goods and fresh produce.

Reflection Hub & DJ

Relax or enjoy music at ANZAC Peace Park.

Albany Heritage Park

Extended opening hours at National ANZAC Centre, Forts Store and Barracks Museum to explore the precinct in twilight and evening light.

Map & Viewing Zones

Viewing Locations

The best places for the public to see and enjoy *Lighting the Sound* are located on the 'town side' of the harbour.

Main Viewing Zones

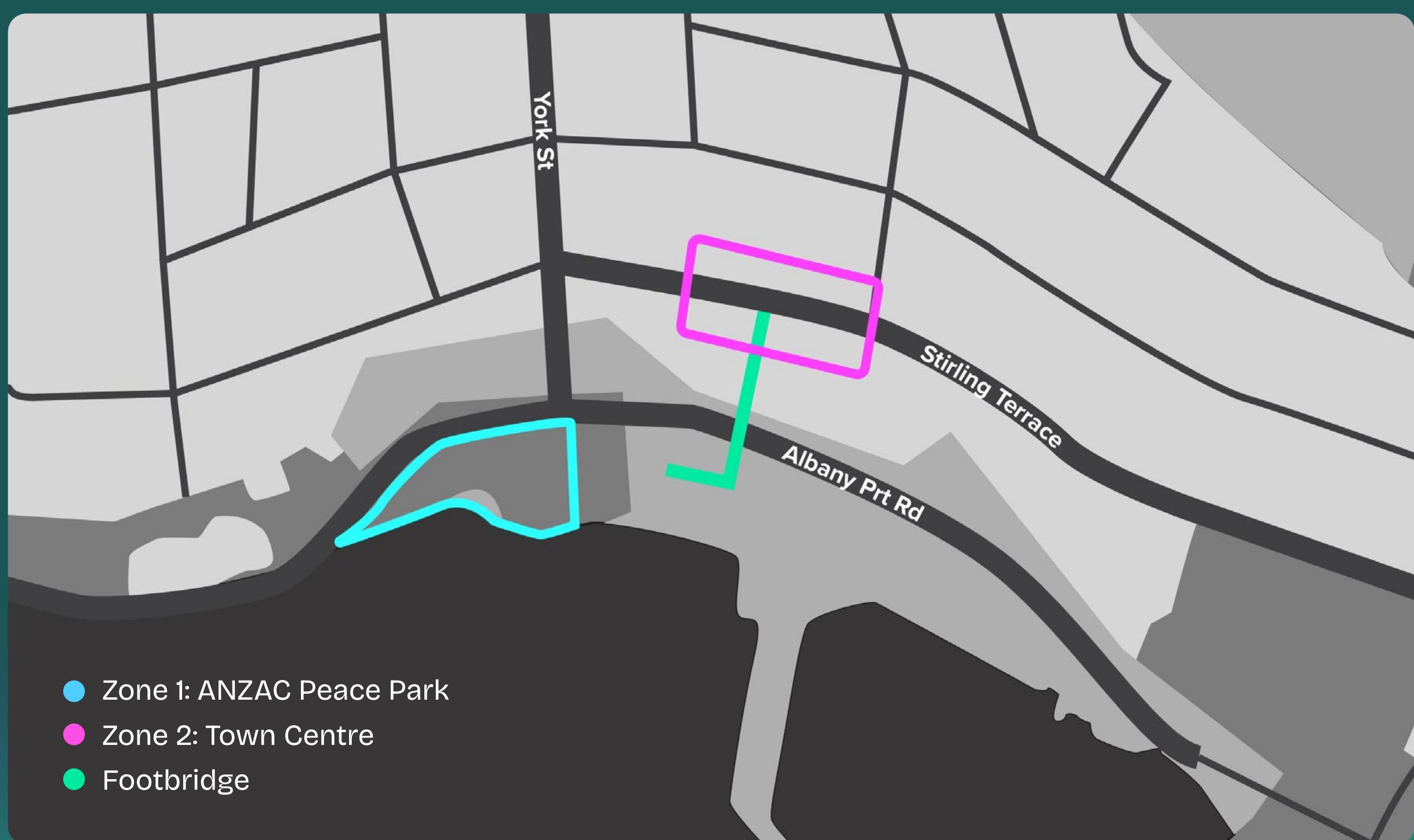
The light installation can be enjoyed from several key locations:

Zone 1: ANZAC Peace Park

Family-oriented area with pop-up food and beverage options, kids entertainment, and front row panoramic views of the installation.

Zone 2: Town Centre

Stirling Terrace will be closed between York and Spencer Streets to accommodate night markets, extended al fresco trading and street party vibes between 5:00 – 9:00pm each evening.



Important Info

Parking

Arrive by 5:00pm to enjoy the golden glow of sunset over Princess Harbour and King George Sound.

Road Closures

Location:

Between 70 Stirling Terrace (Six Degrees) and 106 Stirling Terrace (Albany Markets carpark)

Times:

5:00 – 10:00pm each event evening
(Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

Parking

Parking is extremely limited within the town centre and foreshore areas and traffic congestion is likely. For the best experience, we recommend either planning to arrive on foot or using public transport.

[Timetables available here.](#)

Weather

Historically, March in the Albany area is characterised by windy weather (gusts up to 28km/h) rather than heavy rain. Please dress warmly.



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Albany Is



Launches June 2026

What does Albany sound like?

Discover the answer with *Albany Is*, an immersive soundscape that captures the voices, songs and sounds of this enchanting place. The voices of the Menang people, the Traditional Owners, are woven into the narrative, their songs and creation stories intertwining with Albany's rich multicultural heritage. From sea shanties to birdcalls, marching boots to ocean waves, *Albany Is* evokes a vibrant soundtrack for this diverse region.



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Carrying the Fire

14 November 2026

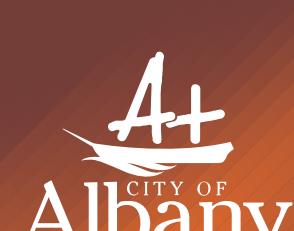
Albany will glow with light and unity during *Carrying the Fire*, a participatory artwork that invites thousands to walk together, each carrying a lamp.

This stunning procession will trace the hills and coastline, creating a river of light that celebrates connection and community.

It's a moment to reflect, unite and leave a fleeting, yet unforgettable mark on the land.



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