



Spencer Park Renewal Project

Frequently asked questions

The Spencer Park Renewal Project (the Project) is being delivered by The Department of Communities (Communities) in partnership with the City of Albany (the City) and Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC).

Through significant government investment, the Project seeks to build a sense of pride in the community by refurbishing existing social housing, improving public spaces and streetscapes and improving connectivity throughout the suburb.

Following extensive community consultation that has been undertaken in recent years, a series of initiatives have been identified to guide the local development plan for the area.

Many locals shared their views on renewing Spencer Park into a more vibrant, safe and connected community that welcomes families and professional local people.

Previous community feedback has consistently shown that Spencer Park residents would like to see diverse housing, a village feel, fewer vacant blocks and improved public spaces and streetscapes across the suburb.

With funding allocated for a range of upgrades and improvements, the Spencer Park Renewal Project will build on the area's strengths to foster a safer and more welcoming place for both residents and visitors.



What funding has the State Government committed to the Project?

In July 2021, the State Government approved \$20 million for regional renewal initiatives, of which \$4 million was allocated to the Spencer Park Renewal Project.

Communities is providing additional investment into Spencer Park that will see:

- construction of two social housing units through a modular initiative
- refurbishment of 9 social housing units.

How will the \$4 million allocated to Spencer Park be spent?

The funding will deliver upgrades including:

- developing Hardie Road into a true main street with new trees, and improved footpaths
- upgrading Mokare Park into a family-friendly community space
- delivering eight new social housing units for singles to meet growing demand
- refurbishing 8 existing social housing units to better cater to tenant needs and improve the visual aspects of the neighbourhood through quality homes.

What has happened in the Project so far?

Residents may have already noticed or been involved in some the activities that have occurred as part of the Project.

These include:

- community consultation sessions to provide input into possible upgrades and inclusions to Mokare Park and Hardie Road streetscapes
- internal and external refurbishments of existing social housing properties.

Other activities occurring behind the scenes, include:

- the establishment of a working group comprising Communities, the City and SWDC
- engagement with key stakeholders including the Resident's Association and local businesses
- design of two four-unit complexes on Nind Street and Pretious Street, with construction expected to commence by June 2023
- design and build of two modular units, with onsite construction expected to commence by early 2023 and be completed by May 2023
- design of upgrades to Hardie Rd and Mokare Rd with the works having now commenced and expected to be completed by June 2023
- other road renewal projects are also underway in the precinct on Reidy Dve and Pretious St.



Artists impressions of the future Nind Street and Pretious Street developments.



When will this stage of the Project be completed?

The Project is expected to be completed by 30 June 2024.

What will the upgrades to Hardie Road look like?

The Hardie Road upgrade will occur up to Reidy Drive, continuing into Mokare Road and partly into Burville Street.

The upgrades will include:

- road resurfacing and new kerbs
- replacement of existing pedestrian ramps with new 2.5m wide pedestrian ramps
- planting of new street trees, alternating between red flowering gums and non-fruiting olives
- replacing existing driveways with new to Hardie Road businesses
- upgrade all existing paths to 2.5m wide concrete dual use paths.

Any disruptions due to construction will be communicated with residents before they occur to minimise community impact.

What upgrades will be made to Mokare Park?

Following input from the community, upgrades to Mokare Park include:

- a picnic table
- a shelter/gazebo
- play equipment for younger children.



Where can I find more information?

For more information, contact the Department of Communities at spencerparkrenewal@communities.wa.gov.au

