

## Statement of Understanding & Commitment

**Between:** The City of Albany  
The People of Albany  
The Aboriginal Community of Albany

### Understanding

The City of Albany and its people recognise the cultural and spiritual links that Noongar people have to the land and sea, and acknowledge they are the traditional owners of country know today as Albany.

The local Noongar people witnessed the European settlement of the King George Sound area in 1826, and endured the massive changes this brought to their land and lifestyle.

The City of Albany and its people acknowledge the loss by Noongar people of country and the extensive damage to and loss of their culture and customs as a result of European settlement and the injustices of the past.

Despite the impact of European settlement and the passage of time the Noongar people have retained their sense of identity and unique culture.

The City of Albany and its people acknowledge the right of the local Aboriginal people to live according to their traditional values and customs, subject to law, and will respect Noongar places of cultural significance.

### Commitment

The City of Albany and its people are committed to working with the Aboriginal people of Albany to establish an accord, which will promote a greater understanding throughout the community of Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal people's history and culture.

The City of Albany – Aboriginal Peoples Accord will be a living document that promotes reconciliation, provides a process of negotiation and co-operation and results in a mutual sharing of the economic and social prosperity of the City of Albany.

The City of Albany, the people of Albany and the Aboriginal community accept their responsibilities to work together to develop an awareness of our shared history and culture, and to build a partnership based upon mutual respect, understanding, co-operation and trust.

Signed by representatives of the City of Albany, Aboriginal community and wider community.  
Witnessed by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Minister for Local Government.

Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> November 1999  
Reviewed by Council: 23 May 2017