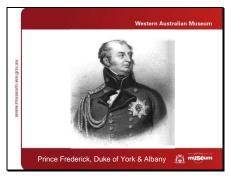
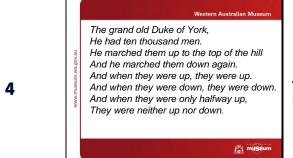


York Street:
the story of a town's main street

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The Prince Frederick, Duke of York and Albany (Frederick Augustus; 16 August 1763 – 5 January 1827), was the second eldest child and second son of King George III of the United Kingdom and a member of the House of Hanover. From the death of his father in 1820 until his own death in 1827, he was the heir presumptive to his elder brother, King George IV, both to the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Hanover. Frederick was thrust into the British army at a very young age, appointed to high command at the age of 30, and commanded in a notoriously ineffectual campaign during the War of the First Coalition, which followed the French Revolution. Later, as Commander-in-Chief, he reorganized the British army, putting in place vital administrative and structural reforms.



A popular rhyme of the day, referring to Prince Frederick Augustus.

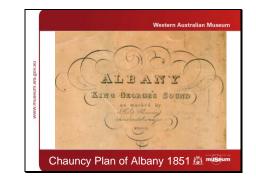


Alfred Hillman was first surveyor to lay out Albany streets. Note key to significant sites, visible on main map.



Note especially burial sites at (d) and (e).

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Chauncy Plan of Albany 1851 misseum

Note street name changes. Council Street = Collie Street; Gordon Street = Grey Street; Norfolk Street = Serpentine Road.. Note also shore line much further north than at present.



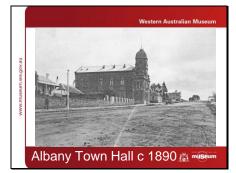
From 'The York Street Gully' by Dennis Greeve



Major thunderstorm in April 1910 with much damage to streets and drains. This was not an uncommon occurrence.

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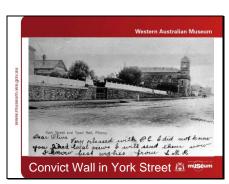


Alexander Cockburn-Campbell plan. Battle between Town Trust and Campbell. Government took over York Street project as it was too big for local convicts. So used imperial convicts unless the numbers were low when they took over local convicts.

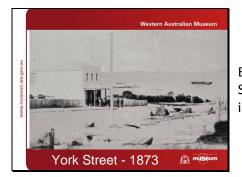
Project completed in 1870 and had the reputation as best road in the colony. A proposal even to line it with elm trees but too costly at 3s 6d per tree!

Note no clock in place. Clock installed in 1891.

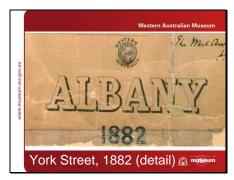
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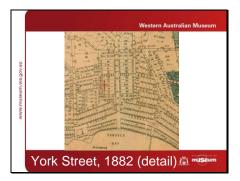
Note convict-built wall that went almost the length of the block on w. side of York Street. Shows slope of the land and the small hill where houses were built.

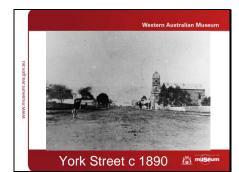


Earliest photo of York Street. Near corner of Stirling Terrace. Sherratt's Family Inn, with patrons in front.



Government survey of Albany 1882.

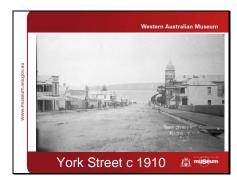




Note no clock installed in Town Hall.

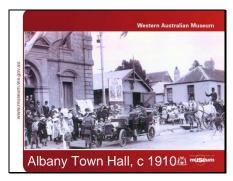
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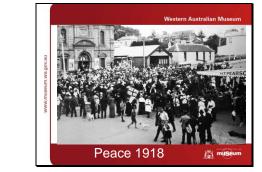


Note Fife House next to Town Hall.

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Possibly the visit of Lord Kitchener in January 1910.



Probably the declaration of the war ending in 1918.

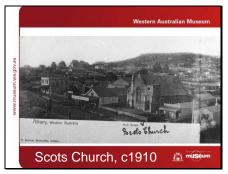
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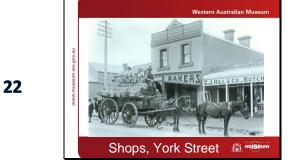


Kelly, the fire horse.

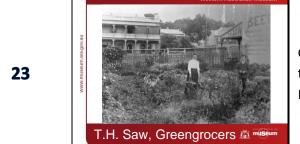
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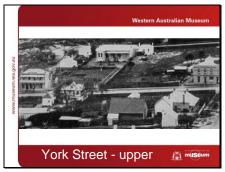
Note design of church which allowed for a tower on the south side, but was never built.



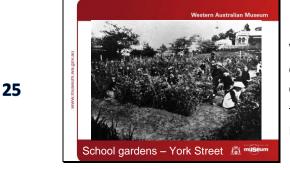
Baker – Day & Phillips; Butcher – G.J. Hill & Co.



Garden alongside shop opposite Fife House, where the Library now stands. See State School and Headmaster's House at rear.



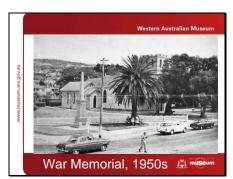
L-R: Fife House, Headmaster's House; York Hotel.



Vegetable gardens alongside State School, in front of Headmaster's House. Now the Alison Hartman Gardens, named after a favourite and long-serving teacher at Albany State School. Daughter of John Hartman who built Albany War Memorial.



Fallen Soldiers' Memorial unveiled in August 1921. Memorial built by Hartman and Sons.



Note picket fence. For many years, a Turkish trophy field gun was placed here.



Built in 1910 as the Cabman's Shelter by Mrs Dymes and then added to in 1920s to become Women's Rest House.

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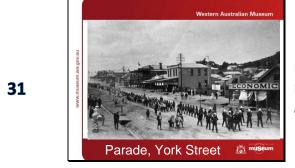
Naval Funeral, 1913

First official naval funeral in Australia. Petty Officer R.C. Poller.

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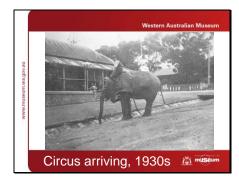
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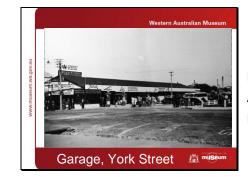
Note convict drains on west side of street. Economic Stores were a branch of Edward Barnett & Co. Next door to Princess Skating Rink.



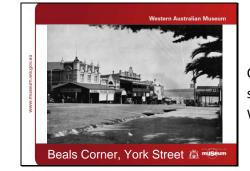
Circus would arrive on the train and walk wagons to Parade Street Oval to set up tents and attractions.



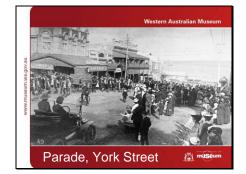
Near cnr. of York Street and Peels Place, opposite St John's Church



Barnesby Motors, cnr. Peels Place & York Street. Also Wiley Builders and Mouchemore Plumbers. Note Woollen Mills chimney in background.

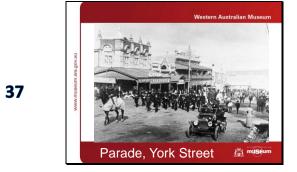


Cnr Peels Place & York Street. Always a drapery shop – originally D. Thomas, then Beal's, then Wilf's.



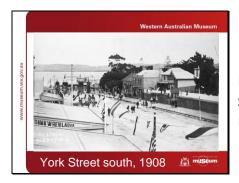
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Albany Advertiser Staff

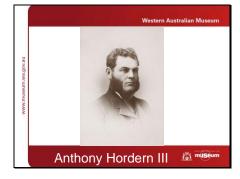
Taken in 1911. The Albany Advertiser has been in the same building since its foundation in 1897.



Flags to mark arrival of Great White Fleet, 1908. Shows St. John's Hall, Albany Advertiser, McKenzie House.



Built in 1891 to celebrate the life of Anthony Hordern, builder of the Great Southern Railway.



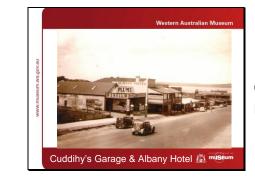
Builder of the Great Southern Railway. Died in 1886 at sea en route to Albany from Ceylon.



The Monument is still at the northern end of York Street although it has been moved away from the centre of the road.

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On east side of York Street opposite Alison Hartman Gardens.

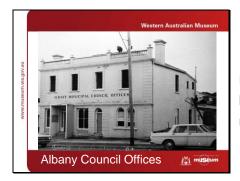


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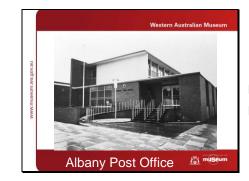


A converted building next door to the Town Hall, once the new Fire Station was completed in Collie Street in 1939.

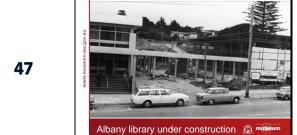




Building demolished in 1964 to make way for new building on same site. West side of York Street near Town Hall.



Built on cnr of Grey Street East in 1964, to replace Post Office in Stirling Terrace.



Built in 1968 adjacent to Town Council offices, as the first free public library in Albany. Originally a library and art gallery combined.



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