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**Great Southern
Badminton**
Association Inc.

ALBANY BICENTENARY BADMINTON TOURNAMENT PROSPECTUS

INAUGURAL RANKING TOURNAMENT
FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 1



ALBANY LEISURE & AQUATIC CENTRE

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ABOUT THE EVENT



KEY INFORMATION

- The Albany Bicentenary Badminton Tournament 2026 is the first ever State Ranking Badminton event to be played in the Great Southern.
- There are 28 events available within the tournament with a **Total prize pool of \$22,000** – the largest ever offered in the State for badminton.
- The event is part of 'Albany 2026' – a commemoration of Western Australia's first bicentenary.

KEY DATES

REGISTRATIONS OPEN:

Thursday January 1st 2026

Link: <https://bit.ly/4rUFi5M>

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE:

11.59 PM AWST

Saturday February 14th 2026



Credit: Tourism WesternAustralia

EVENT DETAILS



Sanctioned by	Badminton WA
Host	Great Southern Badminton Association
Venue	Albany Leisure & Aquatic Centre Barker Rd, Centennial Park, Albany, 6330
Referees	Referee: Jiten Bhatt Deputy Referee: Bijikesh Balakrishnan Nair Email: referee@badmintonwa.org.au
Event director	Christine Ferguson bawa@badmintonwa.org.au
Entries	Each player must submit and pay the entry fee via the Tournament Software website. Entries close 11.59PM (AWST) February 14 2026. Late entries will not be accepted.
Entry fees	<p>Open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ \$45 Singles◦ \$35 Doubles (per player) <p>Women's Division 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ \$42 Singles◦ \$32 Doubles (per player) <p>Graded & Women's Division 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ \$40 Singles◦ \$30 Doubles (per player) <p>Junior Divisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ \$20 Singles◦ \$15 Doubles (per player) <p>Wheelchair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ \$24 Singles◦ \$20 Doubles (per player) <p>Entry fees must be paid at the time of entry using the Tournament Software website.</p>

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<p>Divisions & Disciplines</p>	<p>The following events are available:</p> <p>Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Mixed Doubles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open • A Reserve • B grade • C Grade • D Grade <p>Women's Singles, Women's Doubles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division 1 (Open, A Res, B Grade)* • Division 2 (C Grade and D Grade)** <p>Juniors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U11 Combined Singles • U11 Combined Doubles • U15 Boys Singles • U15 Girls Singles • U15 Boys Doubles • U15 Girls Doubles • U15 Mixed Doubles <p>Wheelchair***:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WH Singles • WH Doubles <p>*Ranking points equivalent to Open level events. ** Ranking points equivalent to C Grade events. *** Able-bodied players are able to enter the wheelchair events playing in a wheelchair but will not be eligible for prize money.</p>
<p>Entry Restrictions</p>	<p>Each player may enter no more than 3 events in total.</p> <p>Each player may only enter events across no more than 2 grades. For example, a player can enter Men's Singles C Grade, Men's Doubles B Grade and Mixed Doubles B Grade as these are only across two grades (B and C).</p> <p>A player CAN NOT enter Men's Singles C Grade, Men's Doubles B Grade and Mixed Doubles A Reserve as these are across THREE grade (C, B and A Reserve).</p> <p>This restriction does not apply to Women's Singles and Women's Doubles Divisions 1 and 2.</p>

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Grading

Players may not enter into events lower than their grade. The same applies to doubles entries with the pair's grade determined as described below.

Players are to check their Badminton WA grade on

www.badmintonwa.org.au/events/player-grading

If they do not have a Badminton WA grade, they should consider the following:

- A grade (Open events) = International player, National player, State player, top club player
- A Reserve Grade = Good club player
- B Grade = Sound competitive player
- C Grade = Social, but competitive player
- D Grade = Adult social player (entry level/recreational)

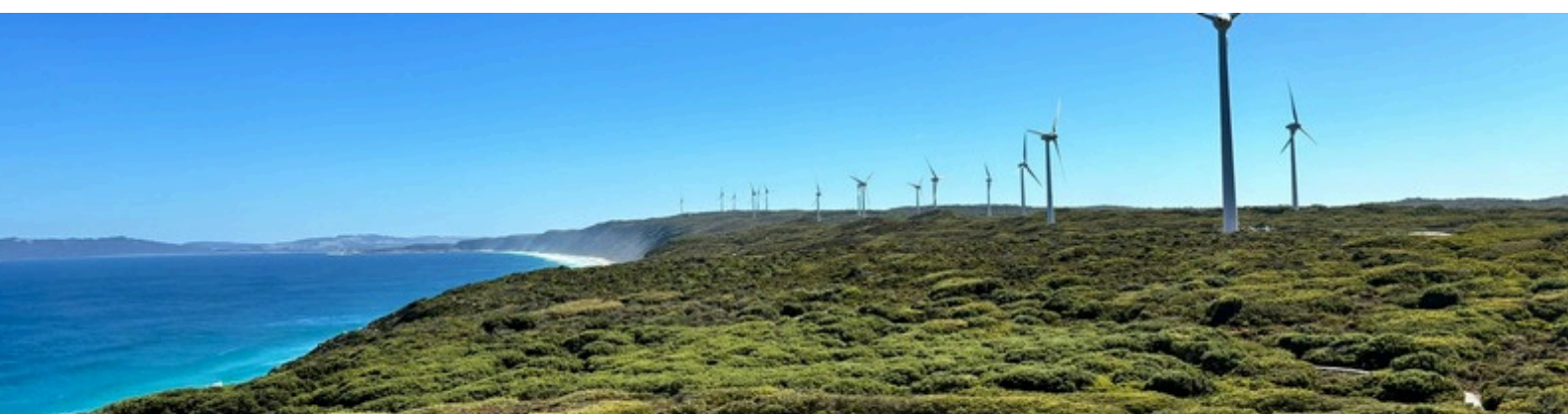
In doubles events, the grade of a pair is determine by the grade of the player with a higher personal grade (for example , if one player is graded "A Reserve" and their partner is graded "B", then the grade of the pair is "A Reserve").

Any downgrade requests must be forwarded to: grading@badmintonwa.org.au prior to the entries close date.

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Tournament Member ID	<p>Players are to enter using their correct Tournament Member ID (note that a Tournament Member ID is different for the 5-digit Badminton WA membership number and from the Tournament Software website login)</p> <p>If a player doesn't have a Tournament Member ID or doesn't know it, they should enter their date of birth (MMDDYYYY) in the Member ID field when creating an online entry for the tournament, and Member ID will be issued. If a player has been issued a BWF number and a WA or other Australian number, the BWF number should be used.</p>
State Association Membership	<p>All Australian players who are not current registered members of Badminton WA (or the badminton association in another state/territory) are required to pay an additional \$40 event membership fee, covering mandatory accident insurance during the event.</p>



PRIZE MONEY DETAILS



DIVISION	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	SEMI-FINALIST
OPEN DIVISION			
Men's Singles	\$1200	\$500	\$200
Men's Doubles*	\$1300	\$500	\$200
Mixed Doubles*	\$1300	\$500	\$200
WOMEN'S DIVISION			
Women's Singles Div 1	\$1200	\$500	\$200
Women's Doubles Div 1 *	\$1300	\$500	\$200
Women's Singles Div 2	\$400	\$200	\$50
Women's Doubles Div 2 *	\$400	\$200	\$50
A RESERVE & B, C, D GRADE			
Singles	\$400	\$200	\$50
Doubles *	\$400	\$200	\$50
Mixed Doubles *	\$400	\$200	\$50
WHEELCHAIR**			
Singles	\$400	\$200	\$50
Doubles *	\$400	\$200	\$50

*FOR ALL DOUBLES EVENTS, THE AMOUNT SHOWN IS PER PAIR

** FOR WHEELCHAIR EVENTS, ABLE-BODIED PLAYERS CHOOSING TO PARTICIPATE WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZE MONEY. IF A PAIR IN A WHEELCHAIR EVENT INCLUDES ONE ABLE-BODIED PLAYER, 50% OF THE AMOUNT SHOWN WILL BE PAID TO THE OTHER PLAYER IN THAT PAIR.

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GRAND TOTAL

\$22,000

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Shuttles	Aeroplane EG1130 – 51 speed.
Award Ceremony	After each final, trophies and photos will be awarded in front of the media wall.
Seeding	Seeding will be done based on the BWF General Competition Regulations (section 11.8) and the Australian Ranking Regulations. Ranking date for seeding: 18 February 2026
Draws	<p>Draws in MS Open, MD Open and XD Open events will be elimination format for 6 entries or more, and Round Robin for 5 players or less.</p> <p>Draws in all other events will be Round Robin group stage + play-off for 6 entries or more, and Round Robin for 5 entries or less. Draws will be published no later than 23 February 2026.</p>



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Withdrawals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Before entry deadline – Full refund• After deadline – No refund unless doctor's certificate provided• If entry is cancelled by organiser (e.g. no partner) – refund applies• No-shows – withdrawal• Withdrawing from one event – forced withdrawal from all
Schedule	<p>Saturday 28 February 2026: Preliminary rounds commencing at 9am.</p> <p>Sunday 1 March 2026: Quarter-finals onwards commencing at 9am.</p> <p>The above schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the referee team.</p> <p>Player time exemptions will not be granted. By entering the event the player agrees to be available to play on both days of the tournament from the first until the last match.</p> <p>All players must be ready to play 15 minutes prior to their scheduled match time.</p> <p>Any player participating in two matches is entitled to a minimum interval of 30 minutes between them.</p>

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Scoring	For the main draws of all divisions, the scoring system will be best of three games to 21 points, as per the Laws of Badminton (BWF Statute 4.1)
Check-In	<p>Players may be required to provide Photo ID at the Match Desk when they check in for their first match of the tournament.</p> <p><i>Players under 18 years are exempt from this requirement.</i></p>



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Laws

The event will be conducted in accordance with BWF Laws of Badminton, BWF General Competition Regulations, BWF Codes of Conduct, and Badminton Australia and Badminton WA's Codes of Conduct and relevant policies.

The event will be conducted using BWF ALTERNATIVE SERVICE RULE:

9. 1. 6 (a) the whole shuttle shall be below the server's waist at the instant of being hit by the server's racket. The waist shall be considered to be an imaginary line around the body, level with the lowest part of the server's bottom rib;
(b) the shaft and the racket head of the server's racket at the instant of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction.

In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Referee will be final.

The organisers will not be liable for any loss, damage, cost or expense incurred as a result of any error, omission, misrepresentation or change, in any aspect of the tournament.

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Photography	<p>Photos and videos of participants, guests and spectators may be taken during the event, and may be subsequently used in Badminton WA publications and online resources.</p> <p>By entering the event the players agree to such use of the photos/videos. Due to the way events are run it is not possible to guarantee that any one individual is never captured in any of the photos/videos taken.</p>
Clothing	<p>All players shall wear acceptable badminton sports clothing and non-marking indoor sports shoes while on court.</p> <p>If there is a player name on the back of the shirt, it must be the name of the player wearing it and not anyone else. If there is a state or country name on the back of the shirt, it must be the player's current state or country of residence.</p> <p>Clothing must not display illegal, defamatory or assertive political or religious message.</p>

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Umpiring and Line Judging

Any player participating in the tournament must act as an umpire or line judge if called upon.

If a player is umpiring a match and is unsure of how to deal with a particular situation, they should raise their right hand and the referee will approach and assist them.



Where to go

IN ALBANY



ANZAC CENTRE

Discover Albany's wartime history on an interactive journey



ALBANY WINDFARM

Walk amongst 65m tall wind turbines with ocean views



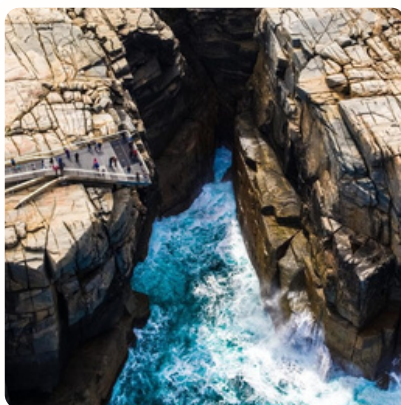
WILD WEST BOWLING

Western-themed bowling, arcade games and cafe



MIDDLETON BEACH BOARDWALK

Stroll along this scenic walk around Mount Adelaide



THE GAP & NATURAL BRIDGE

A 40m-high platform with spectacular coastal and granite views



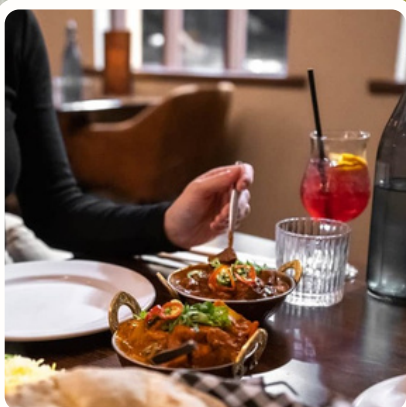
ALBANY'S HISTORIC WHALING STATION

Spend hours exploring the last whaling station in Australia



Where to eat

IN ALBANY



ALBANY INDIAN TANDOORI

Authentic Indian dishes dine in or takeaway



NOODLERS & O'BA-SAN SUSHI BAR

Two central casual noodle and sushi dine in or takeaway



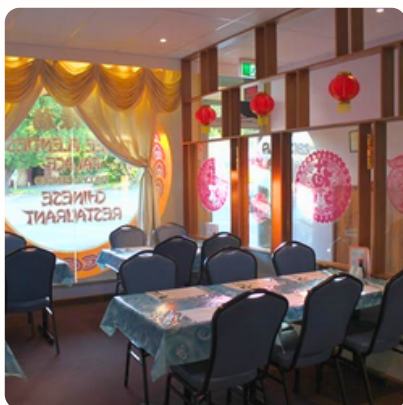
JOOP THAI

Thai restaurant with entrees, stir-fries, curries and noodles



FREDERICKS CAFE

Central cafe for breakfast & lunch



THREE PLENTIES PALACE

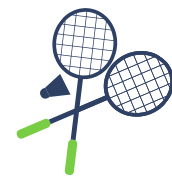
Authentic Chinese food in the heart of town



HOOKED ON MIDDLETON BEACH

Award-winning fish & chips near the beach (& icecream next door)

CHECK OPENING HOURS & BOOK AHEAD
(SOME CLOSED MONDAYS)



Where to stay

IN ALBANY



HILTON GARDEN INN

Central Albany hotel
on the waterfront
From \$235 a night



BIG4 MIDDLETON BEACH

Family-friendly
beachfront park
From \$233 a night



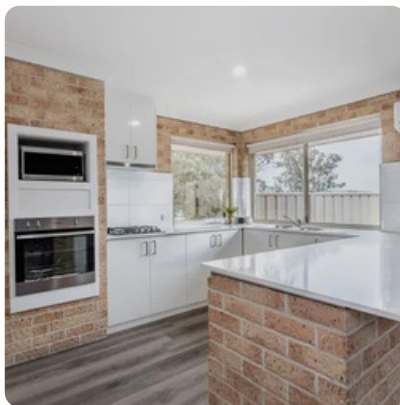
MOTEL LE GRANDE

3 star motel
5 mins from centre
From \$160 a night



BIG4 EMU POINT

Beachfront park with
lots of room options
From \$185 a night



BANKSIA GARDENS

Modern self-contained
apartments
From \$280 a night



PELICANS MIDDLETON BEACH

Self-contained
apartments
near beach
From \$220 a night

BOOK EARLY DUE TO LONG WEEKEND!



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