

# Paris Grove Community Update

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*A concept design of Chris Collard's giant Banksia seed pod.*

## Paris Grove Overview

Paris Grove achieved a major milestone in February, as it welcomed its first residents.

The purpose-built workers' accommodation in Australind supports the construction workforce expanding Albemarle's nearby Kemerton Lithium Processing Plant.

Paris Grove incorporates best practice design, informed by feedback from FIFO workers across Western Australia, to ensure residents feel safe, comfortable and at home.

With every detail carefully considered and well thought out, it has set a new benchmark for onsite accommodation in Western Australia's South West.

Now open for village residents are the administration building, temporary dining hall and tavern facility, and more than 200 villas, each with a queen-size bed and spacious ensuite.

The administration building, also known as Katijin Miya, which translates to 'Knowledge Place' in Noongar, was the first permanent building to open and is the central check-in and out point for visitors to Paris Grove.



*The well-appointed and spacious rooms at Paris Grove include a queen-size bed, ensuite, inbuilt bedside tables and Wifi.*

As building activity continues, construction work has progressed on the permanent dining hall and kitchen and wellness facilities.



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The planting of trees and placement of mulch to landscaped areas will soon be completed along with the finalisation of permanent recreation facilities including cricket nets, jet-resistance swimming pool, beach volleyball and multi-sport courts, adding to the outdoor gym area.

An average of 130 residents have checked-in weekly since Paris Grove opened, and a dedicated pick up and drop off point onsite enables buses to transport workers to and from the Kemerton site.

## Community Reference Group

The Paris Grove Community Reference Group (CRG), established last year, continues to be a key avenue to share information to the wider community and to receive feedback.

The CRG comprises members of the local community, business owners and local government and meets at key project milestones.

The group has to-date provided input for Albemarle to co-design a range of management measures to inform the Operations Management Plan for Paris Grove. The aim of the Plan is to ensure that Paris Grove can co-exist in a mutually beneficial way with the Australind community.

## Aboriginal Culture

### Celebrated Through Artwork

Three Aboriginal artists with strong connections to the South West region have been chosen to inform First Nations people's storytelling at Paris Grove.

Based on a series of themes developed in workshops with Elders last year, designs by Noongar artists Chris Collard, Carlene Thorne and Adrian Collard will feature at the main entrance and on way-finding signage throughout the village.

The design concepts were developed after Albemarle engaged *FORM Building a State of Creativity*, a not-for-profit organisation, to lead a series of art development workshops

in Bunbury last year. These workshops also involved collaboration with Elders on Noongar names that could be used throughout Paris Grove.

The design and fabrication of the village 'entry statement' and incorporation of Aboriginal art into way-finding signage is now in progress.

## Supporting Local Business

Paris Grove is engaging with local businesses to source the best supplies and local products as part of our commitment to ensuring the local economy benefits from our activities.

For example, *Tayib Delicious* coffee van, a locally-owned and operated business serves up coffees for residents daily. The business also sources products locally and donates part profits to a charity that supports children battling cancer.

Additionally, every biodegradable and compostable cup is also served with a side of sustainability, as all coffee van appliances operate off a lithium-powered battery.

Albemarle has also purchased a number of mountain bikes from *MaD Cycles* in Bunbury and these should be arriving onsite soon.

The Albemarle team will continue to explore collaborative health and fitness opportunities with other local businesses, while the permanent gym and sports facilities are being constructed.

## More Information

Check out [www.albemarle.au/community/paris-grove](http://www.albemarle.au/community/paris-grove) for further details about the village and to download a brochure.

To find out more about Paris Grove or Kemerton, or to receive future Community Updates via email, contact our Community Relations team on **1300 925 400**, or email us: [commAU@albemarle.com](mailto:commAU@albemarle.com)



Artists Chris Collard, Carlene Thorne and Adrian Collard at last year's workshop. Photo Credit: FORM.

