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BOORLOO HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Presented by City of Perth

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KAYA WANJOO WELCOME

The Lotterywest Boorloo Heritage Festival returns to shine a spotlight on the rich and diverse heritage of Boorloo (Perth). This month-long celebration invites you to journey into our city's remarkable history through an exciting array of events and experiences.

From guided walks and open houses, to exhibitions, performances, and immersive activities, there's something for everyone of all ages to enjoy.

Supporter's Message

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Lotterywest is proud to help the City of Perth celebrate the storied history and natural heritage of Boorloo (Perth).

Each year, Lotterywest provides hundreds of grants to local governments and not-for-profits to create inclusive and lasting experiences for families to remember.

The Lotterywest Boorloo Heritage Festival provides free community entertainment for all ages.

It provides a unique opportunity to learn about First Nations historical connections to Boorloo and participate in educational experiences that provide a connection with the city's natural and cultural heritage.

We hope you enjoy the diverse program of immersive experiences, performances and insightful exhibitions on offer.

Colin Smith
Lotterywest CEO



City of Perth Elders Advisory Group

The City's Elders Advisory Group was established following the launch of the City's first Reconciliation Action Plan in 2018.

The Elders are the Bridyas (bosses) and as such are recognised, valued and honoured by the City. We gratefully acknowledge the current members, Aunty Muriel Bowie, Aunty Dot Bynder, Uncle Albert McNamara, Aunty Irene McNamara, Aunty Cheryl Phillips, Uncle (Dr.) Gerrard Shaw and Aunty Beryl Weston. We respectfully express our sincere gratitude to previous Elders Advisory Group members, including those passed, for their guidance.

The City has committed to a journey of reconciliation working together and walking together with the Aboriginal community, as demonstrated through the signing of the Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi in 2021. As part of this commitment, the City engages with the Elders to ensure history, culture, lore and Aboriginal voice is strongly represented in the City's projects.

Acknowledgment of Country

The City of Perth kaditj kalyakool moondang-ak kaaradj midi boodjar-ak ngala nyininy, Whadjuk Nyoongar yoongar wer bandany Aboriginal yoongar yooarme boodjar-ool.

Ngalang woola Boorloo wer Derbal Yerrigan kalyakoorl, wongin kadadjiny wer, wirn-yoodan.

Ngalang kaditj Birdiya koora wer yeyi moondang-ak kaaradjiny.

The City of Perth acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land we are situated on, the Whadjuk people of the Nyoongar nation and Aboriginal people from other lands.

We celebrate the continuing traditions, living culture, and the spiritual connection to Boorloo (Perth) and the Derbal Yerrigan (Swan River).

We offer our respects to Elders past and present.



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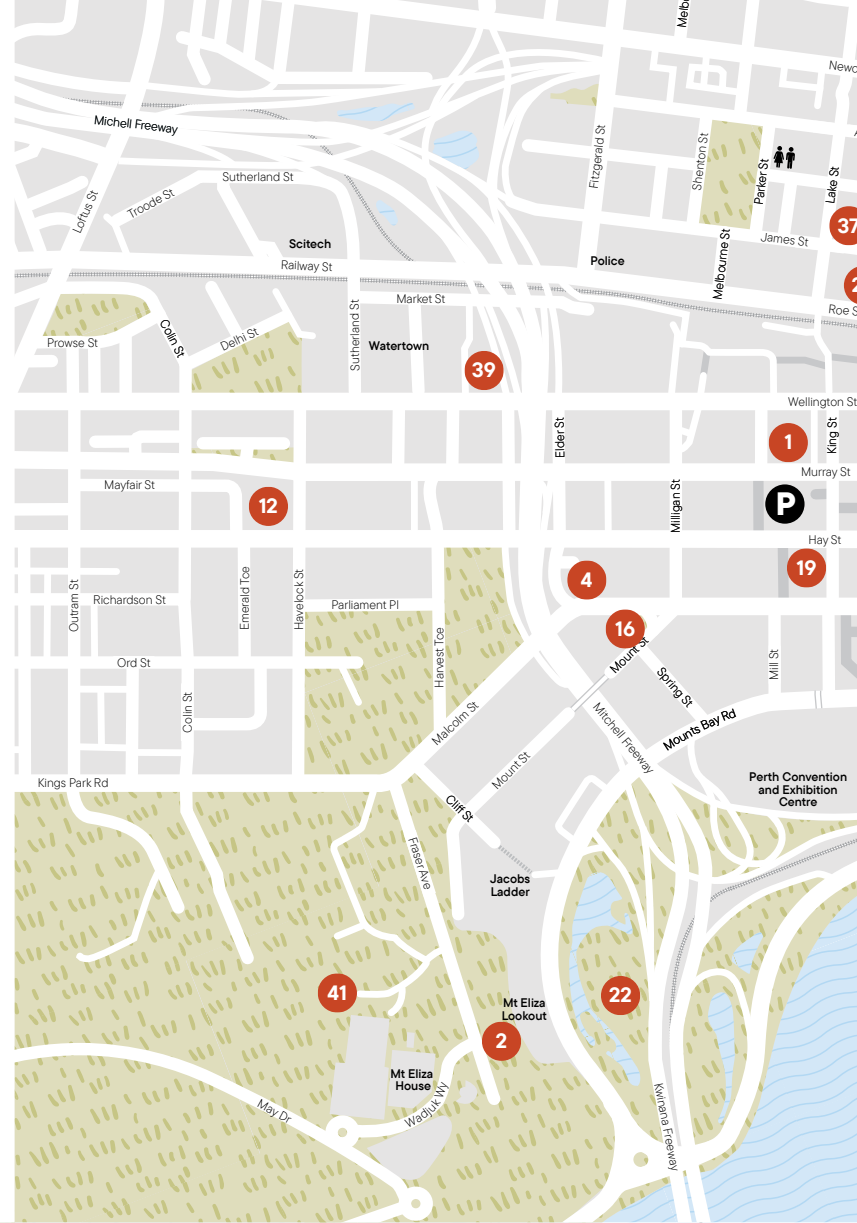
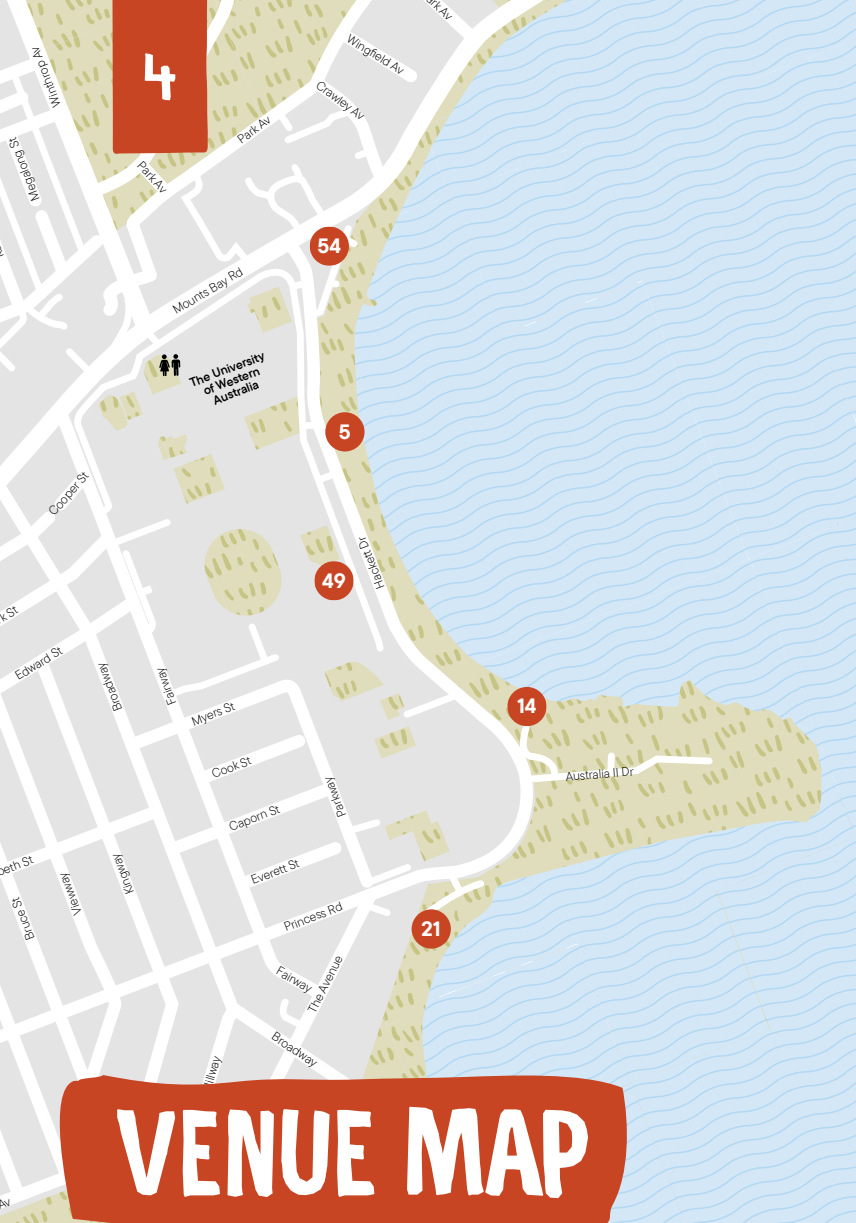
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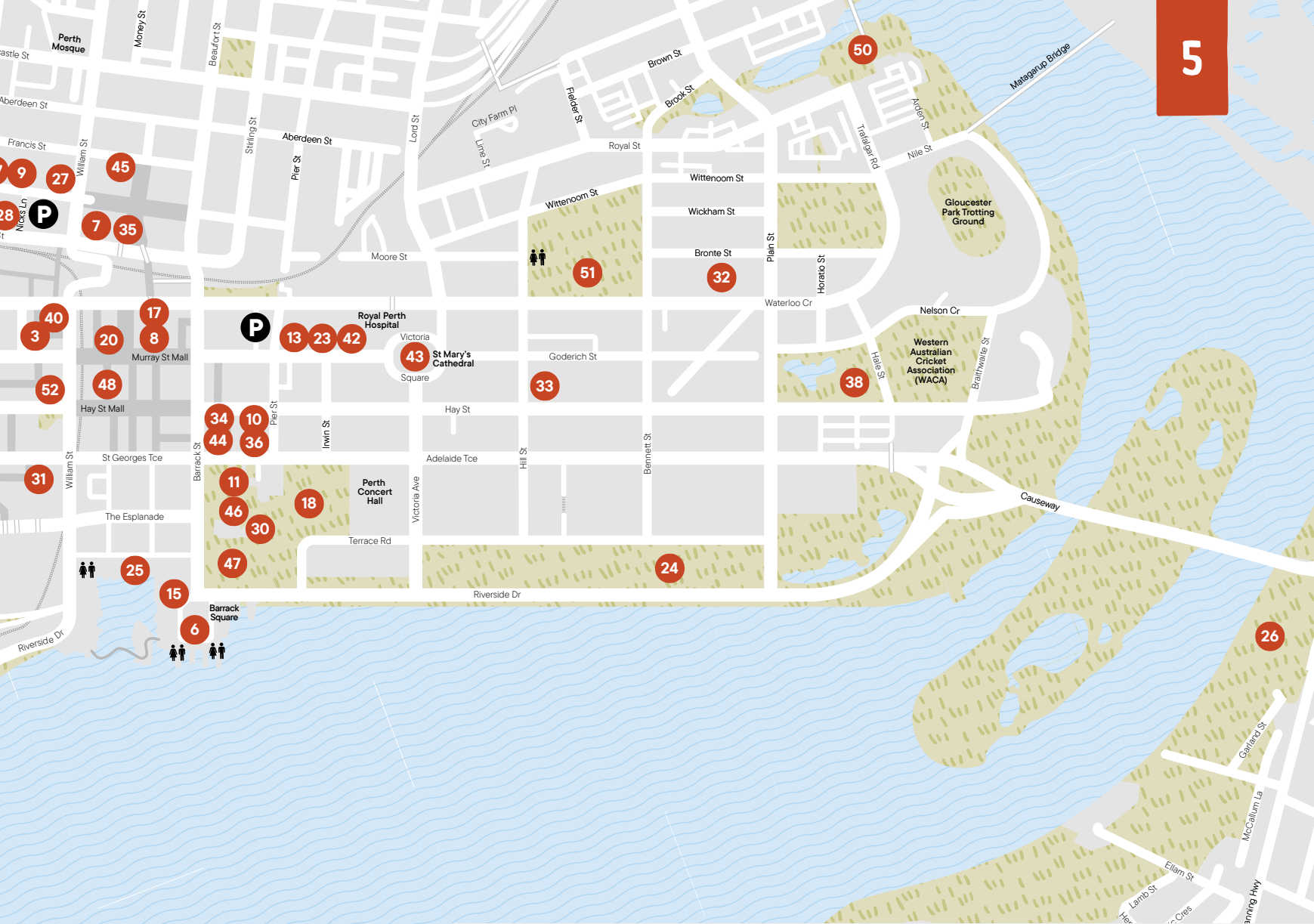
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Transport and Parking

Get around the city on the Free CAT buses. Timetables and more information can be found at transperth.wa.gov.au/timetables

Take advantage of 3-hour free parking on weekends and public holidays at three centrally located car parks:

- Cultural Centre car park, 2 Roe St
- His Majesty's car park, 377 Murray St
- Pier Street car park, 87-89 Pier St

For more information head to cityofperthparking.com.au

Accessibility Legend

The following event listings detail accessible services available for each event.

- Accessible Toilets
- Wheelchair Accessible
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- AUSLAN Interpretation
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EVENTS & EXPERIENCES

A host of exciting events and experiences will bring Perth's heritage to life — from family days to festivals, sing-alongs to bike quests and everything in between.



FREE All ages **P**

Perth Indonesian Festival

- Sat 5 April**
- 11am – 6.30pm**
- Forrest Place, Perth**
- Free – no bookings required**

Experience the vibrant culture of Indonesia in the heart of Perth at this free event. Featuring a food bazaar with traditional and varied regional Indonesian cuisines, arts and crafts, performances and activities for all ages.



FREE Adults 18+

The Human Library Book Café

- Sat 5 April**
- 11am – 2pm**
- City of Perth Library, 573 Hay St, Perth**
- Free – bookings required**

Challenge your preconceptions, hear fascinating stories, and 'un-judge someone' at the Human Library Book Café. Meet one of our incredible 'Human Books' and engage in a 30 minute conversation with a small group of readers. Each 'Book' will share their personal experiences, offering a unique opportunity to learn and connect with diverse perspectives.


FREE All ages

Buddha's Birthday and Multicultural Festival

- Sat 12 & Sun 13 April**
- Sat: 10.30am – 8.30pm**
Sun: 9am – 5pm
- Supreme Court Gardens, 2 Barrack St, Perth**
- Free – no bookings required**

Celebrate Buddhist traditions, art and culture at one of Perth's biggest multicultural events. Savour Chinese and Southeast Asian vegetarian delicacies while enjoying wellness activities, multicultural performances, an interactive children's program, displays and workshops from calligraphy to meditation.




FREE All ages **P** 

Perth Italian Festival

 **Sat 5 April**

 **11am – 10pm**



Fireworks display at 8.35pm

 **Langley Park, 103 Birdiya Dr, Perth**

 **Free – no bookings required**

Savour the flavours of Italy and immerse yourself in music, food, fireworks, iconic car displays, rides and entertainment. Don't miss a special performance by the *Sbandieratori* direct from Italy. Embrace your inner Italian at this vibrant, all-ages festival!




FREE Kids **P**  

Naturescape Family Playday

 **Sat 12 April**

 **10am – 3pm**

 **Rio Tinto Naturescape,
May Dr, Kings Park**

 **Free – no bookings required**

Here's a great opportunity to play, learn and to celebrate the unique natural heritage of Boorloo (Perth). Whether it's digging deeper into Whadjuk Nyoongar culture, discovering pollinators, spotting native animals, making bush craft or wandering with the fairies, children and adults will have a great time exploring!




FREE All ages

Boorloo Bridge Bike Quest

 **Sun 6 & Thu 17 April**

 **2pm – 5pm**

 **6 April: Wellington Square to
McCallum Park return loop (7.1km)
17 April: McCallum Park to Elizabeth
Quay return loop (8km)**

 **Free – bookings preferred**


Bring your bikes down for a free bike check. Test your skills in an obstacle course before you head off on a self-guided bike quest. Answer questions along the way for a chance to win great prizes. Presented by the Department of Transport.




FREE All ages

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Old Central Fire Station Heritage Family Fun Day

 **Sat 12 April**

 **9am – 2pm**

 **Old Central Fire Station Heritage Centre
25 Murray St, Perth**

Fire truck display also in Murray Street Mall

 **Free – no bookings required**

Ignite your children's curiosity and enjoy a fun packed day! Explore the 125 year old fire station and hop aboard a vintage fire truck for a ride around the block. Enjoy free entertainment including live music, bouncy horses and food available from local businesses and the Fire Truck Pizzeria.

FREE

All ages



History Whodunnit: search from Sea to Suburbia

- Tue 1 – Wed 30 April**
- 9.30am – 4.30pm (Mon – Fri)**
- National Archives of Australia, 45 Francis St, Northbridge**
- Free – no bookings required**

Puzzle over Perth's past with clues in the *Sea to Suburbia* exhibition featuring stunning photographs from the 1940s to 1980s. Put your sleuthing skills to the test all month long. Suitable for all ages, collect your favourite childhood lollies when you crack the case.

FREE

All ages

Snapshots of Perth

- Thu 10 April**
- 5pm – 6pm**
- National Archives of Australia, 45 Francis St, Northbridge**
- Free – bookings required**

Cringe or classic? Explore Perth's past with an evening of engaging talks, interactive quiz questions to test your Perth knowledge and a smorgasbord of retro images as tantalising as Miss Maud's! Taking inspiration from the *Sea to Suburbia* exhibition, you'll travel from the 1940s to 1980s, taking in the city's new alfresco dining scene, swimming in the Swan, and more!

FREE

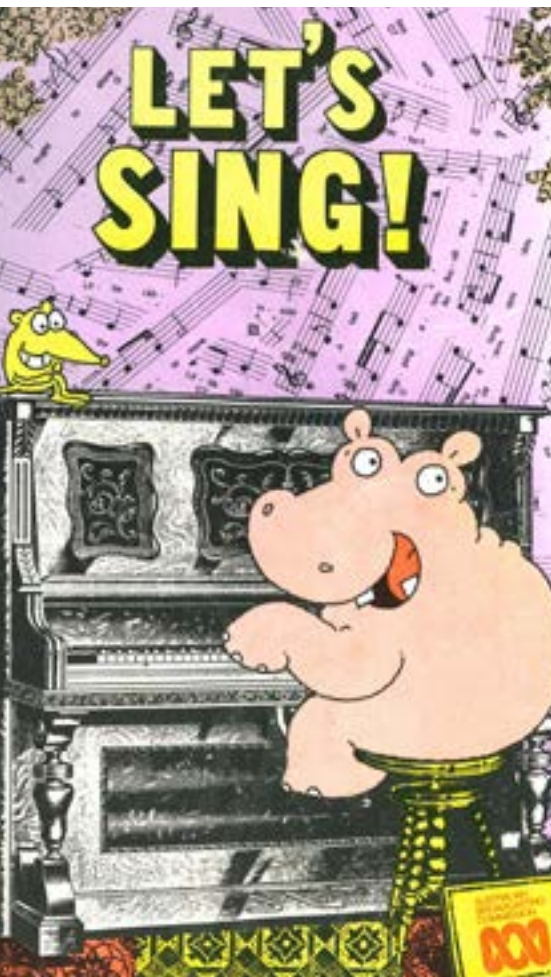
Ages 12+



Stolen Generations Immersive Hub Open House

- Sat 12 April**
- Open House: 10am – 3pm**
Yarning Session with Stolen Generation Survivors: 3pm – 4pm
- Curtin Graduate School of Business, 78 Murray St, Perth**
- Free – bookings required (for Yarning with Stolen Generation Survivors only)**

Join us for an unforgettable journey through the award-winning *MissionsConnect* project, where history comes to life through cutting-edge virtual reality. Explore mission sites as they once were, hear powerful firsthand stories from the Stolen Generations Survivors, and connect with their lived experiences like never before. The day will conclude with an intimate yarning session — a unique opportunity to sit with Survivors, share stories, and deepen your understanding of resilience and community. Don't miss this moving and immersive experience. Come and be part of the conversation that matters.



FREE

All ages



Holly Wood Tuesday Morning Show – Let's Sing!


- Tue 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 April**
- 11am – 12pm**
- Perth Town Hall, 601 Hay St, Perth**
- Free – no bookings required**

Join musician, songwriter and host extraordinaire Bernard Carney OAM for a morning of song, dance and laughter every Tuesday at the Perth Town Hall. Throughout April, Bernard introduces a range of special guest speakers and musical acts showcasing Western Australian stories and musical heritage. This includes a special 'sing-along' on 22 April with the City of Perth 'pop-up choir' who will be performing nostalgic classics from the ABC's 'Let's Sing' program led by the Australian National Choral Association.


SPOTLIGHT

MAMMA MAALI IN THE QUAY


 **Tue 15 – Wed 30 April**


 **The Landing, Elizabeth Quay, The Esplanade, Perth**

 **Free – no bookings required**

The Maali (Black swan) is a Western Australian icon. Celebrate our state emblem with 'Mamma Maali' nesting in Elizabeth Quay during the April school holidays. Take a selfie with 'Mamma Maali' and watch a live art installation. Take a ride on a giant swan pedal boat train in the Quay. Enjoy swan themed nature play and craft activities, including swan origami. Presented in collaboration with Destination Partner DevelopmentWA.

Live Art with Justin Martin

 **Tue 15 April – Thu 17 April**


 **10am – 2pm**


 **Free – no bookings required**

Come down for a yarn with Nyoongar artist Justin Martin as he paints the wings of giant 'Mamma Maali' in a live art installation.




Swan Pedal Boat Train

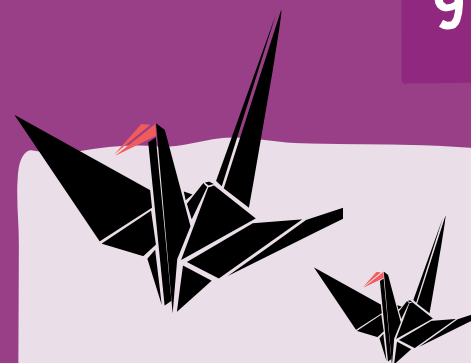
 **Sat 19, Sat 26 & Sun 27 April**

 **10am – 2pm
(15 minute rides)**


 **Elizabeth Quay**


 **Free – no bookings required
(arrive early to register)**


Take a joy ride on a giant swan pedal boat train in Elizabeth Quay with 'Swans on the Swan'.



1,000 Origami Swans

 **Sat 19, Tue 22 – Thu 24,
Sat 26 – Sun 27 April**

 **10am – 12pm**

 **Free – no bookings required
(space limited)**


Senbazuru is the ancient Japanese art of folding 1,000 origami cranes to fulfill a wish. Take part in a unique local version of this tradition. Fold an origami swan and make a donation to Telethon to help bring wishes to life for sick, vulnerable and disadvantaged children across WA.


Come down to Barrack Square on Sun 27 April and take part in a special 'release' of origami swans into the Bell Tower pond. Don't miss this chance to make a wish and donation for Telethon.

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Nature Play @ the Quay

 **Wed 16, Thu 17, Sat 19,
Tue 22 – Thu 24,
Sat 26 – Sun 27 April**

 **10am – 12pm**

 **Free – no bookings required
(space limited)**

Enjoy nature play and craft activities such as river stone painting, bush toy making, swan card making and dream catcher weaving.


FREE All ages

Djeran Fair

Sat 26 April
11am – 3pm
**Wellington Square East,
Wellington St, Perth**
Free – no bookings required

Moort-ak Waadiny (Wellington Square) has long been a significant gathering place for Aboriginal families. Mark the arrival of the Nyoongar season of Djeran in a family friendly gathering celebrating the park's history. Meet the City of Perth Elders and hear stories of old East Perth and enjoy a range of family friendly activities, including art and crafts led by Nyoongar artists.


FREE All ages

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Revealed Opening Weekend: New and Emerging WA Aboriginal Artists

Sat 12 & Sun 13 April
10am – 5pm
**Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts
(PICA), 51 James St, Northbridge**
Free – no bookings required

Visit PICA for a vibrant weekend filled with performances, talks and activities celebrating the opening of *Revealed* featuring Western Australian Aboriginal Artists.


TICKETED

All ages

Djinda Kaal Dreaming: Live Painting

Mon 14 – Thu 17 April
11am – 12pm
**The Bell Tower, Barrack Square,
Riverside Dr, Perth**
Ticketed – general entry

Fiona Reidy of Djinda Kaal Dreaming (Star Fire) invites you to yarn with her and learn more about Nyoongar culture as she paints a new art piece on the Observation Deck of the Bell Tower.


FREE All ages

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Indigenous ANZAC Service

Fri 25 April
11am – 2pm
**Supreme Court Gardens
2 Barrack St, Perth**
Free – no bookings required

Honour the contributions of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Maori people to the armed services of Australia and New Zealand in a special Corroboree and Haka ceremony this ANZAC Day.

EXHIBITIONS & PERFORMANCES

Reimagine life in Perth in times past with displays, historic exhibitions, music and singing across the city.



FREE

All ages

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Sea to Suburbia

-  Tue 1 – Wed 30 April
-  9.30am – 4.30pm (Mon – Fri)
-  National Archives of Australia, 45 Francis St, Northbridge
-  Free – no bookings required

Embark on a nostalgic journey from sea to suburbia through four decades of photographs capturing the people, places and daily life of Western Australia. Highlighting the role of Australian government photographers in preserving our visual heritage, this exhibition will evoke memories and spark conversations.






FREE

All ages

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Abandoned Perth

-  Tue 1 – Wed 30 April
-  Carillon City, 207 Murray St, Perth (Level 1, Murray Street Mall)
-  Free – no bookings required

Urban explorer, historian and photographer Delphine Jamet is on a mission to document abandoned and hidden places. See Perth through Delphine's unique lens in this pop-up display of some of her favourite forgotten Perth buildings.

Art Deco in Perth: A Glimpse into 1930s Elegance

-  Tue 8 April – Sat 3 May
-  Exhibition: 10am – 4pm (Mon – Sat)
-  Launch: Wed 9 April, 5.30pm – 7pm
-  Perth Town Hall Lower Foyer, 601 Hay St, Perth
-  Free – no bookings required

Immerse yourself in Art Deco opulence in this exhibition presented by the Art Deco and Modernist Society of WA. Step back in time to the 1930s and explore Art Deco and its influence on local tastes in architecture, culture and lifestyles in Perth. Join members of the Art Deco and Modernist Society of WA for the exhibition launch featuring a panel discussion on advocacy for Art Deco heritage in Perth. Following the talks, enjoy a walk through of the exhibition with an opportunity to engage with the curators.

**TICKETED**

Ages 16+



Close Encounters at The Perth Mint

Fri 4 – Sun 27 April

Various dates

5.30pm – 6.30pm
**The Perth Mint,
310 Hay St, East Perth**
\$20 – bookings required

The Perth Mint holds a significant place in the story of Western Australia's gold history. Join award winning performers from Theatre 180 for an immersive theatrical experience that breathes life into many fascinating tales from the Mint's 125-year history. Written by Jenny Davis and co-presented by The Perth Mint and the City of Perth.

FREE

All ages



A Ribbon Through Time: A History of the Community Response to HIV in Western Australia, 1985-2025

Display: Fri 4 – Wed 30 April
Launch: Fri 4 April, 5pm – 7pm
View from Piazza all hours
**Northbridge Piazza,
142 James St, Northbridge**
Free – no bookings required

This exhibition celebrates the WA Aids Council's 40th anniversary showcasing the organisation's pivotal role in HIV prevention and support. Created in collaboration with WestPride Archives, the display honours those who campaigned, provided care and raised awareness about HIV in Western Australia.

FREE

All ages



The Unfortunate Woman v Her Well-Respected Killer: A Domestic Violence Trial in 1876

Tue 1 April – Sat 31 May
Open Tues – Sun (closed Mondays)
10am – 4pm
**Old Court House Law Museum, Stirling Gardens,
Cnr Barrack St & St Georges Tce, Perth**
Free – no bookings required

The trial of Kenneth Brown (father of Edith Cowan) for the murder of his second wife Mary-Ann shook the Western Australian community. Learn about this historic case and explore the evolution of women's rights and law reform in Western Australia in an exhibition and feature documentary presented by the Old Court House Law Museum.



TICKETED

Ages 9+



A Fortunate Life

Sun 6 – Fri 11 April

Sun 6 April: 5pm – 6.45pm
 Wed 9 April: 3pm – 4.45pm
 Thu 10 April: 7pm – 8.45pm
 Fri 11 April: 10am – 11.45am

Perth Town Hall,
 601 Hay St, Perth

\$20 adult; \$15 concession;
 \$10 child/student – bookings
 required

Theatre 180's award winning show based on the beloved West Australian true story *A Fortunate Life* by AB Facey comes to the Perth Town Hall for a limited season. The live performance brings to life Facey's much-loved memoir and quintessentially Western Australian story of hope, courage and resilience.



FREE

All ages



RAC Walk of Fame

Tue 1 – Wed 30 April

Mon – Fri, 8.30am – 5pm

RAC WA Head Office,
 832 Wellington St, West Perth

Free – no bookings required

Learn about some remarkable people who shaped our automotive history. From Cecil Dent, creator of Western Australia's first road map, to Marion Bell, the first woman to drive around Australia, discover the stories of 18 special individuals who have made a lasting impact on motoring in our state.

FREE

All ages



From the Archives – Raine Square

Tue 1 – Wed 30 April

8am – 9pm

Bankwest Place Lobby & Retail
 Tunnel, 300 Murray St, Perth

Free – no bookings required

Immerse yourself in the rich history of Boorloo (Perth) with displays across Raine Square including historic photographs that chronicle Perth's evolving streetscapes.

FREE

All ages

Boorloo Stories

Tue 1 – Wed 30 April

8am – 9pm

Short Story Machine, Raine Square,
 300 Murray St, Perth

Free – no bookings required

Dive into Perth's culture and history with stories dispensed at the press of a button by the Short Story Machine. Print a range of story snippets from the City of Perth's Cultural Collections, together with selections from Writing WA, Community Arts Network and Night Parrot Press.



FREE

All ages

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From Starch to Scrubs – stories of Royal Perth Hospital told through nurses' uniforms



Sat 12 April – Thu 1 May



Weekdays:

Wed – Thu, 9am – 2pm

Special Weekend Opening:

Sat 12 – Sun 13 April, 10am – 2pm



Royal Perth Hospital Museum
Level 2, M Block,
10-14 Murray St, Perth



Free – no bookings required

Explore nursing uniforms from over 120 years ago to today. From puffed sleeves, starched veils and stiff collars to fun scrubs, see how healthcare has changed over the last century. Learn about the nurses who wore these uniforms, including brave Agnes Seymour who nursed smallpox patients while a patient herself.

FREE

All ages



From Starch to Scrubs – Tactile Tour



Sat 12 April



9am – 10am



Free – bookings required

Don a cape and discover the history of Royal Perth Hospital through handling nurses' uniforms and equipment and hearing associated stories. This tactile tour is guided by DADAA (Disability in the Arts Disadvantage in the Arts) for visitors who are blind or vision impaired.

FREE

All ages



Once Known – Stolen Generation children's artworks created in the 1940s at the Carrolup Native Settlement



Fri 4 – Thu 17 April



Exhibition: Weekdays

Fri 4 – Thu 17 April, 11am – 3pm

Curator Talk: Tue 8 April,
3pm – 4pm

Truth Talks: Fri 4 & 11 April,
12pm – 1pm

Guided Tours: Mon 7 April,
10am – 11am; Thu 10 April
3pm – 4pm; Tue 15 and
Thu 17 April, 10am – 11am



Old Perth Boys' School,
139 St Georges Tce, Perth



Free – bookings required
(for tours and talks only)

Opening at the Old Perth Boys' School, *Once Known* presents reproductions of artworks by Aboriginal children removed from their families to the Carrolup Native Settlement in the 1940s.

FREE

All ages

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Gnarla Boodja Mili Mili – Our Country on Paper



Tue 1 April – Wed 30 April



Mon – Fri, 9am – 5pm



Level 1, 410 Murray Street, Perth



Free – no bookings required

Learn about Nyoongar place names in central Perth in this exhibition developed by Aboriginal History (WA) and presented by the Museum of Perth.





SPOTLIGHT

NYOONGAR HERITAGE

Watch Nyoongar artist Justin Martin paint giant black swan 'Mamma Maali' in a live art installation in Elizabeth Quay and take part in a range of Nyoongar and swan themed nature play activities.

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View an exhibition of artwork by Aboriginal child artists from the 1940s Carrolup Native Settlement at the Old Perth Boys' School.

~ See more on page 14 ~

Meet heritage specialists from Everick Heritage and learn about cultural mapping and how it connects people with Country and empowers communities to manage cultural heritage.

~ See more on page 27 ~

Immerse yourself in the history of the Stolen Generations with Yokai Healing and Curtin University's MissionsConnect project in East End Murray Street.

~ See more on page 8 ~

Play and learn about Nyoongar culture through a range of bush craft activities at Kings Park Naturescape Family Playday.

~ See more on page 7 ~

Yarn with Elders and enjoy a range of six seasons art and craft activities at the Djeran Fair at Wellington Square.

~ See more on page 10 ~

Hear a talk on the meaning of 'Boorloo' and Nyoongar place names by Elder and Nyoongar language heritage specialist Professor Len Collard.

~ See more on page 23 ~

See live painting and take part in art workshops with Fiona Reidy of Djinda Kaal Dreaming at the Bell Tower Perth.

~ See more on page 10 and 27 ~

Talk and walk in Elizabeth Quay with Go Cultural Tours and learn about the Nyoongar history of Boorloo (Perth).

~ See visitperth.com ~





FREE

All ages



Poppies at Government House

8 – 10, 12, 13, 15 – 17, 22, 23 & 25 April

11am – 2pm (except Sat 12 & Sun 13: 10am – 3pm and Fri 25: 10am – 2pm)

Government House Gardens, 13 St Georges Tce, Perth

Free – no bookings required

Admire the handiwork of 'the Poppy Ladies' from RSL WA as you walk through more than 40,000 knitted poppies that honour the lives of the brave servicemen lost in WWI.



FREE

All ages



Music in the Rotunda at Queens Gardens

Sun 6 April

11am – 12pm

Queens Gardens, Corner Hay St & Hale St, East Perth

Free – no bookings required

From the early 1900s, Queens Gardens was a popular venue for weekend musical performances. Today, it is the home of the City of Perth Concert Band, originally the City of Perth Brass Band who formed way back in 1898. Join the band for a morning of popular tunes in the park. Before the performance, take a tour of Queens Gardens and learn its fascinating history with the iCity Guides.



FREE

All ages



Music and History at Wesley Church

Sat 12 April

Tours: 10.30am – 12pm & 1.30pm – 3pm
Mirabilis Collective: 3pm – 4pm

Wesley Church, 75 William St, Perth

Free – no bookings required

Come and explore Wesley Church, a peaceful sanctuary for worship and reflection for over 155 years. Play and hear the 'King of Instruments', the pipe organ with Director of Music and Organist Angela Currie. Enjoy a concert by Mirabilis Collective, an intergenerational ensemble of musicians dedicated to celebrating the rich and varied music created and performed by women who will present *Sounds of Her*.



TICKETED

Adults only



Sundowner at The Bell Tower

Sat 12 April

6pm – 9pm

The Bell Tower Observation Deck, Barrack Square, Riverside Dr, Perth

\$25pp + cash bar – bookings required

Take in the panoramic views from The Bell Tower Observation Deck as the sun sets over the Derbal Yerrigan (Swan River). Enjoy the live music from local and internationally renowned Steve Hensby Band. Tickets are limited so book now!

**TICKETED**

All ages

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A Night Song

Fri 4 – Sun 6 April

6pm, 7pm & 8pm;
Sun 6 April: 6pm & 7pm entry times

John Oldham Park,
150 Mounts Bay Road, Perth

Ticketed – bookings required.
Cost: \$30 adults; \$20 children;
\$80 family of four

Take a moonlight stroll through the park and meet graceful nature spirits. Reconnect to Perth's natural heritage in this unique live performance presented by the Hunted Interactive.

**TICKETED**

Ages 15+

We Made this City – stories from pasts uncovered

Thu 17 April

1pm – 2pm; 8pm – 9pm

Blue Room Theatre,
53 James St Mall, Perth

\$5 concession; \$8 adults –
bookings required

Experience original poetry and storytelling commissioned by the Centre for Stories and performed at the Blue Room Theatre. These performances showcase the many hidden stories from multicultural communities that call Boorloo (Perth) home.

**FREE**

All ages

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Singing in the City

Sun 27 April

Performances: 12pm – 3pm
Gala concert: 3pm – 4pm

Various locations in the CBD

Free – no bookings required

Perth comes to life with song for one special afternoon as over 30 local choirs sing their hearts out in unique venues and heritage buildings across the city. This popular annual event is brought to you by the Australian National Choral Association. Find the full program online and be sure to catch the choir gala finale.

**TICKETED**

Adults only

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Hullabaloo Swing Dance

Sun 27 April

7.30pm – 11pm

Perth Town Hall, 601 Hay St, Perth

\$20pp – bookings required

Get your glad rags on and enjoy a night of live jazz music and swing dance at the 'Hullabaloo Ball', the largest swing dance event in WA hosted by the Perth Swing Dance Society. Relive the golden age of big bands and dance halls as you enjoy live jazz performed by the 950 Express Big Band and watch local and interstate competitors dance it out in the finale to the Hullabaloo swing dance weekend.



SPOTLIGHT

CREATIVE 125

North Metro TAFE – where art, design and media thrive!

Long before the Perth Technical School opened its doors in 1900, First Nations people were here, sharing knowledge, culture, and creative practices that continue to shape the artistic and cultural landscape of Western Australia.

In 2025, North Metropolitan TAFE continues this proud tradition, standing as a creative hub for thousands of Western Australian artists, designers, and media producers. Each day more than 2,000 students learn their craft under the guidance of industry experts in state-of-the-art facilities that mirror current practices in the creative industries.

The college's journey in formal creative education began in a galvanised iron structure on St Georges Terrace where the first students enrolled on 16 May 1900 to learn 'mechanical drawing' at the Perth Technical School. Over the decades the range of creative skills training has expanded and now encompasses every aspect of art, design and media.

Throughout the years, the college has occupied several significant heritage sites across the CBD, including the James Street School (now the Perth Institute of Contemporary Art) and a steel annexe at St Brigid's Convent in Fitzgerald Street, before moving to its current premises on Aberdeen Street in the late 1980s.

In 2000, then known as the Central Institute of Technology, the Institute celebrated its centenary with the establishment of a new building at 12 Aberdeen Street to house the WA School of Art and Design. By providing professional exposure to artists, designers, and craftspeople, the college has played a pivotal role in fostering a vibrant and dynamic arts community in Western Australia.

Many graduates have made outstanding contributions in fields such as arts, graphics, jewellery, fashion, photography, electronic media, film, animation, music and interior and industrial design.

As the oldest art, design and media school in Western Australia, North Metropolitan TAFE has consistently championed the importance of professional arts education. Individuals associated with the college have served on advisory boards, contributed to artists' societies, exhibitions, and magazines and advocated for the importance of culture in Western Australia. Graduates have become administrators, artists, designers, and craftspeople, enriching the lives of those around them.

TAFE 125 'Creativity in the City' is an opportunity to recognise the creative professionals who have shaped our vibrant community for over a century.

The City of Perth Lotterywest Boorloo Heritage Festival is proud to partner with TAFE in a number of student and reflective events as part of the Festival to celebrate this milestone and highlight the college's rich history as the premier provider of creative skills training in the city.



North
Metropolitan



CELEBRATE THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRAINING IN THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AT NORTH METROPOLITAN TAFE.

Check out some **FREE**
student shop front and street
displays on show during April



Paste and Place: Celebrating Northbridge's Diversity NM TAFE Graphic Design students

Tue 1 – Wed 30 April
 Nick's Lane, Northbridge

Follow the poster trail and explore the rich cultures of Northbridge. A collaboration with the Chung Wah Association, Two Centuries of Chinese Heritage at UWA and the National Archives of Australia.

Metal and Memory NM TAFE Jewellery Design Students

Tue 1 – Wed 30 April
 **Trinity Arcade Cabinets,
off Hay St Mall**

A display exploring Perth's architectural heritage by capturing textural and structural details from historic buildings and translating them into unique contemporary jewellery pieces.

Perth Nightclub Fashions NM TAFE Fashion Students

Mon 7 – Wed 30 April
 See website for more information

Gobbles, Beethovens, Hannibals, Pinocchio's, The Red Parrot, Connections... travel back to an era of double denim, big hair, shoulder pads and shiny lycra with the fashion students as they look to Northbridge nightclub fashions from decades past as inspiration for new creations.

Legacy Lab NM TAFE Interior Design Students

Tue 1 – Wed 30 April
 **Perth Town Hall Foyer,
601 Hay St, Perth**

Discover interactive 3D models that digitally preserve and showcase some of Perth's historic Art Deco buildings. This project is presented in collaboration with the Art Deco and Modernist Society of WA as part of the *Art Deco in Perth* exhibition.

TAFE to FAME: 125 years of art and design in Perth

Fri 21 March – Fri 16 May
 Mon – Fri, 8.30am – 5pm
Special Weekend Opening:
Sat 12 & Sun 13 April, 10am – 4pm
Curator Talk: Sat 12 April,
3pm – 4pm
 **Council House, 27 St Georges
Tce, Perth**

Since the establishment of Perth Technical School in 1900, generations of artists working across a range of mediums have been nurtured through the TAFE system. This exhibition, curated by the City of Perth in collaboration with North Metropolitan TAFE, showcases the work and journeys of former students and teachers and celebrates the role and impact of TAFE in fostering excellence in the Perth creative scene.

**FREE
DISPLAYS**

OPEN HOUSES

If walls could talk! Visit some of the City of Perth's oldest, grandest, and most interesting buildings to learn more about the history of your city.



FREE All ages

Chung Wah Association Open Day

- Wed 16 April**
- 11am – 3pm**
- Chung Wah Association, 128 James St, Northbridge**
- Free – no bookings required**

Step inside the green door and explore the historic Chung Wah Association Hall. This heritage listed hall has been the hub of Perth's Chinese community since 1911. Drop in to discover more about the history of the Chinese community in Perth from historian in residence Kaylene Poon.



FREE All ages

The Bell Tower Open House

- Sun 6 April**
- 10am – 4pm (last entry 3.45pm)**
- The Bell Tower, Barrack Square, Riverside Dr, Perth**
- Free – no bookings required**

See and hear the historic bells from St Martin-in-the-Fields and the ANZAC Centenary Bell, the largest swinging bell in Australia. Explore all six levels and catch the volunteer bell ringers in action.

TICKETED Ages 5-11

Bell Tower Kids Open Day

- Mon 21 April**
- 10am – 4pm (last entry 3.45pm)**
- The Bell Tower, Barrack Square, Riverside Dr, Perth**
- \$5 children; \$15 general entry for guardians – bookings required**

Spend Easter Monday at the Bell Tower for a fun filled day of children's activities and entertainment. Kids can paint a bell decoration and join a treasure hunt. All children's entries include a special Kids Tour (15 minutes long) with interactive bell chiming.



FREE All ages **P**

Celebrating the Country Women's Association

- Sat 5 April**
- 10am – 4pm**
- 1176 Hay Street, West Perth**
- Free – no bookings required**


Enjoy craft and cooking demonstrations and delicious morning and afternoon tea featuring the famous CWA scones. With a 100 year history, learn how the CWA continues to unite women and strengthen rural and metropolitan communities across Western Australia.

FREE All ages **P**


Royal Perth Hospital Museum


- Sat 12 & Sun 13 April**
- 10am – 2pm**
- Royal Perth Hospital Museum Level 2, M Block, 10-14 Murray St, Perth**
- Free – no bookings required**


Explore nursing uniforms from over 120 years ago to today. From puffed sleeves, starched veils and stiff collars to fun scrubs, see how healthcare has changed over the last century. Volunteer guides from the Royal Perth Hospital Museum will dust off their nursing uniforms and share stories from their days as live-in nurses at RPH.


FREE All ages **P** 

Supreme Court Open Day

 **Sun 13 April**


 **10am – 3pm**

 **Supreme Court of Western Australia,
Stirling Gardens, Barrack St, Perth**


 **Free – no bookings required**


Explore the grand 1903 building that has been home to Western Australia's highest court for 122 years. Visit heritage listed courtrooms, talk to judges, learn about historic cases and inspect the cells below. Take this rare opportunity to see secure areas not usually open to the public.




FREE All ages **P** 

Government House Open Weekend

 **Sat 12 & Sun 13 April**

 **10am – 3pm**

 **Government House,
13 St Georges Tce, Perth**

 **Free – no bookings required**

Step back in time at Government House, a magnificent heritage-listed landmark in Perth. This historic residence, home to every WA Governor since 1863, opens its doors for a family-friendly weekend filled with live music and entertainment, activities and displays. Explore the elegant grounds and discover the history within.



KIDS, FAMILIES & YOUNG PEOPLE

The Lotterywest Boorloo Heritage Festival offers a range of fun, free and family friendly activities.

Ring the bells and take part in bell themed craft activities at The Bell Tower

~ See more on page 20 ~

Explore the past through vintage objects and learn to draw old buildings like an architect in special workshops at the City of Perth Library. Ride a vintage fire truck and enjoy a day packed with hands-on fun and discovery at the Old Central Fire Station Heritage Family Fun Day.

~ See more on page 7 and 26 ~

Meet giant black swan 'Mamma Maali' in Elizabeth Quay during school holidays and take part in a range of craft and nature play activities. Take a ride around the quay in a giant swan pedal boat.

~ See more on page 9 ~

Swan symbols are everywhere in Perth. Go swan spotting around the city in a special swan themed heritage hunt that takes you from the Horseshoe Bridge to Elizabeth Quay.

~ See more on page 35 ~

Learn about the natural world and Nyoongar culture through a range of bush craft and play activities at Naturescape Family Playday.

~ See more on page 7 ~

Join artist Olive Cheng for a walking tour and drawing workshop exploring the built environment of the Cathedral Square Precinct.

~ See more on page 26 ~

Watch the real life adventures of Albert Facey come to life on stage in performances of *A Fortunate Life* at the Perth Town Hall.

~ See more on page 13 ~

TALKS & WORKSHOPS

Go deep and learn about the extraordinary people and places that make up our Nyoongar, colonial and multicultural histories. Delve into Perth's fascinating past, play in the past or learn to draw heritage buildings.



FREE All ages

Nyoongar Place Names in Boorloo (Perth)

Wed 2 April
5.30pm – 7pm
City of Perth Library, 573 Hay St, Perth
Free – bookings required

Join Nyoongar Elder Professor Len Collard for a talk on Nyoongar place names and meanings based on his groundbreaking research Nyoongar Boodjera Wangkiny/ Nyoongar Land is Speaking.



FREE All ages

A History of St George's Cathedral

Wed 2 April
12pm – 1pm
City of Perth Library, 573 Hay St, Perth
Free – bookings required

From humble origins as a wooden 'rush church' to grand Gothic Revival Cathedral, join historian Richard Offen for a glimpse into the history of one of Perth's most iconic heritage buildings.

FREE Adults **P**

Tales of the Unexpected from the State Library and State Archives

Thu 3 April
2pm – 4pm
Great Southern Room, State Library of Western Australia, 25 Francis St, Perth Cultural Centre, Perth
Free – bookings required

Looking for creative inspiration in primary sources? Join archivists and librarians from the State Library and State Records Office for tips on researching collections.

FREE All ages

Proud Legacies

Sun 6 April
2pm – 4pm
Pride WA, 142 James St, Northbridge
Free – no bookings required

Join GLBTI Rights in Ageing in partnership with WestPride Archives for an afternoon of talks and film screenings exploring significant periods in Perth's LGBTQIA+ history. Hear from a panel of activists and learn about their work over the last 50 years which built the foundations for Perth's LGBTQIA+ community.

TICKETED All ages

History of The Bell Tower

Wed 23 April
2pm – 3pm
The Bell Tower, Barrack Square, Riverside Drive, Perth
Ticketed – bookings required – \$15 general entry

The Swan Bells housed in The Bell Tower have been music to the ears of Perth locals since the Tower's construction in 1999. Join historian Richard Offen for a talk on the history of The Bell Tower and its historic bells with a behind the scenes tour of this Perth icon.



FREE Adults

Two Centuries of Chinese Heritage in Western Australia

Sat 5 April

2pm – 4pm

National Archives of Australia,
45 Francis St, Northbridge

Free – bookings required

Join UWA researchers Yu Tao, Benjamin Smith and Lucy Hair from the 'Two Centuries of Chinese Heritage in Western Australia' project to explore the contributions of the early Chinese community in Western Australia. Learn more about this exciting project and the early Chinese connections that shaped the State's multicultural heritage. Hear about Café Canton, one of the early Chinese restaurants in Perth operated by the Wong family.



FREE All ages



TICKETED Adults

The Flying Boats of Matilda Bay

Tue 8 April

10am – 11am

Bayside Kitchen,
5 Hackett Dr, Crawley

Free – no bookings required

During WWII, the US Navy operated a fleet of 60 Catalina flying boats at Matilda Bay. Qantas also operated five Catalina flying boats between Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) and Perth after the fall of Singapore to the Japanese in what was known as the 'Double Sunrise' service. Learn more about this fascinating era of aviation history from volunteers of the RAAFA Aviation Heritage Museum.

Reflections with Ivan King OAM

Sat 12 April

4pm – 5pm

His Majesty's Theatre,
827-905 Hay St, Perth

Ticketed - bookings required

Celebrate the extraordinary life of Ivan King OAM, one of Perth's most cherished theatre legends. In this special event, Ivan will share stories from his remarkable career offering a rare opportunity to hear about the magic and drama behind the scenes.

Voices of Youth in Heritage

Sat 12 April

10.30am – 11.30am,
12pm – 1pm, 1.30pm – 2.30pm
and 3pm – 4pm

City of Perth Library,
573 Hay St, Perth

Free – bookings required

Join budding heritage architects, engineers and planners from the University of Western Australia and Curtin University for a series of talks about sustainability in heritage with displays of innovative student projects relating to heritage conservation. Presented by the Heritage Skills Association WA.


FREE


Adults


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Fear, Understanding and Achievements – Forty years of HIV/AIDS at Royal Perth Hospital

 **Sat 12 April**

 **1pm – 3.30pm**

 **Kirkman House Atrium,
10 Murray St, Perth**

 **Free – no bookings required**

Royal Perth Hospital has been at the forefront of research on how human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) causes disease and in programs which transformed the lives of people with HIV from a 'Grim Reaper scenario' to an expectation of a normal and productive life. Hear a range of speakers reflect on the science and lived experiences of HIV over the last 40 years in this special event presented by the WA Aids Council (WAAC) in collaboration with Royal Perth Hospital and the Centre for Stories. Speakers include Dr Martyn French who will present a brief history of the important contributions the hospital has made to people affected by HIV. The talk will be followed by personal reflections from community members sharing different perspectives, concluding in a group panel discussion.



FREE


All ages



The Perth Town Hall – The Heart of the City

 **Wed 16 April**

 **5.30pm – 7pm**

 **City of Perth Library,
573 Hay St Perth**

 **Free – bookings required**

Built on the site of a Nyoongar meeting place, the Perth Town Hall has been at the heart of civic and social life for the city and its people for over 150 years. Join archaeologist and historian Dr Caroline Bird for a talk on the history of the site and its role as a social landmark through time.



FREE

All ages



Barracks, Bureaucrats and Beer

 **Wed 30 April**

 **5.30pm – 7pm**

 **City of Perth Library,
573 Hay St, Perth**

 **Free – bookings required**

Join architectural historian Eddie Marcus, founder of 'Dodgy Perth', to discover the captivating history of the State Buildings. From their origins as colonial government offices to their transformation into a vibrant cultural hub, this talk will delve into the architecture, historical events and stories that shaped this iconic landmark.

**FREE**

Ages 10-18



Draw like an Architect

Tue 22 April

10am – 11am, 11.30am – 12.30pm

City of Perth Library,
573 Hay St, Perth

Free – bookings required

Curious about art, architecture, and history? Join artist Olive Cheng for a walking tour and drawing workshop exploring the built environment of the Cathedral Square Precinct.

**FREE**

Ages 5-12



Play in the Past

Wed 23 & Thu 24 April

Wed: 10am – 11.30am

Thu: 10am – 11.30am, 12.30pm – 2pm

City of Perth Library,
573 Hay St, Perth

Free – bookings required

Explore the past through the objects left behind. See how phones and technology have changed, type on a vintage typewriter, try on some retro outfits, or tinker with kitchen tools from the past. Can you tell what they were for?

**TICKETED**

All ages



Bells and Bell Ringing

Wed 30 April

2pm – 3pm

The Bell Tower, Barrack Square,
Riverside Dr, Perth

\$15 (general entry) – bookings required

Do you know your peal from a chime or your cannon from a clapper? Historian and bell-ringer extraordinaire Richard Offen does. Let Richard enlighten you in this talk on the science and art of bell ringing.

FREE

All ages

Black Swan Sundowner Talks

Tue 22 & 29 April

5pm – 6pm

The West Australian Rowing Club,
171 Riverside Dr, Perth

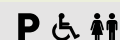
Free – bookings required

The Black swan is a potent symbol of West Australian identity. Discover more about this iconic bird from guest speakers sharing information about its cultural history and the present day challenge of protecting Black swan habitat.



**FREE**

All ages



Mapping Culture – Connecting Country

Thu 24 April
5.30pm – 7pm
**City of Perth Library,
573 Hay St, Perth**
Free – bookings required

Cultural mapping is a collaborative process that preserves traditional Aboriginal knowledge, connects people with Country and empowers communities to manage cultural heritage. Join senior Nykina Elder Annie Nayina Milgin and heritage specialist Sharleah Ramirez from Everick Heritage for a talk on the value of cultural mapping in recording and preserving heritage.

**TICKETED**

All ages

**FREE**

All ages



Djinda Kaal Dreaming Workshops

Sun 20 & 27 April
**10.30am – 11.30am, 1.30pm – 2.30pm
and 3pm – 4pm**
**The Bell Tower, Barrack Square,
Riverside Dr, Perth**
\$60pp including general entry

Paint and learn about Nyoongar culture and heritage in this interactive art workshop with award winning Nyoongar artist Fiona Reidy of Djinda Kaal Dreaming. Enjoy a cuppa and a yarn as you paint one of the Nyoongar six seasons.

Hidden Histories with Aboriginal History WA

Thu 24 April
10am – 12pm
**State Library Theatre,
25 Francis Street, Perth**
Free – no bookings required

Learn more about the free Aboriginal family history service and truth telling projects that highlight some of the lesser-known aspects of Western Australia's past.

Statue Wars – silent sentinels from the past

Wed 23 April
12pm – 1pm
**City of Perth Library,
573 Hay St, Perth**
Free – bookings required

Have statues become lightning rods for social conflict? How should we deal with the multiple stories they represent? Join Emeritus Professor Jenny Gregory for a talk exploring the 'statue wars' in Australian cities, including clashes over statues in Perth.



SPOTLIGHT

CELEBRATING WA WOMEN'S HISTORY



 Thu 6 March – Sun 6 July


 State Library of Western Australia,
25 Francis St, Perth


 Free – some bookings required


Visit the State Library from March to July for a series of exhibitions, talks and events centred on women who have made an inspiring contribution to Perth and Western Australia.

These are the stories of leaders, mentors, rebels and changemakers.

Jobs for the Girls


 Thu 6 March – Sun 18 May


 State Library Theatre Foyer

 Free – no bookings required

Suited, booted and ready for anything. A photographic display charting the way women have used their wardrobes to stamp their identity working inside or outside of the home featuring images sourced from the State Library's photographic collection.

The Things We Bear

 Thu 10 April


 6pm – 8pm

 State Library Theatre

 Free – bookings required

An evening of poetry, dance and narrative touching on themes of womanhood, grief, identity and legacy. Featuring writers, artists and performers Lisa Collyer, Kerry Greer, Charmaine Papertalk Green and Brigitte Underwood-Legeron.

Women in Conversation at the State Library


 April – May (various dates)


 State Library Theatre

 Free – bookings required

Hear from remarkable WA women who have made an impact in their personal, professional and public lives. Speakers include Professor Paola Magni, Amanda Healy, Dr Sandy Chong, Dianne Ryder and Jessica Geth.

WA Women's Hall of Fame Roll of Honour exhibition

 Thu 6 March – Thu 6 July


 State Library, Ground Floor
and Level 2

 Free – no bookings required

The WA Women's Hall of Fame recognises more than 300 women for their inspiring work and achievements. This exhibition spotlights inductees whose legacy lives on through the Roll of Honour and in the State Library's collection.

Wimmin's Work Showcase

 Wed 30 April

 6pm – 8pm

 State Library Theatre

Register at www.slwa.wa.gov.au

 Free – bookings required

Meet the creators of a new series of audio, audio-visual and photographic stories exploring the contribution of women living and working in WA. Presented by SLWA and Women in Media WA.



For bookings and information,
visit www.slwa.wa.gov.au

WALKS & TOURS

Follow the footprints of those before us and discover buildings, parks, precincts, and collections with more than 20 different walks and tours to explore.



FREE All ages

The History of Matilda Bay

- Tue 1 April**
- 10am – 11.30 am**
- Wonil Hotel, 21 Hackett Dr, Crawley (ending at Bayside Kitchen)**
- Free – bookings required**

Join Sue Graham-Taylor and Jane Boxall for a stroll back in time around Matilda Bay. Hear and share stories about this special part of the Derbal Yerrigan (Swan River).



FREE All ages **P**

Explore PICA Tours

- Sat 5 & Sun 6 April**
- 12pm – 5pm**
- Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts (PICA), 51 James St, Northbridge**
- Free – no bookings required**

Drop in or take a guided tour through the PICA building. Opened in 1897, it has been home to a school, a technical college and the artist-run Praxis before becoming the Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts (PICA) in 1988.



FREE All ages

Stepping Back with Fireman Jack

- Tue 1 – Wed 30 April**
- Self-guided via the Perth Trails app**
- East End, Murray St**
- Free – no bookings required**

Step back in time with Fireman Jack as he takes you on a stroll through the historic East End and Murray Street. Explore the heritage-listed buildings and uncover the hidden stories of the precinct through Jack's sharp eye and cheeky humour. Grab a trail map at the Old Central Fire Station or download it on the Perth Trails App.




SPOTLIGHT

DISCOVER KINGS PARK



 Aspects Lawn, Fraser Ave, Kings Park | All ages



Discover Kings Park

 **Every day:**
10am – 11.30am
1pm – 2.30pm

Discover the history of Kings Park in daily tours with Kings Park guides.



Boorloo Boorna Bidi — Perth Tree Trail @ Rio Tinto Naturescape

FREE

 **Tue – Sun**
 **9am – 4pm**

Learn about six of Perth's most iconic trees in this fun, interactive trail for kids.



Australian Participation in the War Years

 **Sat 5, Sun 6 & Thu 10 April**
 **11am – 12.30pm**

Learn the history of the many war memorials in Kings Park.



A Walk Through Time — the History of Kings Park

BOOK
NOW

 **Mon 7 April**
 **11am – 12.30pm**



Hear stories of the history of the Kings Park area from thousands of years ago through to today.

Roasted Swan, Bushtucker and Barrels of Beer

 **Fri 11 April**
 **11am – 12.30pm**

Enjoy views from Mount Eliza as you discover more about Perth's colonial history.

A Scoundrel, A Statesman and Edith

 **Wed 16 April**
 **11am – 12.30pm**

See through the eyes of some colourful characters who shaped WA's early colonial history.







FREE

All ages

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Convicts and Colonials Tour

 **Wed 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 April**
 **10.15am – 11.45am**
 **iCity Kiosk, Forrest Place,
Murray Street Mall, Perth**
 **Free – bookings required**





Travel back in time with the iCity Tour Guides to the mid nineteenth century and explore the impacts of convict transportation in Western Australia. While the convict era lasted only 18 years from 1850 to 1868, the legacy of this period is embedded in the streets of the city and the folklore of the State.

FREE

All ages

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Rogues, Rebels and Remarkable Lives Tour: Perth's Early Characters

 **Sat 5 & 12, Thu 10 & 24 April**
 **10am – 11.30am**
 **iCity Kiosk, Forrest Place,
Murray Street Mall, Perth**
 **Free – bookings required**

From daring escapes to grand ambitions, discover the unforgettable stories of the people who shaped our city's boldest moments.

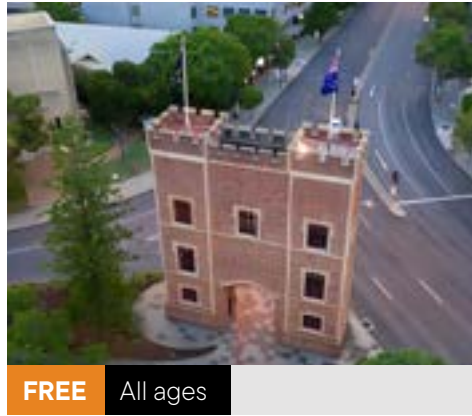


FREE All ages **P**

Perth Town Hall Tour

- Thu 3 & Thu 17 April**
- 10.15am – 11.45am**
- iCity Kiosk, Forrest Place, Murray Street Mall, Perth**
- Free – bookings required**

Learn the stories and secrets behind the clocktower and arches of the Perth Town Hall. Built by convicts between 1867 and 1870 in the Gothic Medieval style unique among Australian cities, the building became a prominent city landmark and the heart of civic administration, political activity, and social life in Perth.



FREE All ages

Barracks Arch Tour

- Sat 5 & Sun 20 April**
- 10.15am – 11.45am**
- Barracks Arch, Elder St & Malcolm St, Perth**
- Free – bookings required**

The original Pensioner Guard Barracks housed the ex-soldiers who guarded convicts. It was later used by the Public Works Department (including the office of Engineer-in-Chief CY O'Connor) and was almost completely demolished during construction of the Mitchell Freeway in the 1960s. Explore inside the only surviving section, Barracks Arch.



FREE All ages **P**

Big Boom Tour

- Tue 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 April**
- 10.15am – 11.45am**
- iCity Kiosk, Forrest Place, Murray Street Mall, Perth**
- Free – bookings required**

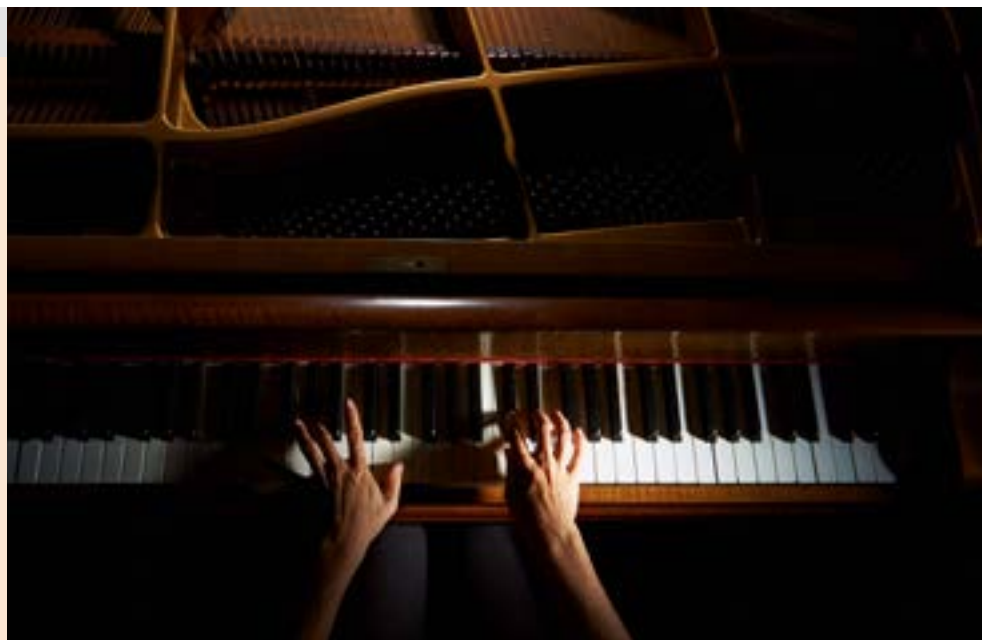
Western Australia's 1890s gold rush brought a surge in population and prosperity that turned Perth into a buzzing cosmopolitan city almost overnight. Learn about the 'big boom' and its enduring influence on Perth's buildings and streetscapes in this guided walk presented by iCity Tour Guides.

FREE All ages **P**

History comes alive at UWA

- Sat 5, 12 and 19 April**
- 10.30am – 12pm, 1.30pm – 3pm**
- University Club, University of Western Australia, Hackett Entrance 1, Hackett Dr, Crawley**
- Free – bookings required**

Hosted by UWA's Historical Society this informative 90-minute walking tour begins at the University Club café. Visit the Conservatorium of Music (except 5 April), E de Courcy Clarke Museum, Arts building and the Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery.





FREE All ages **P**

Art City Tour

- Fri 4 & 11 April**
- 10.15am – 11.45am**
- iCity Kiosk, Forrest Place, Murray Street Mall, Perth**
- Free – bookings required**

Public art can stimulate thinking, deepen our sense of place, and transform how we engage with spaces. Immerse yourself in Perth's public art with a guided walking tour presented by iCity Tour Guides.

FREE All ages

West Perth: Now and Then

- Sat 5 April**
- 2pm – 4pm**
- Country Women's Association of WA, 1176 Hay St, West Perth**
- Free – bookings required**

Enjoy tea and scones at the CWA before embarking on a guided tour of West Perth's historic streets and buildings with West Perth Local.



TICKETED Adults **P**

Discover the State Buildings and Surroundings

- Tue 8 & Tue 15 April**
- 10am – 11.30am**
- Meet under the clock in the Postal Hall, State Buildings, Corner St Georges Tce & Barrack St, Perth**
- \$45 – bookings required**

The State Buildings in Cathedral Square housed a range of government offices until the late twentieth century. Take a guided tour of the buildings and surrounding precinct and learn its rich history.



FREE All ages **P**

Icons of Influence Tour

- Mon 7, 14 & 28 April**
- 10.15am – 11.45am**
- iCity Kiosk, Forrest Place, Murray Street Mall, Perth**
- Free – bookings required**

St Georges Terrace is the powerhouse of Perth and home to the city's captains of industry and influence. Join the iCity Tour Guides for a whirlwind tour of Perth's most famously windy and iconic street, from its grandest commercial buildings to its most important civic and religious institutions.




FREE All ages


Significance of Queens Gardens


- Sun 6 April**
- 10am – 11am**
- Corner Hay St & Hale St, East Perth**
- Free – bookings required**


Named for Queen Victoria and opened in 1899, Queens Gardens was originally a clay pit, which supplied bricks used to construct some of Perth's oldest buildings. It was later developed as a public park and quickly became a popular destination for weekend musical performances. Join the iCity guides for a stroll highlighting the park's history.

FREE Adults **P** 

The Trees of Matilda Bay

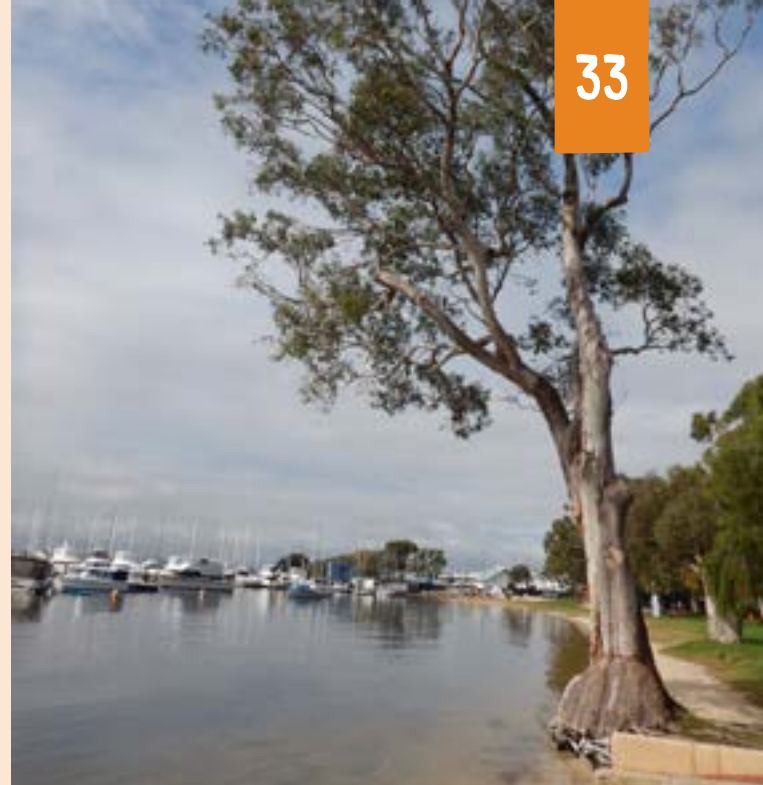
 **Sat 12 April**


 **9am – 11.30am**

 **Meet at River Journeys Node, JH Abrahams Reserve, Matilda Bay**

 **Free – bookings required**

Explore the diversity and stories of Matilda Bay's trees in a two and a half hour walk led by renown conservation biologist, botanist and eucalypts expert Professor Stephen Hopper AC. Enjoy his discussion and responses to questions about the trees lining the Derbal Yerrigan (Swan River), and his insights learnt from Nyoongar Elders about the importance of trees to the original custodians of Australia.




FREE All ages **P** 

The Trees of Stirling Gardens

 **Sat 12 April**

 **11am – 12pm**

 **Stirling Gardens, Corner St Georges Tce & Barrack St, Perth**

 **Free – bookings required**

Tour Perth's first botanical garden with staff from the City of Perth Parks team. Learn about some of the Gardens' oldest trees and the challenges of caring for them in contemporary times. All participants will take home a native plant seedling to add to their garden.



FREE All ages

The Significance of Stirling Gardens

 **Sat 12 April**

 **10am – 11am**

 **Meet by the Kangaroos by Stirling Gardens, 27-29 St Georges Tce, Perth**

 **Free – bookings required**


The oldest garden in the City of Perth, Stirling Gardens has a fascinating history waiting for you to explore.




FREE All ages

Art Deco City Tour

 **Sat 12 April**

 **1pm – 2.30pm**

 **Perth Town Hall, Corner Hay St & Barrack St, Perth**

 **Free – bookings required**

Join passionate enthusiasts from the Art Deco and Modernist Society of WA in a guided walk through the Perth CBD exploring buildings which represent this unique architectural style. Take time before or after to view the exhibition *Art Deco in Perth: A glimpse into 1930s elegance*.


FREE All ages **P**

Royal Perth Hospital Heritage Precinct Walking Tour

Sat 12 & Sun 13 April
Sat: 10am – 11am
Sun: 10am – 11am & 12pm – 1pm
10-14 Murray St, Perth
Meet at the Fig Tree outside Kirkman House
Free – bookings required

Discover the history of Perth's oldest hospital, in continuous use since 1855. Take a behind the scenes peek into the original Colonial Hospital, the Nurses' quarters, Administration Building and an early isolation ward. View the huge transmission electron microscope used for the first visualisation of the HIV Virus in the world. Hear stories from guides with first hand experience of working in the hospital, including former Director of Medical Services Bill Beresford.


FREE All ages

Perth's Engineering Heritage

Sun 13 April
2pm – 3pm
Meet at 'Point Zero', Cathedral Ave and St Georges Tce, Perth
Free – bookings required

Without the hard work and technical ingenuity of our engineers, heritage buildings would not function or endure. Join engineer and heritage expert Perry Beor for a short walk through the Perth CBD to learn about the 'bones' of some of Perth's best known (and lesser known) heritage buildings and structures.


TICKETED All ages **P**

His Majesty's Theatre Tours

Sat 12 April
Behind the Scenes Tours:
10am – 11.30am; 12.15pm – 1.45pm
Cyc n Sound Tour:
2pm – 3pm
His Majesty's Theatre, 825 Hay Street, Perth
Ticketed – bookings required

Take a peek behind the red curtains with a 'Behind the Scenes' or 'Cyc n Sound' technical tour. See how the magic of performance is brought to life at Perth's most iconic theatre.

TICKETED All ages

His Majesty's Talk and Grand Tour

Wed 2 & Fri 4 April
10am – 11.45am
His Majesty's Theatre, 825 Hay Street, Perth
Ticketed – bookings required

Join His Majesty's Theatre Historian Ivan King OAM for a gossipy and anecdotal wander through ten decades of colourful show-business history, viewing the Theatre's front-of-house, auditorium, and balconies. Tour begins in the ground floor foyer.



FREE All ages

Swanning Around Perth: Self-guided scavenger hunt

Mon 14 – Sun 27 April

**9am – 4.30pm (Mon – Sat)
11am – 2.30pm (Sun)**

Pick up a map at iCity Kiosk, Forrest Place, Murray Street Mall, Perth

Free – no bookings required

We invite you to go swan spotting in the Perth CBD in this special swan themed heritage scavenger hunt. Complete all 10 clues at locations around the CBD in a 2.5km loop. Submit your entry at the City of Perth Library to claim your reward!

FREE All ages

The Heritage of Pelican Point

Sat 12 April

12pm – 1pm

Meet at DBCA office foreshore, corner Hackett Dr & Australia II Dr, Crawley

Free – bookings required

Join volunteers from the Swan Estuary Action Group for a short tour of Pelican Point. Discover the history of the area and see the outcomes of SERAG's efforts in slowly reestablishing the natural heritage of the area.



FREE All ages **P**

Council House Tour

Sun 13 April

1pm – 2pm

**Council House,
27 St Georges Tce, Perth**

Free – bookings required

Take a peek behind the technicolour facade of Council House. Opened in 1963, architects Howlett and Bailey designed a building that confidently signalled Perth's arrival on the world stage as a 'City of Light'. Step back to the swinging 60s in this guided tour of one of Perth's modernist architectural icons.

TICKETED All ages **P**

Claisebrook Art and History Walk

Fri 4 April

10.30am – 12pm

Meet at the gazebo, Victoria Gardens, East Perth

Ticketed – \$5 adults, free for children – bookings required

Art in Claisebrook has played a key role in connecting people to the area's history and heritage. Join local artist Andrew Hawes to discover more about this fascinating precinct. The guided walk goes for 90 minutes over two kilometres.



FREE All ages

Ready All, Row!

Tue 15 April

5pm – 6pm

The West Australian Rowing Club, 171 Riverside Dr, Perth

Free – bookings required

Alan Salisbury was 17 when he joined the West Australian Rowing Club in 1950 and at 92 this year he is still an active member rowing most days. He has been a stalwart member of the Club, inspiring others to rise, shine and row regardless of age. Join Alan for a guided tour of the heritage listed boatshed and learn the fascinating history of the club founded in 1868.


FREE All ages

Perth Girls School – Art Deco Guided Tour

- Sat 26 April**
- 3pm – 4.30pm**
- Old Perth Girls School, 2 Wellington St, East Perth**
- Free – bookings required**

See inside the former Perth Girls School in East Perth. Built in distinctive Art Deco style, the school operated from 1936 to 1962, later becoming the WA Police Traffic Branch. The Art Deco and Modernist Society of WA invites you on a guided tour of this iconic heritage building.


TICKETED All ages

Bell Tower ANZAC Day

- Fri 25 April**
- Tour: 11.30am – 12.30pm**
Bugler: 1pm
- The Bell Tower, Barrack Square, Riverside Dr, Perth**
- \$35pp (Tour); General entry (Bugler) – bookings required**

The 6.5 tonne ANZAC Bell is the largest swinging bell in Australia. See it (and feel its power!) up close on this special ANZAC Day tour. Learn more about the sacrifices of the ANZACs and join us in a minute of silence with a bugler on the Observation Deck.


FREE All ages **P**

History of the Catholic Cathedrals in Western Australia

- Sun 27 April**
- 1pm – 2pm**
- St Mary's Cathedral, 41 Victoria Sq and St Johns Pro-Cathedral, 18 Victoria Sq, Perth**
- Free – bookings required**

From humble beginnings in 1843, St Mary's Cathedral is now the largest church building in Western Australia. Learn more about its history as you tour the building's crypts and visit the Pro-Cathedral, the earliest Catholic church building in Western Australia.

FREE All ages

West Perth Art Deco Walk

- Sat 5 April**
- 3pm – 4.30pm**
- Florence Hummerston Reserve, St Georges Tce & Mount St, Perth**
- Free – bookings required**

West Perth is filled with Art Deco architectural gems from the 1920s and 30s. Learn about the Art Deco movement and explore places that exemplify the style in a walk through West Perth guided by passionate experts from the Art Deco and Modernist Society of WA.



SPOTLIGHT

CELEBRATING OUR MULTICULTURAL HERITAGE



Many cultures have contributed to the history and development of Boorloo (Perth). Discover the diverse heritage of the Perth community in a range of Festival activities throughout April.

Take part in the moving Indigenous ANZAC Service acknowledging Maori contributions to armed services on ANZAC Day.

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Visit the Chung Wah Association and take a guided tour of Northbridge with community historian Kaylene Poon.

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Hear talks on the history of the Chinese community and its influence in Perth by historians from Two Centuries of Chinese Heritage at the National Archives of Australia.

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Savour the music, flavours and cultures of Indonesia at the Perth Indonesian Festival in Forrest Place.

~ See more on page 6 ~

Learn about Buddhist traditions, art and culture at the Buddha's Birthday Festival.

~ See more on page 6 ~

Celebrate Italian heritage and culture at the Perth Italian Festival at Langley Park.

~ See more on page 7 ~

Catch a performance by poets and writers from culturally diverse backgrounds showcasing the hidden stories and contributions by multicultural communities to Boorloo (Perth).

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Discover the early Dutch connections with Western Australia and their special connection to Black swans in a talk by Professor Nonja Peters.

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