

## Information on local services just a swipe away

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**A free online directory recently launched by the City of Albany and WA Primary Health Alliance means Albany residents can more easily discover and access a range of local activities and services that help keep people well in their community.**

My Community Directory will connect people to and between services, using a mobile device or computer which pinpoints their location, brings up the relevant services, provides travel directions, and, for some general practitioners, allow them to find and book the next available appointment.

This initiative is a direct response to feedback from community and service providers on the need for more information on what services are available and where and how they can be accessed.

The solution was the selection of My Community Directory as the City's community service and events listing directory.

WAPHA and the City of Albany have and will continue to work together to add listings to the Albany My Community Directory, the city focusing on community and local government activities and WAPHA on healthcare services.

WAPHA CEO Learne Durrington said WAPHA sees supporting and promoting this platform as one way of reducing fragmentation and improving system navigation for service providers and community.

"While we are working with My Community Directory on a state-wide rollout of the directory, this is the first time we have partnered with local government, which means the community has access to a truly comprehensive listing.

"We are keen to replicated this model in other areas of the state," Ms Durrington said.

Member for O'Connor, Mr Rick Wilson MP said the Directory will ensure more people can access the right services and care in the right place at the right time, which is a core objective of the Australian Government's Primary Health Network program, which is operated by WAPHA.

"I am delighted that WAPHA and the City of Albany are working together for the good of our community, and this easy to use system will make life much easier for people of all ages and with a wide range of needs," Mr Wilson said.

To access the Directory, download the Access My Community app from the App Store or visit [https://www.mycommunitydirectory.com.au/Western\\_Australia/Albany](https://www.mycommunitydirectory.com.au/Western_Australia/Albany)

WAPHA's contribution to this initiative is part of the Australian Government's funding of the Country WA Primary Health Network.

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**About WAPHA:** WAPHA oversees the strategic commissioning functions of the Perth North, Perth South and Country WA Primary Health Networks (PHNs). The WA PHNs are three of 31 PHNs established by the Australian Government nationally to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of medical services for the community. We work across the WA healthcare system with doctors, allied health professionals, Area Health Services and service providers to improve the coordination of care for people who are at risk of poor health outcomes. For more information, visit [www.wapha.org.au](http://www.wapha.org.au)