

A guide to the city's best family friendly activities

SUMMER SHINES IN THE CITY



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Lord Mayor's Message

This year, summer in your City will set the scene like never before. With more free events, activations and moments to experience with your family and friends, there's every reason under our famous Perth sun to head to the City.

October and November arrive with balmy nights, food markets, and Rooftop Movies.

Christmas comes to town in December with free festive events, fireworks most Saturday nights, and memory-makers like the Rio Tinto Christmas Lights Trail, before we serenade the summer with dazzling light shows to close out the school holidays in January.

Summer in the City is pure magic. Growing up, it always felt like an adventure where neon lights mixed with historic sights, and quaint little time warps like London Court. Now I get to mix those memories with the ones I share with my kids, whether it's shopping or dining in the heart of the city or taking a beat in Claisebrook or West Perth. Or even enjoying the sparkling Derbarl Yerrigan (Swan River) from Matilda Bay.

This magazine speaks to a whole city to share with your family and friends. So what will you make of it this summer?

City of Perth Lord Mayor
Basil Zempilas

Acknowledgement of Country

The City of Perth kadij kalyakool moondang-ak kaaradj midi boodjar-ak ngala nyininy, Wadjuk Noongar yoongar wer bandany Aboriginal yoongar yooarme boodjar-ool. Ngalang woola Boorloo wer Derbarl Yerrigan kalakoork, wongin kadadjiny wer, wirn-yoodan. Ngalang kadij 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 and the Derbarl Yerrigan. We offer our respects to Elders past and present.

Introduction

You can feel when summer is on its way. The days grow bright, the nights balmy. We think Perth summers are like nothing else in the world. And there's no better place to experience one, than in the City of Perth.

In fact, there's so much to see and do in the city we just had to tell you all about it! Inside this magazine you'll find a variety of ideas to keep you and the family entertained all summer long.

With Christmas celebrations, outdoor cinema screenings, amazing cultural experiences, food markets, festivals and the ever-changing beauty of Kings Park, you'll find this is the time when the City comes alive. The bright, sunny days and warm night lights provide the perfect backdrop for a whole range of amazing events and family-friendly attractions.

There are so many ways to do summer... in the city.



Park for free and enjoy the city this summer



Free nighttime parking!

It's easier than ever to head into the city and soak up all the summer fun, with free parking from 6pm at all City of Perth Parking car parks.

3-hour free parking on weekends & public holidays

Weekends and public holidays are worth celebrating. Enjoy 3-hours of free parking at three central City of Perth car parks: Cultural Centre, His Majesty's and Pier Street. If the idea of free parking gets your motor running, come and enjoy summer in your city!

Tech-free Adventures

This summer the City's natural wonders are just waiting for you and your family to explore. Here are some of the exciting ways you can temporarily disconnect from tech and re-connect with the stunning beauty of our City.

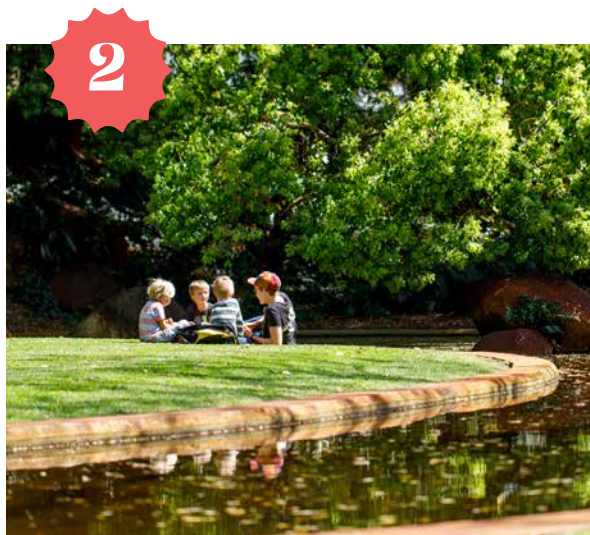


Entertaining the family is a walk in the Park

There's a reason why Kings Park features on so many postcards and Insta posts. This incredible natural attraction is one of the largest inner-city green spaces in the world, with stunning wildlife and panoramic views of the City skyline. Your family will love wondering through the Botanic Gardens and taking in the rich variety of native flora and fauna. If you like to learn while you stroll you can always join a volunteer-led guided tour and find out more about the Park's unique plant life and history.



Make sure to explore the Lotterywest Federation Walkway, a glass tree-top bridge that offers stunning views of the Park's canopy. You can also experience the Rio Tinto Naturescape, where nature play comes alive with rushing creeks, aerial walkways, and towering tree tops. And don't forget to pack a picnic to enjoy in one of the many picturesque spots!



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Life's a picnic in the City's secret gardens

It's time to put down your phone, pick up a panini and enjoy a relaxing picnic at one of the City's picturesque parks or gardens. There's plenty of playgrounds, swings, and open spaces so the kids can play while you relax. With its tranquil lake, charming walking paths and lush gardens, Harold Boas Gardens in West Perth is the perfect destination for a family picnic. Queens Gardens in East Perth is also a top spot to consider—a serene space with beautiful lawns and shaded areas, ideal for unwinding while the kids explore nature.



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'Scavenger Hunt' is code for fun

Calling all code crackers! The 'Secret of Point Zero' scavenger hunt is a self-guided adventure taking you from Perth Cultural Centre to Elizabeth Quay on a quest to find 12 hidden bronze plaques. Each one reveals a vital clue that helps unlock the ultimate secret. Pick up your free map at the iCity Kiosk or download it from visitperth.com



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See the City in style with Perth Explorer

Experience the City in an entirely new way. The Perth Explorer is an open-top, double-decker bus that provides scenic views of the City and Kings Park. It also offers fantastic photo opportunities as your friendly driver shares some great stories about the City's history. So, if you want to be educated and entertained, it's time to get on board!



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The art of discovering the City

Take a tour de force of the senses, as you explore the City's vibrant street art through a guided art walking tour. The iCity Art Tour lets you discover public artworks hidden in laneways, streetscapes and even ceilings, showing how art has transformed the places we live, work, and play.

If you're an admirer of aboriginal, local and international street artists, you can also sign up for Oh Hey WA's walking tour – a leisurely 3km tour suitable for all ages. It's another great way to get to see your City's artistic side.



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Let's point to Point Fraser

With water-front views, scenic paths and wide inviting spaces, you can't go past Point Fraser Recreation Precinct for a fantastic family day out. Birdwatchers will love the opportunity to spot some winged friends. Come prepared by checking out our Bird Spotting Guide on page 17!

You can also take in the scenery with a refreshing bike ride along Perth's stunning foreshore. About Bike Hire is located at Point Fraser and offers easy rentals, with their Perth Bridges Ride recommended as a family-friendly option. The flat 10km route follows the Swan River, taking you past the iconic Swan Bells and offering breathtaking City views. If you've got energy to burn, you can add an additional loop incorporating the Windan Bridge, which will take you past the East Perth Development and the beautiful Burswood Lakes, home to a variety of bird life.



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Discover nature at Perth City Farm!

A hidden, natural treasure in the heart of the City, Perth City Farm provides a hands-on experience with nature and sustainability. Explore the community gardens, meet farm animals and learn about sustainable farming practices in this unique urban oasis.

Discover the Magic of Kambarang & Birak in the City

Did you know?

According to Nyoongar Dreaming stories, the Derbarl Yerrigan was created and is cared for by the Waugal, the Rainbow Serpent.



The Nyoongar people have been following the Six Seasons for thousands of years. The seasons—Birak, Bunuru, Djeran, Makuru, Djilba, and Kambarang—aren't marked by specific dates, but by changes in the local environment. Aboriginal people recognise these seasonal shifts by observing signs like wind, rainfall and temperature, as well as plants, animals, and the stars.

How Nyoongar seasons came to be

Dreaming stories tell us the Waugal (Rainbow Serpent) taught the Nyoongar people about the seasons and how to care for the land. This wisdom has been passed down through generations by Nyoongar Elders.

What makes Kambarang and Birak special?

Kambarang Season spans October and November and is symbolised by the colour yellow to represent the return of the warmer weather. This season is marked by an explosion of colour as wildflowers bloom across our landscape.

Snakes and reptiles also start to wake from hibernation, using the sun's warmth to fuel their hunt for food.

Birak is the summer season from December to January, denoted by the colour red to represent intense heat, sun and fire. Luckily, the cool sea breeze, known as the 'Freo Doctor', helps ease the scorching heat on most afternoons.

Birak is also called the Season of the Young because it's a time of growth. Tadpoles turn into frogs, flowers produce seeds, snakes shed their skin and baby birds learn to fly.

Kambarang and Birak in the City of Perth

Kambarang, with its abundance of wildflowers, is the perfect time to observe wildlife around the City of Perth. You can follow the West Perth native bee scene trail, which features bee hotels and wildflower gardens.

Birak is the perfect time to find shade and water to cool off. In the City of Perth, you can relax by the Derbarl Yerrigan (Swan River) or seek shelter under the leafy trees in local parks.

Boorloo (Perth) is situated on Whadjuk Nyoongar Boodja (Country). We acknowledge the Whadjuk Nyoongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters where our City is situated today. There are many places across Boorloo that are of cultural and spiritual significance for the Whadjuk Nyoongar people.

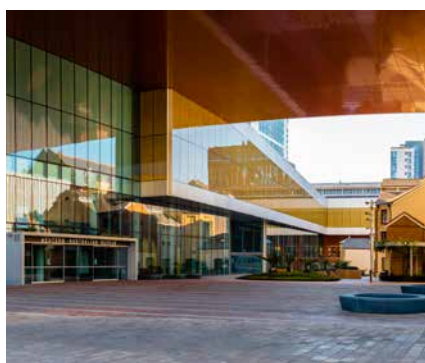
Explore Aboriginal history and culture with your family

Perth is an incredible City to explore the culture of the Nyoongar people, the Traditional Owners of the land we live on, and we're spoilt for choice when it comes to educational and cultural attractions that tell us all about them. Check out the places and trails in the City of Perth where your family can explore Aboriginal culture and history.



Public art

Lots of Aboriginal art is displayed across the City, celebrating and acknowledging culture, storytelling and traditions. How many can you find?



WA Museum Boola Bardip

The WA Museum Boola Bardip hosts 'Spinifex People: Art and Stories from Pila Nguru' from 5 December to 4 May, showcasing the rich culture and storytelling of the Spinifex People.

Did you know?

The term Nyoongar refers to 'a person of the south-west of Western Australia' and includes 14 different language groups.



See if you can spot the Western Australian Christmas Tree sprouting its vivid yellow and orange flowers across Perth. The *Nuytsia floribunda* is a fascinating native shrub producing a dazzling display during December.

Self-guided tours

The City of Perth boasts a fantastic range of walking trails, including two self-guided 'Karla Yarning' (Home-Fire Yarning) tours, each taking approximately 1.5 hours.

This City is Whadjuk Country

This self-guided tour explores Whadjuk Nyoongar history, providing insight into how Nyoongar people lived prior to white settlement in 1829.

Fighting for Families: Country, Rights and Recognition

This tour focuses on Aboriginal history in Perth after 1829, including significant events such as the resistance of Whadjuk leaders Midgegooroo and his son Yagan in the 1830s, the Prohibited Area Zone from 1927 to 1954, and the Aboriginal protest rallies of the 1930s and 1940s.

Cultural tours

Go Cultural – Goomup Walking Tour 2.0

Experience the world's oldest living culture through ancient Dreamtime stories, traditional songs, and Nyoongar language on this enlightening cultural walking tour. Discover how the natural world and elemental forces have shaped the daily lives of the Nyoongar people, fostering their unique spiritual connection to this boodjah (earth or country).

gocultural.com.au

Djurandi Dreaming – Finding Yagan

Learn about the Nyoongar resistance warrior and leader, Yagan. Starting at the yongas (kangaroos) at Supreme Court Gardens, and travelling through iconic laneways as you're immersed in traditional Dreaming stories.

djurandi.com.au

Nyungar Tours – Mooro Katta Gar-Up Kings Park Walk

Hear traditional stories of Whadjuk Country and the history of the Nyoongar people as you explore the Banksia Garden and learn about medicinal plants and bush foods.

nyungartours.com.au

Behind the scenes at the WA Museum

Boola Bardip

Have you ever wondered who gets to choose the exhibitions at the Museum and if the staff get to play hide and seek after hours? Well, we sent in an investigative team of kids to ask these questions and more to WA Museum Director of Engagement, Jason Fair.

Jason has worked at the WA Museum for 18 years. He started out managing all the things you can buy at the Museum, such as toys in the shop and food at the café. He quickly became really interested in the people who visited the Museum, and wanted to better understand why people came to visit and what they wanted to see. This led him to his current job.

Here are the questions our little investigators put to him.



Kimberley VR

\$ Free and ticketed

📅 23 November – 28 April

Immerse yourself in a breathtaking virtual reality journey by White Spark Pictures, showcasing the dramatic landscapes of the Kimberley region. It's set to be an unforgettable adventure!



What is your favourite part of working at the museum?

I love the diversity of my job. One minute I could be meeting with the Italian Consulate General, or the Ambassador from Peru, and the next I am supervising the installation of a new exhibition about the Moon.

How did you get to have your job?

Believe it or not, I worked for a big toy store company before coming to work at the WA Museum. I got my current job because of all the work I did to learn about and value our visitors and what they liked to see when they came to the Museum.

Do you get to play with the exhibits before everyone else?

I sure do! This is how I check to make sure all our visitors can come and have a great time interacting with our exhibitions.

Do you get to play hide and seek in the museum?

Unfortunately, no, but when the new museum was first opened, I got lost A LOT and had to find my way out! That was a bit like playing hide-and-seek.

Can you tell us a secret about the museum that most people don't know?

I have an office that is in an old safe!

How do you come up with ideas for new exhibitions?

We plan our exhibitions years in advance and I have a team of amazing staff who help choose and design exhibitions for our visitors to enjoy.

For example, our exhibition To the Moon came from wanting to share with our visitors the current work in Space development happening in Perth, and our connection with space. So, we started by borrowing a piece of moon rock from NASA and displaying Luke Jerram's seven metre moon replica.

With these two items and a team of great people, we were able to build an interactive and fun exhibition.

If you could bring one exhibit to life, which one would it be?

That is easy, the Night Parrot, a specimen on display in the Wild Life gallery, which is so rare it was once thought extinct. It came to the Museum after dying due to injuries when it was caught by its wing on a fence, which was very sad.

The Night Parrot is really hard to find—not only is it nocturnal (only coming out at night) but it lives in some of the harshest parts of Australia.

So, if I could bring it back to life and set it free where it came from, I would!

However, specimens like the Night Parrot help our scientists and researchers learn more about this mysterious bird, which will help us protect them in the future.

What is your favourite thing in the museum?

Ross Potter's hand drawn young humpback whale drawn at life-size and hanging outside the Wild Life gallery at Boola Bardip.

It is my favourite because it was drawn by hand using a pencil and it is life-size! Ross created the drawing while doing some workshops at the WA Maritime Museum in Fremantle and donated it to the WA Museum's collection. I saw Ross when he was working on it and he told me that he was inspired by a 45-minute encounter with a humpback whale off Hillarys.

How can I work in a museum when I grow up?

There are so many different opportunities at the Museum.

One of the things I like about the Museum is the variety of jobs people do and how they all work together to make the Museum a great place to visit. You could work as a scientist, a curator who researches the objects in our collection, a visitor services officer, a retail assistant in one of our shops, build the digital parts of our exhibitions or teach children who visit our museums.

There are so many ways to be part of the Museum, you can even volunteer once you turn 16!



Jason was a good sport, answering our young investigators' questions. He also shared with us some of the super exciting things coming up across summer at WA Museum Boola Bardip.

Check out the biggest and best VR experience The Great Kimberley Wilderness where you will be able to get up close and personal with some of the most untouched areas of the Kimberley region.

If virtual reality isn't quite your thing, you can take a self-guided 'Codebreakers' tour.

Part scavenger hunt, part escape room, this is a different way to explore Boola Bardip and possibly the closest you will get to hide-and-seek!

For those not quite old enough to be breaking codes, the Little Learners' program is educator-led and designed especially for ages 2 – 5.

Or check out the drop-and-leave school holiday programs which allow kids to get the best out of the Museum while adults take a break. Get in quick as these tend to book out fast!

Spotlight on Perth City Farm

In the heart of Perth, the journey to sustainability thrives at Perth City Farm, where Kathleen, a long-time advocate for eco-friendly living, has made her mark. Delve into her inspiring story—from her humble beginnings as a volunteer to becoming the CEO of the beloved community hub. Discover how Kathleen's early encounters with nature shaped her passion for sustainability and learn about the exciting programs designed for families and kids.



Storytime with Grandma Rosie

💰 **Ticketed by donation**

📅 **11 December**

🕒 **9.30am – 10.30am**

👉 **perthcityfarm.org.au**

Suitable for children under 5, these sessions feature storytelling, adventures, and exploration.



Kathleen

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What’s your adventure story to becoming the CEO of Perth City Farm? What sparked your interest in this awesome role?

I first came to Perth City Farm to volunteer in 2009. I had recently graduated from uni and was a bit bored and lonely so a friend told me to come and have coffee at the Saturday Farmers Market. I wasn’t very interested in sustainability or organic produce but I loved the gardens and the quirky passionate people—I found a welcoming community. I set the intention to work here one day and in 2017 I was offered the CEO role.

Can you tell us about your first encounter with sustainability? Was it a magical moment that inspired an exciting career path?

My Mum has always cared about sustainability so we did lots of nature care activities growing up like visiting the Herdsman Wetlands Centre and growing trees at school for Trillion Trees. But coming to Perth City Farm was the first time I chose to get involved with a sustainability project as an adult and it was really magical actually, I felt there was a good spirit in the trees here. I’d just finished studying accounting so I wasn’t really open to spiritual moments, but I found some magic here!

What’s your top tip for people who want to sprinkle a little more sustainability into their daily lives?

Take small and steady steps to shift your family’s habits and celebrate the changes you make so it’s a really positive experience. Pick one habit like buying toilet rolls wrapped in paper instead of plastic, then make use of the pretty paper wraps and cardboard rolls to make personalised festive crackers. Then move on to another habit to shift!

How do you think the cool stuff you and your team do at Perth City Farm helps our community today and for kids in the future?

All of our work is about harnessing the power of nature and community connection, bringing people together to learn about sustainable living. We do that through programs for kids and adults, teaching things like food growing, nature crafts, preserving food and using less power. People think that ‘the environment’ is the key beneficiary of people living more sustainably, but it actually makes your life much better! Doing these things helps you connect with other people, save money, eat more healthily, be more mindful and prioritise the things in life that make us happy. Connecting to nature helps people learn, make friends, improve self-esteem, be active outdoors and feel positive about the world in the context of a changing climate.

Perth City Farm sounds like a playground for families! What fun programs do you have for kids and families to learn about sustainability? Any exciting summer holiday workshops we should know about?

Perth City Farm is open Monday to Saturday and is free for the community to explore whenever the gates are open. We also have a Nature Playgroup on Saturdays during the school term which is a guided experience for families with young children. Each month there is Grandma Rosie’s Storytime, an intergenerational session with stories, singing and exploring the farm. And lots of schools or social groups visit us for tours and activity days if you want to organise a group to come.

Got any tips for parents on how to introduce their little ones to the world of farming and being eco-friendly at home?

Kitchen gardening is a great place to start, growing new food from scraps like carrot tops, growing salad sprouts like alfalfa or visiting a local farmers market and creating challenges to use unusual seasonal fruit and veg is great. Food is a great place to start with being eco-friendly because we all eat every day and it’s a huge area of waste so lots of potential to have an impact.

Can you share a meaningful story or a fun success from Perth City Farm that shows your impact on the community?

Our Grandma Rosie Storytime is a beautiful monthly event run by volunteers, headed up by our Founder Rosanne Scott who started Perth City Farm thirty years ago. The story time sessions are run by a collective of grandparents who choose books, songs and craft activities to match a nature-based theme and share them with other parents/grandparents and their youngsters.

What makes you passionate about sustainability and the environment? Do you have a fun story that shows just how much you love our planet?

I think if you care about yourself, and the people you love, you have to be passionate about sustainability and the environment—we are nature and the natural world is keeping us alive and making life worth living. I’ve done a couple of 4-day solo nature quests where you sit in the bush and connect with nature. It’s pretty extreme and there are some very funny moments (like getting ticks in places you don’t want them!) but the feeling of connection and stillness that comes from it is incredible.

Sustainable fun this summer!

Sustainability is something that can be fun for the family, and the planet. And the good news is that the City has plenty of ways for you to go green while enjoying a range of amazing experiences. Here are some simple and exciting ideas for your family to reduce its environmental footprint while making the most of your City experience.

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Get behind our sustainable businesses

Let's support the local businesses that support our environment! Swing by Made in the City of at 69 Barrack St, where you can check out how they turn plastic lids into one-of-a-kind gifts. This amazing business has also developed a program to help mature-age women get back into the workforce. Visit their workshop and retail store from Thursdays to Saturdays after 12pm, including late-night shopping on Fridays.

If fashion is more your style, explore awesome vintage stores like FA Concept Vintage, Fi & Co, Dada Records and Retro 66. You can also check out local markets like the Black Friday RAG Fashion Pop-up at Perth Town Hall on 29 November, Perth Upmarket, and the Christmas Twilight Perth Makers Market at Supreme Court Gardens, also on 29 November. Don't forget to grab fresh, locally grown goodies at the Perth City Farm Farmers Market, happening every Saturday morning from November to February.

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Opt for public transport

Sometimes getting there is half the fun. So this summer, instead of driving into the City, hop on a bus, catch the train, or enjoy a relaxing ferry ride across the Swan River. The environment, and your wallet, will thank you!





Participate in eco-friendly activities

Get creative and hands-on at Perth City Farm with a range of interactive workshops in November. These workshops are a fantastic way to learn new skills, whip up tasty treats and embrace sustainable cooking together! Here's what's on the menu:

2 November

Sourdough Bread Workshop: Learn the art of baking your own bread from scratch.

9 November

Pasta Making: Get messy and roll your way to fresh, homemade pasta.

16 November

Cheesemaking: Discover the secrets behind crafting your own cheese—yum!

23 November

Introduction to Fermentation: Dive into the world of fermentation and learn how to make your own tasty goodies.



Explore nature and green spaces

Our postcard-perfect parks and gardens are just waiting for you and the family to come and visit. Pack a picnic and head to Victoria Gardens in East Perth, Kings Park, or any of the City's lush green spaces for a day of fun. Whether it's a leisurely walk, a bike ride, or simply lounging under a tree, being outdoors is a great reminder of why we should care for our beautiful environment.

While you're out, don't miss the Bee Scene Trail in West Perth. This cool educational trail will take you around the village, showcasing eye-catching sculptures, vibrant murals, bee hotels (more about them later!), and wildflower gardens. Just scan the QR codes along the trail to learn all about native bees and how you can attract them to your own backyard.



Cash in your containers

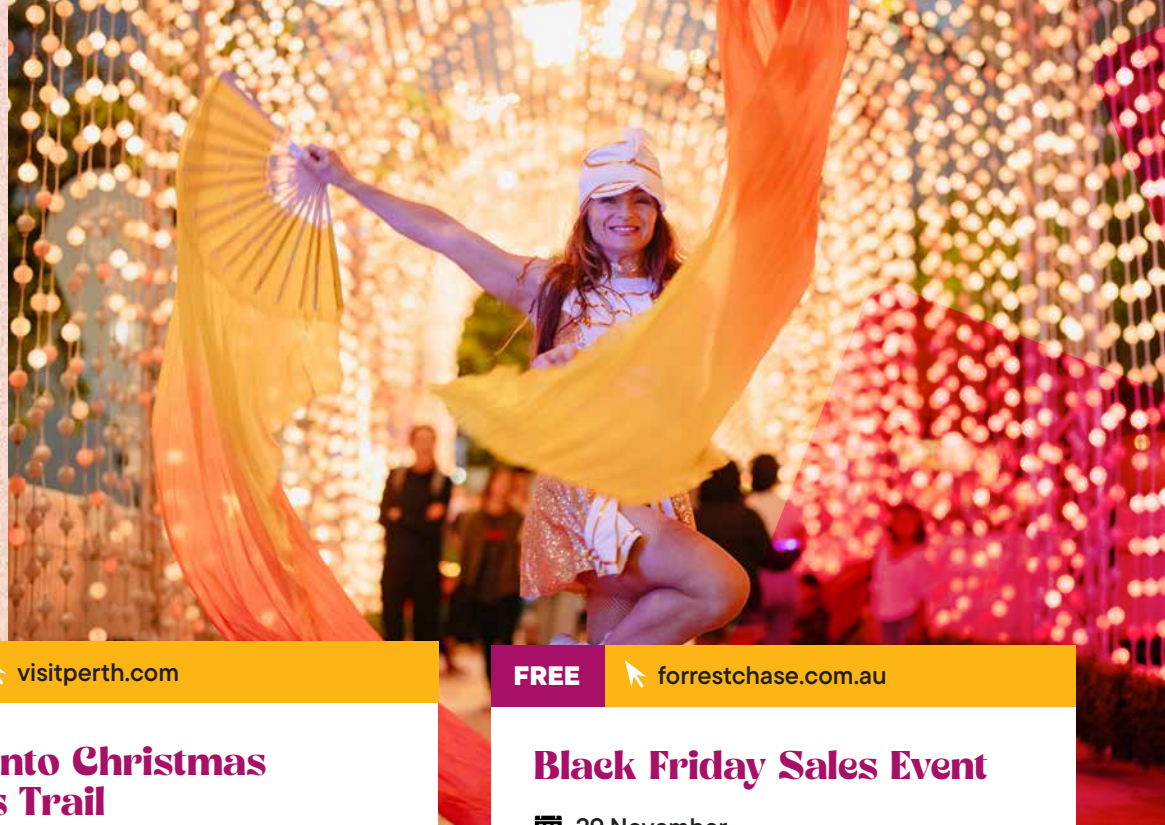
Here's a fun, educational way for the kids to make a bit of pocket money while also making a difference to the planet. Join the Containers for Change initiative by collecting eligible bottles and cans, then head to one of several convenient collection points in the City. It's a fun family activity that also helps keep our parks, rivers, and streets clean!



Did you know?

Did you know every Sunday, public transport is free for all SmartRider holders?

November Events



FREE visitperth.com

Twilight Food Market

- 📅 Until 28 March
- 🕒 4.30pm – 9.30pm
- 📍 Forrest Place

Proudly brought to you by the City of Perth.
The City's biggest street food market is back every Friday night with its vibrant mix of global cuisines, live music, and entertainment.

TICKETED slwa.wa.gov.au

Young Reader's Day Out

- 📅 17 November
- 🕒 10.30am
- 📍 State Library of Western Australia

Be entertained, write, draw and create with WA superstar children's authors and illustrators—a fun day out for children and their families.

FREE visitperth.com

LOTE Storytime

- 📅 6, 13, 20 November and 4, 11, 18 December
- 🕒 11am – 12pm
- 📍 City of Perth Library

Proudly brought to you by the City of Perth.
Everyone is invited to an hour of LOTE (Languages Other Than English) stories, songs, and craft activities. The event is suitable for ages 0 to 6.

FREE visitperth.com

Rio Tinto Christmas Lights Trail

- 📅 22 November – 1 January
- 🕒 From 6pm
- 📍 Perth CBD and Northbridge

Proudly brought to you by the City of Perth, Principal Partner Rio Tinto, and Major Supporter Lotterywest.

One of the absolute highlights of the festive calendar, this lights trail features 20 stunning installations over 41 nights. Visitors can explore the full trail or the family-friendly 'Merry Mile'. Enjoy festive entertainment and performances (featuring one particularly jolly fellow in a big, red suit) Friday and Saturday nights.

TICKETED waballet.com.au

WA Ballet's The Sleeping Beauty

- 📅 22 November – 15 December
- 📍 His Majesty's Theatre

Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth.
You'll be dancing into the festive season after enjoying this classical performance in the City. For generations this magical fairytale of Princess Aurora has been much loved by the young, and the young at heart. Performed live with the West Australian Philharmonic Orchestra.

FREE forrestchase.com.au

Black Friday Sales Event

- 📅 29 November
- 📍 Forrest Chase, Raine Square and other city retail precincts

It's the retail event that stops the world, and there's no better place to enjoy the Black Friday experience than in your City! With Raine Square, Forrest Chase and other precincts all joining forces to provide special events, offers, a major prize pack, tasty treats and, of course, some amazing discounts. So skip the online congestion this Black Friday, grab your friends and make a day of it with some unbeatable shopping fun.

FREE ragpopup.com.au

Black Friday RAG Fashion Pop Up

- 📅 29 November
- 🕒 11am – 7pm
- 📍 Perth Town Hall

Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth.
If you're a crafty shopper, make sure you pop into the Rag Fashion Pop Up. Specialising in local and independent designers, the market features clothing, jewellery, beauty products, bags, hats, and more. Visitors can explore the creativity behind each item and discuss the designers' inspirations and techniques.



FREE marketlife.com.au

Christmas Twilight Perth Makers Market

📅 29 November
🕒 4pm – 9pm
📍 Supreme Court Gardens

Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth.

Don't wait until Christmas Eve to do your gift shopping! Make an early start at the Twilight Makers Market, where you're sure to find some gift-giving inspiration as you browse amongst the quality, handmade craft from locals.

FREE visitperth.com

Lotterywest Festive Lights

📅 30 November – 1 December
🕒 5pm – 9pm
📍 Elizabeth Quay

Proudly brought to you by the City of Perth and Major Supporter Lotterywest.

You'll see the Quay in a whole new light with a 500-piece drone show and fireworks from the footbridge. Offering a spectacular viewing experience for visitors, over two nights with family-friendly entertainment and food options.

FREE wastrongman.org

WA's Strongest Man and Woman 2024

📅 23 November
🕒 9am – 5pm
📍 Forrest Place

Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth.

This summer, you'll be in awe watching our strongest people perform 5 unique strength-based events to display their mental and physical prowess. WA Strong Abilities will be spotlighted with crowd involvement challenges, photo opportunities and raffle prizes on the day.

Celebrate Pride with these family-friendly events

Just like the colours of the rainbow, this is the time for all of us to come together and celebrate the unity, love and diversity that symbolise this year's Pride events. Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth.

FREE [For more details, visit pridewa.com.au](https://pridewa.com.au)

Pride Piazza

📅 15 – 24 November
📍 Pride Piazza (Northbridge Piazza)

This year also sees the exciting addition of Pride Piazza, a pop-up beer garden. With a diverse array of events tailored to all ages and interests, this dynamic venue is the perfect spot to enjoy the spirit of Pride in an open-air setting.

Fairday is Funday

📅 17 November
🕒 10am – 6pm
📍 PrideFESTGardens (Supreme Court Gardens)

Join in the fun of Fairday, a free community celebration filled with entertainment, carnival rides, LGBTQIA+ community stallholders, and a variety of market stalls offering unique treasures and delights. Be sure to stay for the popular annual dog show, where furry friends strut their stuff in style.

Join the PrideFEST Parade and Party!

📅 23 November
🕒 6pm
📍 Northbridge & Russell Square

There are parades...and then there's the PrideFEST Parade! This iconic event welcomes everyone who's ready to march, dance, celebrate or simply cheer on the LGBTQIA+ community.

Join community groups, businesses and organisations as we come together for a night of solidarity, parading through the streets of Northbridge with pride and joy. The entertainment kicks off at 6pm, with the parade starting at 8pm.

But the celebration doesn't stop there. The Pride fun dances on to Russell Square for the Parade Party presented by the City of Perth, featuring free entertainment from Drag Race royalty, a silent disco, food trucks and market stalls.

Have a sticky beak at some treasured birds and plants

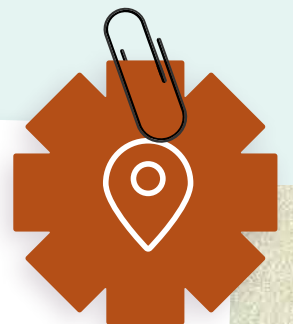
Summer is a wonderful time to swoop in and check out all the stunning plant and bird life native to WA. Some awesome, homegrown experiences for you to enjoy include.



Walkin' in a wildflower wonderland

What's more amazing than the fact WA is home to over 12,000 types of wildflowers? Well, how about this next fact that 60 percent of these blooms can't be found anywhere else in the world? And best of all, you don't even need to leave the City to marvel at our wildflowers' natural beauty. You can spot them growing happily on the streets of East Perth, Claisebrook, Perth CBD, Northbridge and West Perth.

Right now, some amazing plant varieties are in bloom, like Kangaroo Paws and Spider Net Grevillea. These colourful flowers attract bees and birds, bringing even more life, colour and vibrancy to our City.



Help is in our nature

We can all play a part in helping our native plants, birds and bees thrive. Planting flowers, providing water, and keeping our parks beautiful are some of the ways you can preserve our precious birds, plants and bees. So next time you're out and about, take a moment to appreciate all the amazing wildlife that call our City home.



Native bees are busy bees

There's a lot of buzz around our native bees and how important they are to our environment. Western Australia is home to around 800 different types of bees, and these little legends play a big role in helping our plants prosper through spreading their vital pollen. But they need our help, too! Here's how you can be a bee hero:

Native bees love native flowers

Try planting some native plants of your own. Bees love Native Peas, Daisies, Eucalyptus, Banksia, and Acacia.

Make a bee hotel

We humans love to feel safe and cosy inside a nice hotel. Well, bees are no different. Collect some twigs and leaves from your garden and make a luxurious bee hotel to give them a comfortable place to nest, and rest. (And best of all, they won't have to check out at 10am the next morning!) You might also want to take a fun stroll along West Perth's Bee Trail.

Put out some water

Buzzing around all day being environmental heroes can be thirsty work. So why not reward our little buddies by giving them a drink? Just set up a shallow dish with some stones or sand so they can sip safely.

Keep your plants and trees for the bees

Bees like to nest in old trees and woody plants, so let's keep those around to help them out.

By helping our native bees, we can keep our City buzzing with colourful flowers and plants.

Flock to the City for our feathered friends

The blue skies of the City are home to some of the most amazing birds in the world, many of which are native to WA. So come on into the City, get your camera ready, and see if you can spot some of these winged beauties:



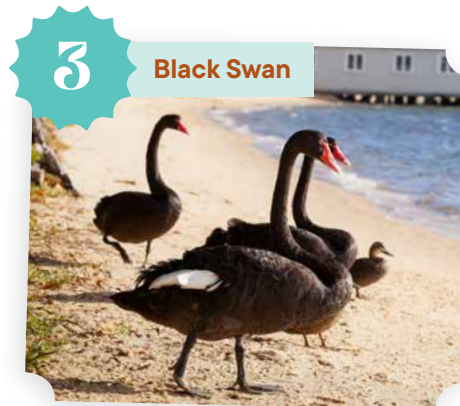
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Rainbow Lorikeet



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Willy Wagtail



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Black Swan



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Osprey



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Pacific Black Duck



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Australian Pelican



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Australasian Darter

So where do these feathered friends particularly like hanging out? You'll find them (and plenty of others) in places like Queens Gardens, Heirisson Island, Harold Boas Gardens, John Oldham Reserve, Claisebrook Lake and Point Fraser. Grab some binoculars and see how many you can spot.

Spoil the family, not the budget

The City offers a range of summer activities that won't strain the household budget. Whether you're looking for educational outings, unique experiences, or just some family fun, here are a range of wallet-friendly activities that everyone can enjoy.



Free! Santa at Council House

Meet the man himself before he sets off around the world! Tell Santa what's on your wish list and snap a photo to capture the magic of the holiday season. 6 and 7 December, 13 to 24 December 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Under
\$30

Fringe fun at Fringe World Festival – Enjoy quirky and family-friendly shows at the Fringe World Festival.

Scoop it up – Cool off with an ice cream from the City's best ice cream spots.

History meets fun at WA Museum Boola Bardip – Explore history with free entry for children 15 years and under, and just \$15 general admission for adults.

Free

Lotterywest Festive Lights at Elizabeth Quay comes alive over two nights with a 500-piece drone show and fireworks from the footbridge, plus family friendly entertainment.

Rio Tinto Christmas Lights Trail will dazzle the family with 20 installations over 41 nights.

Lotterywest Summer Nights at Elizabeth Quay – Enjoy 8 nights of live performances on a floating stage with delicious food, capped off with a dazzling fireworks display!

Firefighter fun at the DFES Museum – Visit the DFES Museum for interactive fire and rescue displays.

Piazza movie magic – Watch a free flick at Northbridge Piazza's outdoor cinema.

Love locks at the Bell Tower – Check out the Bell Tower's love locks and enjoy views of the Swan River.

Step into history at the Old Court House – Step back in time and explore one of Perth's oldest buildings.

Playtime at May Drive Parkland, Kings Park – Pack a picnic and let the kids explore playgrounds and open spaces.

Storytime at City of Perth Library – Join storytelling sessions or kids' activities at the library.

Street art safari – Explore the City's public art and street murals with a self-guided tour.

Dive into culture at Art Gallery of WA – Immerse yourself in special exhibitions for a small entry donation.

Fireworks most Saturday nights at Elizabeth Quay in December and January.

Under
\$80

Retro rewind at Nostalgia Box – Relive the magic of classic video games. A family entry pass is \$55.

Work those legs with a Family Four-Seater Quadcycle from About Bike Hire, East Perth. At \$69 for 90 minutes cycling there's plenty of time to stop for a refreshing ice-cream on the journey.

Science unleashed at Scitech – Explore hands-on exhibits and experiments for curious minds of all ages. 10 percent off admission price for groups of 4, and under 4s are free!

Gold rush extravaganza at Perth Mint – Dive into the dazzling world of gold with a guided walk where you can view the world's largest gold coin and witness a mesmerising live gold pour. Admission for 2 adults and 2 kids is \$65.

Movies under the stars – Catch a family friendly flick at the Rooftop Movies in Northbridge, and support charity while enjoying the night. On 'Cheap Tuesdays' tickets are just \$14 per person.

Summer of Sports in Perth

As sports-loving Western Australians, summer is an absolute highlight on our viewing calendar. Make note of these exciting events to catch all the action on, and off, the field.



TICKETED wildcats.com.au

Wildcats: Bounce Down Is On

20 September – 7 February
RAC Arena

A friendly reminder to the red army: start filling your wardrobe with red and black this summer because your Perth Wildcats will be bringing the heat to the RAC Arena! Rally the troops and come cheer on the Wildcats as they begin their quest for yet another NBL championship.

TICKETED unitedcup.com

United Cup: Tennis Turned Up

27 December – 1 January
RAC Arena

Nothing unites WA tennis fans quite like the United Cup. The RAC Arena serves as the ultimate hosting destination for this mixed-team tennis tournament that showcases the very best players in the game. Whether you're a die-hard fan or just looking to enjoy a unique day out, the United Cup promises to deliver a sporting experience like no other.

Calling all Cubers!

This December the Rubik's World Cube Association Oceanic Championship is coming to Perth! Every cubic metre of the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre will be filled with Oceania's best speedcubers as they battle it in the classic 3x3x3, 2x2x2, 4x4x4 and Rubik's Relay event.

This dynamic competition is a celebration of both individual prowess and collaborative spirit, and promises to be inspiring viewing for cubers everywhere.

Proudly sponsored by City of Perth.

19 – 22 December
Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre
\$15pp with kids under 12 free



Fun Facts

At the 2022 event, held in Melbourne Leo Borromeo won the 3x3x3 Cube event with an average time of 6.05 seconds.

Amazing records include Feliks Zemdegs' 6x6x6 Cube single solve time of 1:16.54 and Charlie Eggins' 3x3x3 Blindfolded single solve time of 14.26 seconds.

What's your fastest time!?

FREE roadnationals.org.au

Aus Cycling Road Nationals: Pedal Power Takes Over

8 - 12 January
Kings Park & Northbridge

Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth.

It's a Tour de Perth this summer as Australia's most skilled cyclists sweep through our City streets. This is every fan's chance to get up close and personal with their favourite cyclists as they swiftly and skilfully navigate thrilling criterium races to scenic road courses, don't miss your chance to enjoy one of the City's most dynamic summer sporting events.

Picks for picnics

This summer, elevate your picnic game with delicious recipes inspired by the City's finest venues. We've teamed up with local favourites to bring you simple, refreshing recipes that are perfect for outdoor eating. Whether you're planning a lazy afternoon in Kings Park or a family gathering by the river, these easy-to-make recipes will add a touch of local flavour to your picnic spread.



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Tip:
Also tastes delicious when you use raspberries.

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Deli QT

Classic Conti Roll

Deli QT brings the flavours of the Mediterranean right to the heart of the City with their handcrafted paninis and sandwiches. A local favourite, the Classic Conti Roll is packed with savoury meats and cheeses. Now, you can recreate this delicious Italian-style sandwich at home. Buon appetito!

 **Prep: 10 mins**

 **Serves: 1**

Ingredients:

- Continental roll
- Mortadella, mild salami and free-range leg ham
- Provolone cheese, sliced
- Iceberg lettuce, thinly sliced
- White onion, thinly sliced
- Acide pickled bread and butter zucchini
- Hellmann's mayo

Method:

1. Carefully cut each roll in half horizontally, making sure not to cut all the way through—just enough to create a pocket for the filling.
2. Brush both sides of the roll with soft butter.
3. Squeeze a generous amount of Hellmann's mayo on both sides of the roll.
4. Begin layering your cured meats: start with mortadella, then add mild salami and free-range leg ham.
5. Place slices of provolone cheese on top of the cured meats.
6. Top with iceberg lettuce, white onion, and pickled zucchini for that extra zing.
7. Gently roll the filled halves together and slice in half to reveal the beautiful cross-section.

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Shop 1875

Chickpea and Couscous Salad

For a light and refreshing option, Shop 1875 has a vibrant summer salad that's both easy to prepare and packed with fresh flavours. Featuring roasted chickpeas and carrots, fresh herbs, crisp greens, and topped with a creamy tahini yoghurt dressing, this salad is a perfect accompaniment to any picnic.

 **Prep: 15 mins**

 **Cook: 15 mins**

 **Serves: 4**

Ingredients:

- 150g chickpeas
- 300g couscous
- 500g baby spinach or mixed leaves
- 2 carrots, cut into half-moons
- ½ bunch fresh parsley, chopped
- ½ bunch fresh dill, chopped
- 100g feta, crumbled
- A handful of pickled onions
- 200g yoghurt
- 20g tahini
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Olive oil, salt and pepper to taste

Method:

1. Soak the chickpeas overnight in plenty of water.
2. Preheat your oven to 180°C.
3. Cut the carrots into half-moon shapes.
4. In a bowl, toss the carrots and soaked chickpeas with olive oil, salt, and pepper. Spread them on a baking sheet and roast in the preheated oven until golden and tender, about 20-25 minutes.
5. In a large pot, bring salted water to a simmer. Add the couscous and cook until just tender, about 10 minutes. Drain and set aside.
6. Whisk together yoghurt, tahini, lemon juice, paprika, olive oil, salt, and pepper to taste until smooth.
7. Combine the couscous, baby spinach or mixed leaves, pickled onions, chopped parsley, and dill.
8. Drizzle with the dressing and toss gently to coat then serve topping each with the roasted chickpeas, carrots, and crumbled feta cheese.

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Teassential

Sparkling Iced Tea

Stay cool this summer with a refreshing glass of sparkling iced tea from Teassential! Their Celebritea blend combines green tea, apple, hibiscus, and more. Plus, it's rich in antioxidants and anti-inflammatory benefits—perfect for those who love to indulge. Enjoy recreating this recipe at home and bring it along to your next summer picnic or BBQ for a sparkling touch!

 **Prep: 5 mins**

 **Cook: 8 mins**

 **Serves: 4**

Ingredients:

- 4 tablespoons of loose green tea – we love Teassential's Celebritea blend
- 2 cups of hot water
- 1 cup apple juice
- 2 tablespoons honey or sweetener of your choice
- Sparkling water
- Ice
- Fresh strawberries and mint leaves to garnish (optional)

Method:

1. In a heatproof pitcher or teapot add the loose tea.
2. Pour hot water over the tea.
3. Let it steep for 5-7 minutes.
4. Once brewed add apple juice to the brewed tea.
5. If desired, add honey or preferred sweetener to the hot tea and stir well to dissolve.
6. Pour tea over ice and then top with sparkling water.
7. Add sliced strawberries and mint leaves.

December Events

FREE visitperth.com

iCity Christmas Light Tours

- 📅 Every Friday & Saturday in December
- 🕒 7pm – 8.30pm
- 📍 Council House

Lose yourself in the City's dazzling Christmas lights every Friday and Saturday night in December. (There will be no tours on December 7 due to the Christmas Pageant.)

FREE visitperth.com

Northbridge Treasure Trail

- 📅 1 December
- 🕒 12pm – 4pm
- 📍 William Street, Northbridge

Proudly brought to you by the City of Perth and Northbridge Common.

Take your little treasures to the Northbridge Treasure Trail along William Street. Follow a custom map and collect stamps at participating stores, to enjoy a free scoop of gelato. Finish off the day with a festive movie and merry markets at Northbridge Piazza.

TICKETED perthconcerthall.com.au

Music on the Lawn: The WA Jazz Project

- 📅 1 December
- 🕒 4pm
- 📍 Government House Gardens

The WA Jazz Project set the standard for excellent jazz performance, bringing a fresh vision for the music genre to Western Australia. Relax in the stunning gardens of Government House and be transported by the superb performances unfolding in front of you. With some amazing talent coming out to play, this is the perfect way to jazz up your December.

TICKETED perth.wa.gov.au/libraryevents

Noongar Carols Community Concert

- 📅 4 December
- 🕒 7pm – 8pm
- 📍 Perth Town Hall

Proudly brought to you by the City of Perth.

The perfect opportunity to hear the language of the land we live on, as our Library's talented Noongar Singing Class performs with Guy Ghouse and Gina Williams. Please book as spaces are limited.

TICKETED elizabethquayfunfair.com.au

Elizabeth Quay Fun Fair

- 📅 6 December – 18 January
- 📍 Elizabeth Quay

Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth.

All the fun of the Fair is back, bigger than ever in 2024! With exhilarating carnival rides, mouth-watering food and vibrant festive atmosphere, this crowd favourite is sure to brighten your day.

FREE 7perthchristmaspageant.com

Alinta Energy Christmas Pageant

- 📅 7 December
- 📍 St Georges Terrace

Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth.

This year's pageant will be the 53rd and it promises to be one to remember. The parade features more than 20 floats, marching bands, and performers, all decked out in their Christmas best. And keep an eye out for special appearances by Santa and Emma Memma!

FREE facebook.com/artsandcraftsstudios

Arts & Crafts Sunday

- 📅 8 December
- 🕒 10am – 4pm
- 📍 Forrest Place

Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth.

Arts and Crafts Sundays is a free community event that celebrates creativity and local talent. Here you'll find over 20 market vendors and local artisans, each showcasing and selling their unique work and inspired creations.

FREE visitperth.com

Brass on the Grass

- 📅 8 December
- 🕒 4pm – 7pm
- 📍 Victoria Gardens

Proudly brought to you by the City of Perth and the East Perth Community Group.

Enjoy this free community concert with all your Christmas favourites including the WA Brass Band. The entertainment continues with children's activities, face painting and a surprise visit from Santa. (As you can imagine he's very busy in December, so we're all very grateful he's taking time out to attend Brass on the Grass!)

TICKETEDperth.wa.gov.au/libraryevents

Furoshiki Gift Wrapping Workshop

📅 10 December**🕒** 5.30pm – 7pm**📍** City of Perth Library

Proudly brought to you by the City of Perth.

Japanese artist Nami Osaki invites participants to her Sustainable Furoshiki gift wrapping workshop. Nami will teach traditional and modern techniques for wrapping gifts of various sizes and shapes, as well as creating sustainable carry bags.

VARIOUSwaso.com.au

Lotterywest Christmas Spectacular

📅 14 December**🕒** 2pm & 7pm**📍** RAC Arena

Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth.

Join the West Australian Symphony Orchestra and special guests for a free family Christmas celebration. There are festive sing-alongs as well as a range of music to enjoy, from cherished classics to modern hits. This arena spectacular offers something for music lovers everywhere.

FREEvisitperth.com

Carols in the City

📅 21 December**🕒** 6.30pm – 9.30pm**📍** Supreme Court Gardens

Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth.

Carols in the City is a free, family friendly celebration. The event includes pre-show entertainment, Santa Land for the kids, food vendors and a fireworks finale.

FREEartsculturetrust.wa.gov.au

Christmas at The Maj

📅 12, 13, 17, 18 December**🕒** Various times**📍** His Majesty's Theatre

Celebrate the magic of the season and enjoy live Christmas carols sung by a festive choir, as Santa makes a special appearance. Indulge in delicious Christmas treats from the theatre cafe, Crew & King!

TICKETEDelleenchantedentertainment.com

Elle Enchanted Family Fairytale Christmas Show

📅 14 December**🕒** 4pm – 6pm**📍** Perth Town Hall

Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth.

Be enchanted by this heartwarming holiday special, celebrating classic animated movie songs and Christmas carols. Follow the journey of a diverse group of fairytale characters as they rediscover the true meaning of Christmas.

FREEvisitperth.com

Christmas Nativity

📅 22 & 23 December**🕒** 6pm – 8pm**📍** Forrest Place

Proudly brought to you by the City of Perth.

This family concert has been a Perth tradition for over 25 years, offering a memorable festive experience for the whole family to enjoy. Held over two nights in Forrest Place, the show features live performances and Christmas carols, inviting everyone to sing along and enjoy the traditional Christmas story.

FREEstatebuildings.com

Festive Story Telling

📅 15 December**🕒** 10.30am – 12pm**📍** The Mark at the State Buildings

Celebrate the Christmas school holidays with festive music and stories by Libby Hammer in a lively mix of music and movement.

FREEperth.wa.gov.au/childrensevents

Carols with WA Opera

📅 17 December**🕒** 11am – 12pm and 1pm – 2pm**📍** City of Perth Library

Proudly brought to you by the City of Perth.

Get those vocal cords warmed up as you learn to sing with industry professionals from the West Australian Opera. These workshops will include warmup skills, canon style exercises and festive carols.

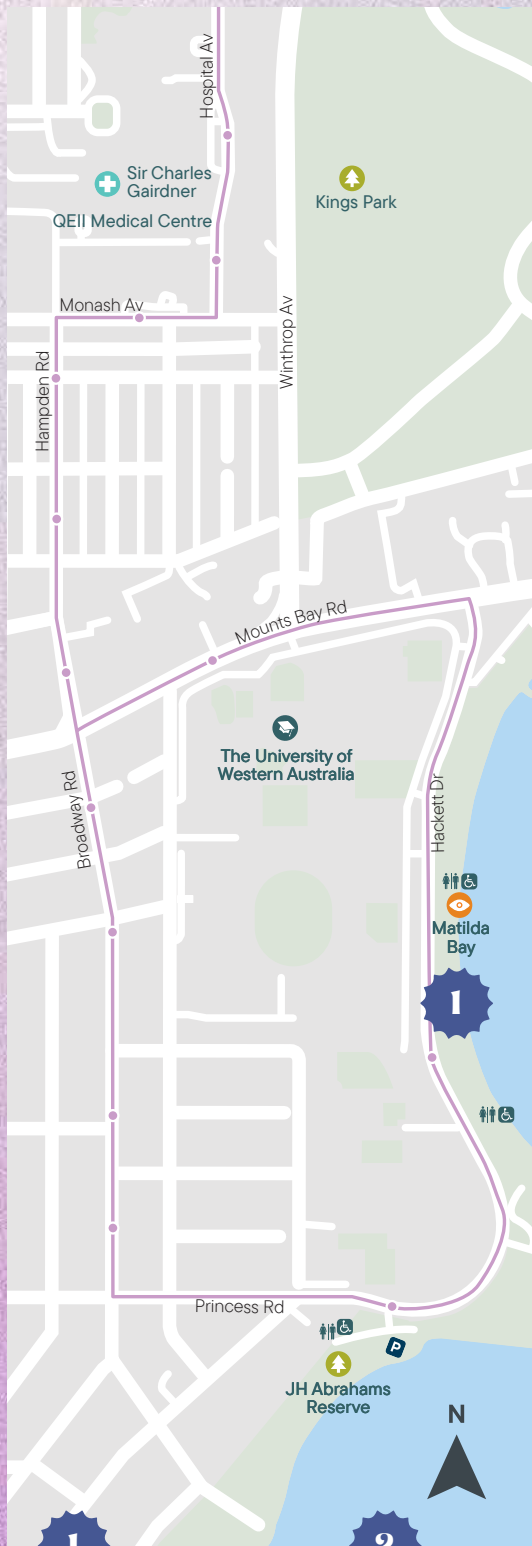
FREEvisitperth.com

Roy Hill New Year's Eve Celebrations

📅 31 December**🕒** 5pm – 1am**📍** Elizabeth Quay & Barrack Square

Proudly brought to you by the City of Perth and Principal Partner Roy Hill.

Celebrate the start of 2025 at Elizabeth Quay and Barrack Square. Enjoy rides, sideshow alley, food vendors and roving entertainment. A family-friendly fireworks show at 8:30pm followed by a midnight display to usher in the new year!



Hire a stand up paddle board at Matilda Bay Reserve
Hackett Dr, Crawley



Fuel up with a coffee and a toastie from No Eye Deer Coffee
102 Railway St, West Perth



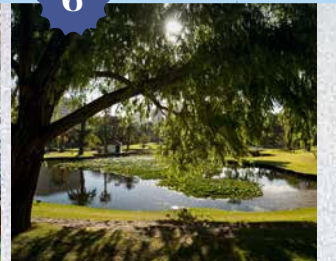
Laugh until your tummy hurts at the Comedy Lounge
413 Murray St, Perth



Enjoy a sunset drink at the AGWA Rooftop Bar
Perth Cultural Centre



Explore the gardens and Saturday markets at Perth City Farm
1 City Farm Pl, East Perth



Bring a blanket for a picnic at Queens Gardens
Cnr Hay & Hale St, Perth



Red CAT: Game on!

The heat is on this summer as the Perth Scorchers promise to electrify the WACA! If you're heading to a game why not open the innings with a mouthwatering feast at the Twilight Food Market in Forrest Place, where you can indulge in everything from gourmet street food to sweet treats. Next, hop on the Red CAT and enjoy the scenic route through East Perth straight to the WACA.

Green CAT: Garden gazing

For all you green thumbs out there, the Green CAT is your ticket to botanical bliss. Begin your adventure with a leisurely stroll through the enchanting Harold Boas Park, where nature's beauty awaits. Then, make your way to Kings Park for a serene sojourn in WA's most stunning gardens. And don't forget your camera; the wildflowers here are breathtaking.

Blue CAT: Action heroes

Get ready for a day of fun, action, and adventure. Your journey begins by setting sail on the Swan River from Barrack Street Jetty, where stunning views and playful dolphins await. After snapping some quick pics of the iconic Bell Tower, hop on the Blue CAT and head to Northbridge for a delicious culinary journey through Chinatown. If you've got Fringe tickets, this route is your ultimate pre-show adventure!

Yellow CAT: Retail therapy

If you're in the mood to give the credit card a workout, we've got the perfect day in store for you. Warm up at Watertown, where you'll find unbeatable bargains that won't break the bank. Once you've bagged some great deals, make your way to the charming boutiques along King Street and Raine Square for a taste of high-end shopping. Afterwards, recharge with a wholesome lunch at Perth City Farm with delicious, fresh options. If you're visiting on a Saturday, be sure to stop by the Farmer's Market for an array of fresh produce and artisanal delights.

Purple CAT: Insta-adventure

If you're looking for some Insta-worthy pics to light up your feed, then this route is a must! Take a stroll along Matilda Bay, snap a selfie with the charming peacocks at UWA, and wrap up your day with a cozy picnic and outdoor movie under the beautiful trees at Kings Park.

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| Information | Arena | Pedestrian Zone |
| Place of Interest | Toilets | Raised Walkway |
| Museum | Accessible Toilets | Red CAT Bus Route |
| Art Gallery | Baby Change | Blue CAT Bus Route |
| Theatre | Shower Facilities | Green CAT Bus Route |
| Library | Train Station | Yellow CAT Bus Route |
| Park & Garden | Bus Station | Purple CAT Bus Route |
| Playground | Ferry | City of Perth Parking |



Rio Tinto Christmas Lights Trail

22 November – 1 January

Watch the kids' faces light up as you lead them along this year's Rio Tinto Christmas Lights Trail. Stroll through all the captivating installations in our City of Light and uncover the breathtaking creations that capture the spirit of Christmas.

And good news for those with tiny tots—this year the Merry Mile is back! This shorter 1.6km route is perfect for junior visitors, and for those with limited time, who still wish to experience the magic of the Trail.

On Friday and Saturday evenings in December, stops along the Trail will also be accompanied by free family-friendly entertainment. We have also just received an exciting letter from the North People, informing us that a certain Mr S. Claus might even be making an appearance!

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Family Rest Stop

Featuring illuminated seating, entertainment, a drinks and ice cream stand and toilets, this is the ideal rest stop on your trail journey while you enjoy Glow. Yours to experience on Friday and Saturday nights in December, as well as 22 – 24 December.

Jewel Tree presented by DevelopmentWA

1

Yagan Square

Standing seven metres tall this enchanting installation, adorned with cascading lights, offers a modern-day twist on the traditional Christmas tree with its radiant glow shining near and far.

Festive Chandeliers

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Forrest Place

This year's Forrest Place Stage is adorned with custom-created outdoor chandeliers, adding a touch of sparkle and enchantment to the festive hub!

Christmas Medley presented by Lotterywest

3

Forrest Place

Everyone's favourite Christmas songs are brought to life on a large scale as they light up the façade of one of Perth's most beautiful historical buildings. Projections from dusk, at approximately 7.45pm.

City of Perth Christmas Tree

4

Forrest Place

At 14 metres tall, this vertical spectacular delivers some serious sparkle. Over 13,000 lights adorn this magical tree, accompanied by a rainbow of dazzling decorations.

Santa's Presence presented by Forrest Chase

5

Forrest Chase (upstairs, Myer entrance)

Santa has entered the building... well almost. Situated upstairs, outside Myer in Forrest Chase, you won't miss his presence standing over six metres high!

Perth City Skyline

Murray Street Mall

6

Looking for that quintessential photo with the family? Then look no further than snapping some memories in front of this returning favourite—an illuminated backdrop of Perth's iconic skyline.

Proximity State by Miles Dunne Studio

Murray Street Mall

7

This interactive wonderland has landed in Perth! Enter the grid and explore how movements affect the light and sound around you.

The Willows presented by Raine Square

Raine Square

8

Venture through a fantasy of colour, where optical filters fashion a forest of willow trees. The gracefully draped branches and elegant leaves will leave you in awe.

Grazing Reindeer presented by Central Park

Central Park

9

This roaming reindeer is looking for a feast this Christmas! You won't 'be-leaf' the size of this sparkling beauty, nestled in amongst the trees in this inner-city oasis.

Christmas Bauble Tree

Hay Street Mall

10

This modern take on the classic Christmas Tree will light up the Hay St Mall!

Christmas Kookaburra presented by enex

Hay Street Mall

11

This jolly bird is our laughing pal on the Trail, sitting proudly upon his perch and spreading cheer.

Crystal Castles presented by London Court

Hay Street Mall

12

A grand crystalline structure suspended outside of London Court. This kaleidoscope of colour transforms its surroundings with a dynamic display of reflections.

Christmas Halos presented by Exchange Tower

Sherwood Court

13

Nestled on Sherwood Court at the front of Exchange Tower, you will find the dazzling Christmas Halos and illuminated ring swings which makes the perfect photo opportunity.

Glow

Perth Town Hall

14

Venture through this immersive walk-through space activated with thousands of LED lights and accompanied by a festive soundtrack.

Family Rest Stop

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A Celebration of Light

St George's Cathedral

15

Abstract projections celebrate Perth's connection to the cosmos, and its unique identity as an isolated yet vibrant city, with spectacular bursts of visual animation. Projections from dusk, approx. 7.45pm

Mooditj Yongas (Solid Kangaroos)

Council House, St Georges Terrace

16

A returning favourite, this mob of WA icons has made its way back to the grounds of Council House, giving you the perfect opportunity to snap a selfie with these local legends.

Council House Light Show

Council House, St Georges Terrace

17

From sunset to sunrise, Council House is lighting up with your favourite Christmas icons. Can you spot the hidden surprise? Please note, some nights may have alternative programming.

Corroboree in Light presented by Lotterywest

Barrack Square

18

This immersive masterpiece blends Nyoongar inspired animation, music, and lights, representing the enduring strength and resilience of Nyoongar culture. This original commission was created in collaboration with First Nations artists.

PERTH Sign

Barrack Square

19

Need a reminder of where you are? We have you covered in gumnuts and waratahs!

Castle of Light presented by DevelopmentWA

Elizabeth Quay

20

Nestled in the hub of Perth's premier waterfront destination, you'll lose yourself in the spirit of Christmas after venturing through this incredible castle of light.



Legend

- 1** Trail Stop
- Christmas Lights Trail (4km)
- The Merry Mile (1.6km)
- Safe Pedestrian Crossing
- Activation Precincts
- Santa
- Train Station
- Accessible Toilet
- Changing Place
- City of Perth Parking



Stops

- 1** Jewel Tree presented by DevelopmentWA
- 2** Festive Chandeliers
- 3** Christmas Medley presented by Lotterywest
- 4** City of Perth Christmas Tree
- 5** Santa's Presence presented by Forrest Chase
- 6** Perth City Skyline
- 7** Proximity State by Miles Dunne Studio
- 8** The Willows presented by Raine Square
- 9** Grazing Reindeer presented by Central Park
- 10** Christmas Bauble Tree
- 11** Christmas Kookaburra presented by enex
- 12** Crystal Castles presented by London Court
- 13** Christmas Halos presented by Exchange Tower
- 14** Glow
- 15** A Celebration of Light
- 16** Mooditj Yongas (Solid Kangaroos)
- 17** Council House Light Show
- 18** Corroboree in Light presented by Lotterywest
- 19** PERTH Sign
- 20** Castle of Light presented by DevelopmentWA

Christmas Lights Trail Map

Important: Some displays contain flashing lights, music and other light or noise disruptions that may affect people with sensitivities, or medical reasons such as epilepsy and autism. Please contact the City of Perth if you would like more information about the installations before visiting.

Thank you to our valued event partners

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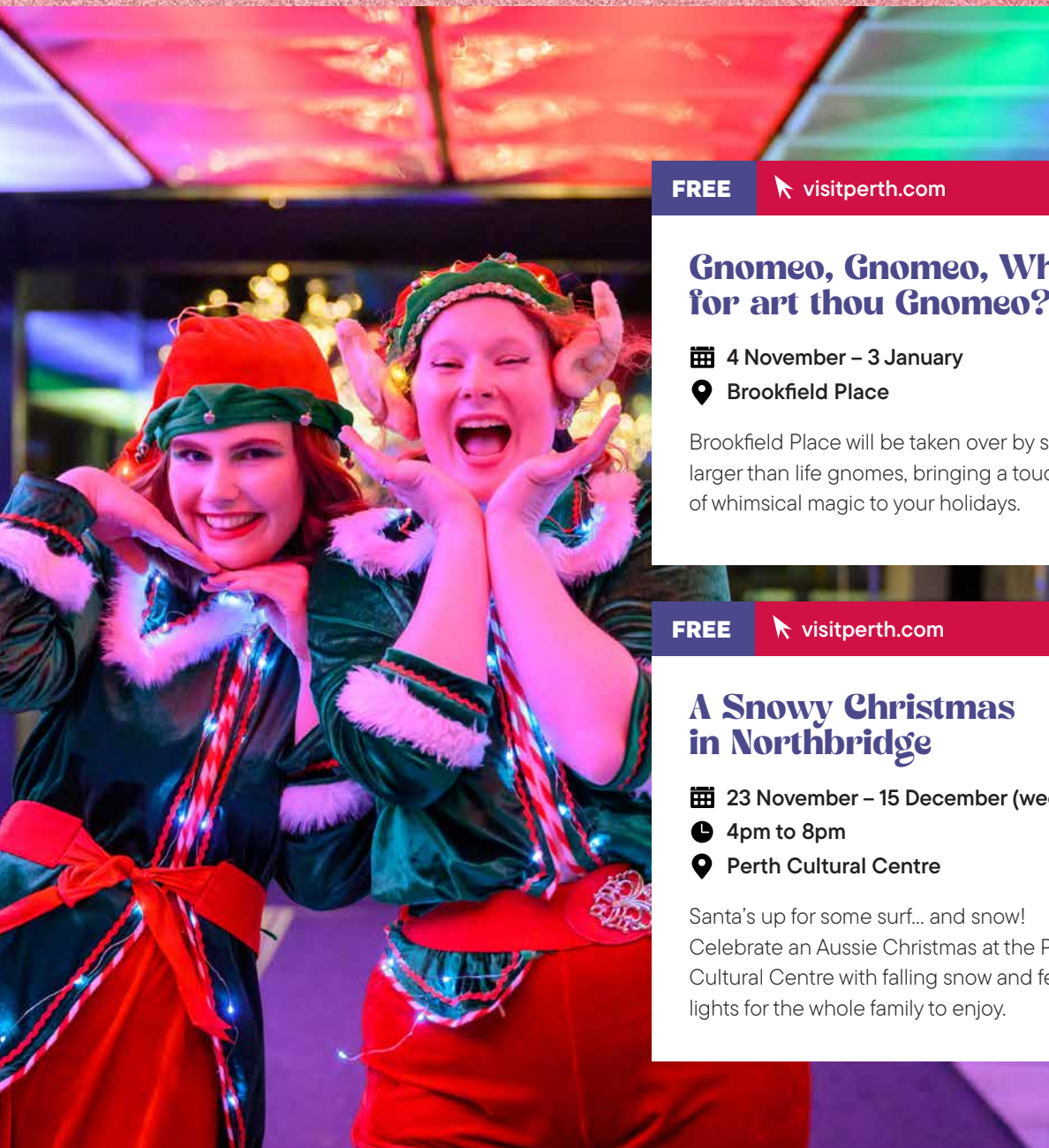
RioTinto

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More festivities to put on your Christmas List!

Accompanying the Rio Tinto Christmas Lights Trail is a host of free, festive-themed activations and entertainment for you to enjoy in the City.



FREE visitperth.com

Snowflakes in Yagan Square

📅 22 November – 1 January
🕒 7.30pm – 8.30pm
📍 Yagan Square

Enjoy a magical snowfall display near the Jewel Tree where you can immerse yourself in festive joy.

FREE visitperth.com

Signing Santa & Friends

📅 Saturday 7 & 21 December
🕒 6pm – 9pm
📍 Forrest Place

Join Signing Santa and his helpers as they share Christmas stories with you in Auslan. Fun for all ages, suitable both for families who speak Auslan and those who are learning.

FREE visitperth.com

Gnomeo, Gnomeo, Where for art thou Gnomeo?

📅 4 November – 3 January
📍 Brookfield Place

Brookfield Place will be taken over by six larger than life gnomes, bringing a touch of whimsical magic to your holidays.

FREE visitperth.com

A Snowy Christmas in Northbridge

📅 23 November – 15 December (weekends)
🕒 4pm to 8pm
📍 Perth Cultural Centre

Santa's up for some surf... and snow! Celebrate an Aussie Christmas at the Perth Cultural Centre with falling snow and festive lights for the whole family to enjoy.

FREE visitperth.com

Santa Claus at Council House

📅 6 & 7, 13 – 24 December
🕒 6.30pm – 8.30pm
📍 Council House, St Georges Terrace

Your chance to meet the man himself before he sets off around the world! Tell Santa what's on your wish list and snap a photo to capture the magic of the holiday season.

Looking for that perfect Christmas gift?

Apart from the amazing sights, sounds and experiences the City offers during Christmas, it is also a treasure trove of amazing gift ideas. The City of Perth has over 1,600 retail shops, with 75 percent of them independent retailers. It's the only place where you can find both exclusive international brands, and incredible local boutiques, all within easy browsing distance. From fashion to furniture; toys to tiaras; art to airpods...the City has it all.

We spoke to some of our fantastic independent retailers for their hot takes on Chrissy gifts.



Ruck Rover

Gorgeous gifts for little loved ones

Northbridge's Ruck Rover General Store, is a charming independent shop run by sisters Claire and Isabelle. Since opening in 2006, Ruck Rover has become a beloved destination for those seeking unique, indie, and retro-inspired clothing, accessories, and gifts. The store prides itself on its selection of carefully curated items from small, independent designers worldwide, with a strong focus on ethical and fair-trade fashion.

📍 242 William Street, Northbridge

🖱️ shop.ruckrover.com.au

1. Bedhead Bucket Hats

Brighten up your little one's wardrobe with these comfortable, machine washable hats. These playful, stylish hats come in fun patterns and offer excellent sun protection, making them perfect for all their outdoor adventures in the City this summer!

2. Babycino Cups

Cleverly designed for little hands, these adorable, reusable babycino cups let kids join in on the coffee date experience. With delightful colours and cute designs, each cup comes with its own straw, too.

3. Project Ten Insulated Lunch Bags

Keep lunchtime fresh and fun with these insulated lunch bags, available in a range of vibrant designs. Durable and easy to clean, they're ideal for school or any adventure.

4. Origami Doll Cotton Knit Jumpers

Wrap your child in comfort and charm with these cute-as-a-button, cotton knit jumpers featuring whimsical designs that inspire imagination.

5. Josie Joans Hair Clips

These sweet hair clips come in an array of colours and styles and make an excellent stocking stuffer. Durable yet delightful, they'll keep hair neatly in place while adding a fun accent to any outfit.

Tactics WA

For fantasy, board and wargame enthusiasts

Tactics WA is the premier destination for fantasy, board, and wargaming devotees. Located in the CBD, Tactics offers a vast selection of models, military figurines, role-playing games, miniatures, and books, and fosters a vibrant social gaming culture. They even host events, tournaments and games workshops where you can meet other players, make new friends, test your skills and trade cards. Drop into the store or check out their website to find out about upcoming events!

📍 119 Barrack Street, Perth

🖱️ tactics.net.au

6. Alice is Missing

Alice is Missing is a silent role-playing game about the disappearance of a high school junior in the sleepy Northern California town of Silent Falls. During the game, players use their phones to send text messages to each other as they unearth clues about what happened to Alice.

7. Telestrations

Telestrations is Pictionary meets telephone, a game for artists and non-artists alike. Players simultaneously draw, pass and guess to reveal hilarious outcomes. Telestrations is a great game for all your friends and family to play.

8. 5-Minute Dungeon

5-Minute Dungeon is a chaotic, co-operative, real-time card game in which players have only five minutes to escape the randomised dungeon. Communication and teamwork are critical to survival because there's no time to form a carefully considered plan and no predicting what dangers lie ahead.

9. Life in Reterra

In the future the world as we know it is an overgrown memory, and while the world has changed, we've changed with it. Life in Reterra is set in this dystopian reality, where players use anything they can find to (re)build the world's communities.

StreetX

For hard to buy for teens

Perth streetwear brand, StreetX, has taken the world by storm. Famous for its unique blend of sportswear and modern everyday wear, they offer a huge range of products, from graphic tees to extensive outerwear pieces. StreetX has everything you need so your teens can be totally sigma, head to toe.

📍 272 William Street, Perth

🖱️ streetx.com.au

10. T-Eleven Jorts

The ideal pair of shorts for warm weather, featuring a simple design that can be paired with something bold and colourful or even a basic tee.

11. Split Box Shirt

The perfect shirt to dress up for an occasion that's not overly formal but not too casual either! This top is breathable for warm weather and looks great with a long undershirt.

12. Mack Shorts

A pair of jorts that everyone needs. They're stylish and made from perfect material for running around the oval or heading down to the beach. So versatile and easy to wash if they get dirty, they come in both a black colorway and a nice summery khaki colorway.

13. Wordmark Tee

Available in a variety of colours, this tee makes a stylish statement while offering an excellent fit and exceptional comfort. Versatile enough for any occasion, it's also highly breathable, making it a great choice for everyday wear.

14. Trucker Hat

A must-have accessory for a day trip with the family or even a quick shopping trip! It features unmatched camo with a bold orange X to show who's boss. Half mesh, this hat is perfect for hot weather so things don't get too sweaty up above.

Roy Hill New Year's Eve Celebrations

Elizabeth Quay and Barrack Square



Out in Northbridge?

For those in Northbridge, enjoy a bonus 5-minute fireworks show from rooftops across the area at the stroke of midnight.

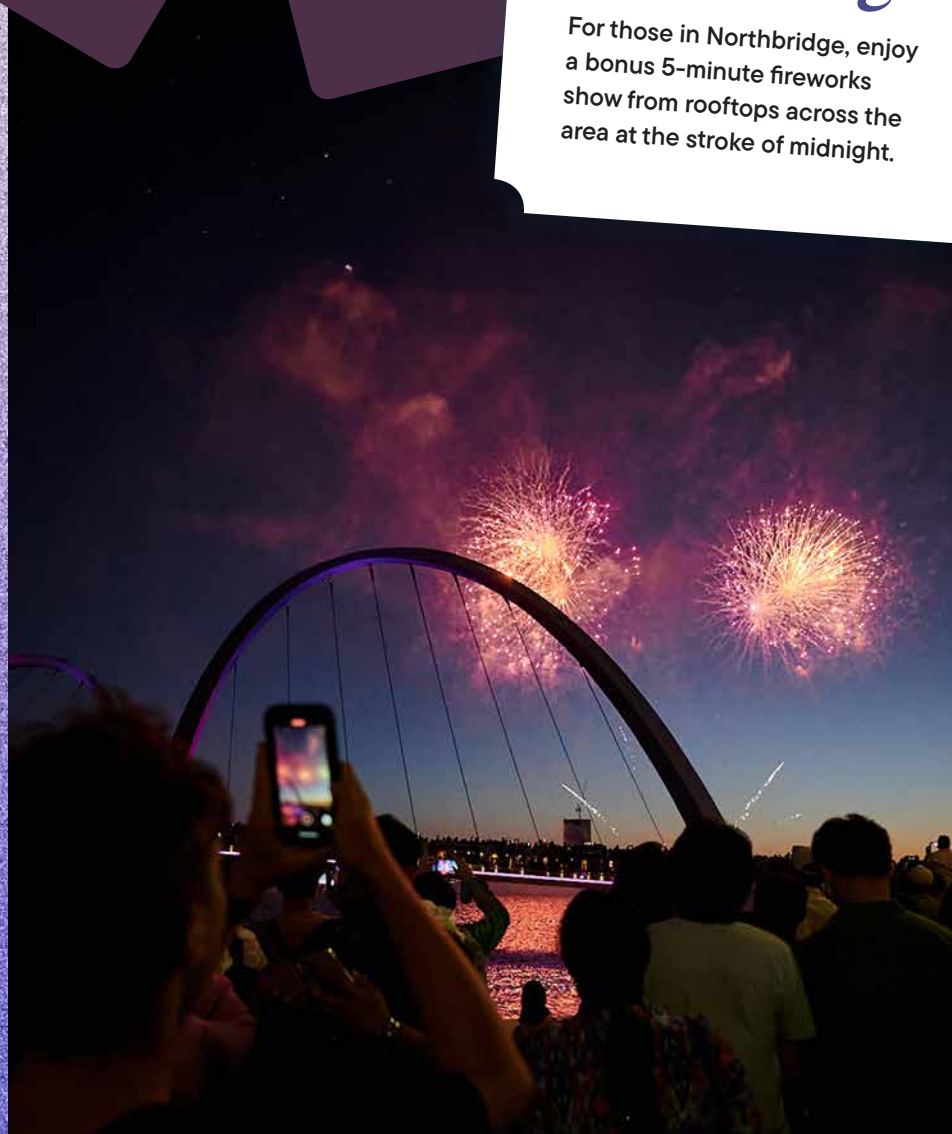
Ring in the new year with a magical evening, packed with fun for the whole family! Kick off the celebrations at the Elizabeth Quay Fun Fair starting from 5pm! Enjoy carnival rides and games, from the thrilling Dream Swinger to the classic Dodgem Cars—there's something for everyone. Test your skills at Sideshow Alley for a chance to win exciting prizes, while the little ones can dive into hands-on workshops featuring circus skills and a Giant Bubble Zone.

As the sun sets, the night comes alive with roaming entertainment, including mesmerising aerial acrobatics, stilt walkers, and hula-hoop performers. Keep an eye out for our roaming DJs and the glittering light-up characters, including festive butterflies and a performer inside a giant Human Bubble! Get into the New Year's spirit with a stop at the Roaming Glitter Bar for a sparkly transformation.

Feeling hungry? Head over to Barrack Square, where a selection of food vendors will serve up delicious treats to keep you going throughout the night.

The highlight of the evening comes with not one, but two incredible fireworks displays over the Swan River! The first show at 8:30pm is perfect for families with young children, while the grand finale at midnight lights up the sky to welcome 2025.

For more info, head to [visitperth.com](https://www.visitperth.com).



Fun ways to cool off

Yes, you can always count on Perth summers to bring the sizzle. But you can always count on the City to offer lots of ways to keep your cool. Check out these exciting ideas to help your family beat the heat this summer:

My City, Ella (4)

I love going to Kings Park in summer to splash in the creeks! I like making little dams and getting my feet wet. It's like a fun jungle right in the City! I can't wait to go back this summer.

(We can't wait to see you back in the City either, Ella!)

My City, Mia (6)

My favourite thing to do in the city during summer is go kayaking on the Swan River with my dad. We always see cool birds and sometimes we even spot dolphins! It feels like we're on an adventure, and I love splashing my paddle in the water.

1



Kayaking on the Swan River

There's no better start to the day than with a peaceful paddle on the Swan River. About Bike Hire has single or double kayaks to rent which allow you to explore the City from a completely new perspective. The launch spot is just 15 metres from the hire shop, making it easy to start your scenic adventure. Whether you're gliding past Elizabeth Quay or enjoying the calm waters at Point Fraser, kayaking offers a fun, active way to stay cool.

2



Stand-Up Paddleboarding

Prefer adventures of the stand-up variety? About Bike Hire also rents stand-up paddleboards which offer a great way to keep cool on the water while also enjoying the summer rays. This fun activity is a great mix of relaxation and exercise, perfect for older kids and parents alike.

3



Swan River Adventure Tour

For a more leisurely way to explore the Swan River, hop aboard Wild West Charters Swan River Adventure Tour. This 90-minute journey is perfect for all ages. Departing daily from Elizabeth Quay, the tour covers nearly 30 kilometres of stunning riverside views. Kids will love spotting local wildlife, including dolphins, black swans, and ospreys, while learning fascinating stories about Perth's history. For a shorter trip, the 45-minute eco-tour is ideal, offering sights of Kings Park, Pelican Point and more.

4



Rio Tinto Naturescape

Get back to nature at the Rio Tinto Naturescape in Kings Park. The expansive, nature-filled playground lets kids cool off in flowing creeks, splash zones and waterholes. With rope climbs, mud kitchens, and endless possibilities for games, kids can explore, build cubbies, and play in the water—all under the shade of towering trees. Pack a picnic (check out our Picks for picnics!), relax by the water, and let your little ones' imaginations run wild.

January Events

FREE roadnationals.org.au

AusCycling Road National Championships

- 📅 8 – 12 January
- 🕒 Various times
- 📍 Kings Park and Northbridge

Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth.

Australia's top road cyclists will compete in this premier championship. Enjoy thrilling road races, time trials, criteriums, and a community ride.

VARIOUS perth.wa.gov.au/libraryevents

Kitten Cuddles

- 📅 14 January & 30 January
- 🕒 Various times
- 📍 City of Perth Library

Proudly brought to you by the City of Perth.

Not sure if it's scientifically proven yet, but we're certain that it's impossible to be unhappy while cuddling a kitten. Brought to you in partnership with Cat Haven WA, book a 15 minute cuddle session of your own (spaces are limited). Best suited for ages 16 and above.

Did you know?

Fireworks in the City most Saturday nights in December and January.

TICKETED artsculturetrust.wa.gov.au

State of Play

- 📅 17 January – 2 February
- 🕒 Various times
- 📍 State Theatre Centre of WA

Award-winning Fringe hub State of Play returns to the State Theatre Centre this Fringe World season with an exciting variety of shows for the whole family to enjoy! With change facilities, secure storage for prams and strollers, and air conditioning, this is Perth's most family-friendly Fringe venue.

VARIOUS fringeworld.com.au

Fringe World Festival

- 📅 17 January – 2 February
- 🕒 Various times
- 📍 Various locations

Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth.

Fringe World Festival features a dynamic mix including comedy, music, circus, cabaret, and theatre. Discover the festival's vibrant hub at Russell Square, where you can enjoy a lively atmosphere, tasty food, and engaging activities, or explore the City's independent venues showcasing a wide range of shows.

TICKETED blueroom.org.au

Summer Nights at The Blue Room Theatre

- 📅 24 January – 15 February
- 🕒 Various times
- 📍 The Blue Room Theatre

Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth.

Experience the excitement of The Blue Room Theatre's Summer Nights Festival. Enjoy bold and captivating theatre, comedy, dance, music and storytelling with up to 5 shows nightly. The festival kicks off with the free Opening Night party, 'Housewarming,' on Friday, January 24.

TICKETED museum.wa.gov.au/boolabardip

Yoga at the Museum

- 📅 26 January
- 🕒 9.45am – 10.45am
- 📍 WA Museum Boola Bardip

Connect to Country with the soothing sounds of nature beneath 'Otto the whale' in Hackett Hall. Join Kylie Pearsall for a guided yoga flow, accompanied by the sounds of a live DJ, the multi-talented Emily Branson aka DJ Jamilla.

FREE visitperth.com

Hancock Prospecting Australia Day Celebrations

- 📅 26 January
- 🕒 3pm – 9.30pm
- 📍 Langley Park

Proudly brought to you by the City of Perth and Principal Partner Hancock Prospecting.

Australia Day festivities return to Langley Park and Riverside Drive foreshore. Enjoy diverse entertainment for all ages, culminating in a stunning fireworks and drone display over the Swan River. The City's largest single-day event promises lasting memories for you and your family.

FREE visitperth.com

Birak Concert

- 📅 26 January
- 🕒 3pm – 7.30pm
- 📍 Supreme Court Gardens

Proudly brought to you by the City of Perth.

Head to the Supreme Court Gardens for the Birak Concert, a vibrant celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture through music and dance. Enjoy a stellar line-up of WA talent, explore market stalls, and experience a range of family-friendly entertainment.

Lotterywest Summer Nights

11 - 18 January, Elizabeth Quay

Get ready for an unforgettable experience at Elizabeth Quay this January! Following the smashing success of Perth's first-ever floating stage in 2023, Elizabeth Quay is set to transform into the ultimate entertainment hotspot for eight magical nights.

Picture this: a dazzling floating stage hosting immersive live performances every night, surrounded by a feast of food options and fun activities for the whole family. As the sun sets, the excitement builds up to a spectacular stage show, topped off with breathtaking fireworks from the Elizabeth Quay footbridge each night.

The floating stage itself is a marvel, decked out with LED screens on all sides, creating dynamic visual backdrops that make every performance a visual treat. Whether you're up close or viewing from around the Quay, you're in for a visual and auditory delight. Don't miss out on this epic festival of entertainment!

For more info, head to [visitperth.com](https://www.visitperth.com).



The program

11 & 12, 17 & 18 January

Sunset Sessions

This performance captures Perth's sunsets, blending golden hues and serene melodies, featuring DJ Shann collaborating with percussionists and saxophonists to create truly unique vibes.

The Singing Mermaid

An enchanting interactive performance as virtual mermaid, Muriel is brought to life. Celebrating Perth summers, with an audience Q&A for the little ones, and ending with a sing-a-long.

Moves with Mubanga

An engaging dance performance that ignites the stage with rich culture, vibrant colours and groovy rhythms. Majestic costumes and stilt birds dance to the beats and rally the audience to join in on the fun.

Conduct-a-crowd

The Audience Choir is a vibrant and inclusive experience that encourages everyone to participate in creating a unique quayside choir! Whether you're a seasoned singer or just love the idea of being part of something special, this interactive performance offers a fun and uplifting opportunity!

Rock Rhapsody

From timeless classics to summer anthems, the rock band ignites the stage together with special effects of cascading, waterfall pyrotechnics, flames dancing in rhythm and a curated light show creating a visual feast.

Dancing Lights – Grand Finale

Dancing Lights brings together the Rock band and the mesmerising artistry of LED liquid percussionists and tap dancers in a breathtaking celebration of the aurora lights!

13 January

Movie madness

The central large screen on the floating stage will create a true cinematic experience under the stars. Enjoy a popular children's animated film followed by a family classic. Bean bags and popcorn available!

14 January

Made in Perth

Building on Perth's vibrant artistic scene, the 'Made in Perth' program showcases local talents partnering with community and theatre groups.

15 January

Fairytales & Circus Sails

A family-friendly event set sail for a night of storytelling, circus shows and a swashbuckling sing-along.

16 January

Fun-Quay

A mini mania party that brings joy to Perth's youngest! A kid's rave, sing-along sessions and interactive stage segments in partnership with Ministry of Fun DJ School and School of Rock.

Planning a family staycay in the City?

Does all this entertainment have you just craving to stay a bit longer in the City? Whether you love swimming, yummy breakfasts, or just a great place to stay while you soak up the amazing array of activities on offer, the City has a hotel to suit every family. Check out some of these special family deals!



Parmelia Hilton

\$ From \$319 per night
👉 Visit [hilton.com](https://www.hilton.com) or email perth@hilton.com

Parmelia Hilton has a special Family Stay & Play package perfect for school holidays. You can easily come and go with valet parking, comfy rooms and even a heated outdoor pool. Close to Kings Park, the Convention Centre and Elizabeth Quay, the Parmelia Hilton is a perfect launch pad for some epic city adventures.

Rooms:

Choose from big suites or connecting rooms for the whole family. The King Parlour and Premier Suites sleep up to four guests, King and Queen Deluxe rooms sleep up to three, and interconnecting rooms are available for larger families.

Fun Stuff:

Dive into the heated outdoor pool then lounge about on comfy cabanas, perfect for reading or playing games; enjoy in-room movies with Chromecast and have delicious meals at Samuels on Mill. After a big day of fun, the whole family can kick back with a movie night, with unlimited kids' movies and a snack pack included.

Extras:

Kids get a special gift, including a hotel robe to keep, and everyone enjoys a full buffet breakfast with kids under 12 dining for free. Here's a hot buffet tip: Explore the 'Pastry Room', where Samuels Private Dining Room transforms into a never-ending wonderland of delights — from flaky pastries and sweet or savoury treats to donuts, cakes, and much more.



Duxton Hotel

\$ From \$385 for two adults and two kids
👉 Visit [perth.duxtonhotels.com](https://www.perth.duxtonhotels.com) or email reservations@perth.duxton.com.au

The Duxton Hotel has a Family Fun-cation Package for an awesome school holiday staycay. A stone's throw from the Perth Concert Hall, Elizabeth Quay and The Supreme Court Gardens it's a great base for going to events or checking out the City's brilliant cultural institutions like the Perth Mint or the Bell Tower.

Rooms:

Stay in a deluxe twin room that's perfect for families. Need another room? Get 10 percent off the daily best available rate on a second room, with interconnecting options available.

Fun Stuff:

Take a dip in the outdoor swimming pool, and let your budding chefs join the Little Chefs' Academy for a fun pastry activity. Kids get to wear mini chef uniforms and learn how to make yummy treats!

Extras:

Enjoy a buffet breakfast at Firewater Grille as well as valet parking for one vehicle and late checkout at 12 noon so you can cram in a few more City adventures. There are also great discounts on food, drinks, and laundry.



Novotel Perth Murray Street

\$ From \$157 for two adults and two kids (when the kids share the adults' room)

➤ novotelperthmurraystreet.com.au

Novotel Perth Murray Street is great for families, and has loads of special offers. Just a hop and a skip from Perth Train Station, and with easy access to the RAC Arena, you can take public transport into the City and then zip around on the free CAT buses.

Rooms:

Kids 15 and under stay for free, and you can get connecting rooms for up to six people at a 50 percent discount. There's plenty of space for everyone!

Fun Stuff:

Splash around in the heated rooftop pool, enjoy a special kids' menu at the Third Space lounge bar, and have fun with in-room dining. This summer kids can enjoy daily fish feeding at the serene koi pond, while parents can indulge in the Keishi Spa—Summer Spa Special. This package includes a back massage and mini rose facial that will leave you feeling pampered and relaxed. It's the perfect summer treat.

Extras:

Kids get a welcome gift and free breakfast (the pandan pancakes are super tasty.)

DoubleTree by Hilton Perth Waterfront

\$ From \$600 for a family of four (King Guest Room and Twin Guest Room)

➤ Visit www.hilton.com or email perthwaterfront.reservations@hilton.com

Are you ready for an amazing family escapade? DoubleTree by Hilton Perth Waterfront offers a fun 'Waterfront Wanderer' package that's perfect for adventurous families. Start your day with a delicious buffet breakfast at Reel Kitchen, and then explore Perth Zoo with general admission tickets included. Follow the trails to spot animals from all over the world or join the free guided walks to learn more about your favourite creatures.

Rooms:

Interconnecting rooms are available upon request.

Fun Stuff:

The hotel has a huge rooftop pool with a great view of the Swan River, and there's a pool bar for drinks and snacks to keep the energy levels high. For meals, you can enjoy delicious food at Reel Kitchen (the Fishy McGiggles are always a winner) while you watch the world float by, or parents can chill out at the rooftop bar.

Extras:

Enjoy the beautiful waterfront views and make the most of your family adventure. And don't forget the legendary warm chocolate chip cookie on arrival!

Crowne Plaza Perth

\$ From \$250

➤ Visit perth.crowneplaza.com or email cpp.reservations@ihg.com

Make your family trip extra special at Crowne Plaza Perth, an IHG Hotel. The rooms easily sleep a family of up to five and the location is perfect to check out all Perth City events. Perth Mint, Optus Stadium, Elizabeth Quay or Ozone Reserve are only a few minutes walk away from the hotel. You can experience the cool wildlife at Point Fraser and even walk across to the other side of the river over the amazing Matagarup Bridge.

Rooms:

Family rooms are super comfy, with two double beds and an optional pull-out single, perfect for snuggling up and watching movies together.

Fun Stuff:

Did somebody say, 'infinity pool'? The massive pool overlooks the Swan River and Langley Park, which is right out the front and a perfect place to kick a ball, hit a 6 or throw a frisbee.

Extras:

You can explore the City with free adult bike hire. There's also a full—and we mean FULL—buffet breakfast included for 2 adults and all kids. Little ones can also enjoy the kids' menu at Gusti Restaurant for free with a paying adult for lunch or dinner. Plus, you can park one car for free so you'll be getting around the City in no time!

Perth's best summer reads

Dive into Summer Reads at the City of Perth Library! As the sun shines brighter and the days stretch longer, there's no better time to lose yourself in a good book. Whether you're lounging by a rooftop pool, soaking up the sun on the banks of the Swan, or enjoying a leisurely lunch outdoors, these must-read titles are all free to borrow from the City of Perth Library. Not a member yet? Sign up to unlock a treasure trove of stories!

Did you know?

You can use the City of Perth Library app to check for availability of all these fantastic summer reads. The handy app puts your library at your fingertips, allowing you to effortlessly search the catalogue, renew or reserve books, and stay connected. Download the free app from the App Store or Google Play.

Sizzling beach reads

Nothing beats sun, sea, and a juicy page-turner! Check out our top beach reads for this season.

1

'How to Solve Your Own Murder' by Kristen Perrin

A riveting mystery filled with unexpected twists that will keep you on the edge of your beach towel.

2

'Summer at the Santorini Bookshop' by Rebecca Raisin

Escape to the idyllic shores of Santorini in this heartwarming tale of love, friendship, and the magic of books.

3

'The Perfect Passion Company' by Alexander McCall Smith

Delight in a charming exploration of romance and connection that will warm your heart as you soak up the sun.

Celebrating local talent

We love showcasing our fellow West Aussies. Here are some captivating local reads that bring the stories of home to life.

1

'Audrey's Gone AWOL' by Annie De Monchoux

Join Audrey on a whirlwind adventure of self-discovery that's sure to inspire wanderlust.

2

'Discovering Katharine' by Denise Faithful

An uplifting narrative about resilience and personal growth, perfect for those seeking inspiration.

3

'Jasper Cliff' by Josh Kemp

Dive into this thrilling tale set against the stunning landscapes of Western Australia—ideal for lovers of adventure and suspense.

Perfect picks for younger readers

These charming stories by West Australian authors will captivate young imaginations and bring joy to story time.

1

'I Am the Mau and Other Stories' (Young Adult Fiction) by Chemutai Glasheen

A collection that blends contemporary themes with elements of African folklore, exploring identity, belonging, and the experiences of young people navigating life's challenges.

2

Into the Blue by Cristy Burne

A blend of mystery and environmental themes, set at the Omeo Wreck, follows characters as they navigate the wonders and challenges of the ocean.

3

City of Light | Julia Lawrinson

Delves into issues of belonging and the challenges of navigating urban life, set against the backdrop of our vibrant city.



FREE perth.wa.gov.au/childrensevents

Summer Reading Quest: Ancient Worlds

1 December – 31 January

Library opening hours

City of Perth Library

Proudly supported by the City of Perth.

Grand adventures await you in the summer reading quest! Get reading to unlock the secrets of the past and earn prizes for your progress. Collect your reading log from the library to get started. Suitable for ages 2 to 12.

FREE perth.wa.gov.au/childrensevents

Stories in the Park

27 November, 18 December & 29 January

10am – 10.30am

Various locations

Proudly brought to you by the City of Perth, Perth City Farm, and Kings Park.

The City of Perth Library invites everyone to storytime under the trees. Each month, favourite picture books will be read in parks across the City. For children aged 2 to 6.

Access adventure!

The City of Perth is committed to making our beautiful city inclusive and accessible for all. We sent our friend Lucy, and her parents Emma and Nic, out for a city adventure to see what fun they could squeeze in!

Emma & Lucy



Top Tip

Get to the ferry a little earlier to be at front of queue so you can get to the wheelchair bays easily without weaving through the busy ferry!



Here are some of their highlights.

Emma:

We started off with a Ferry Ride — so fun! The beautiful views of Swan River and city skyline, cruising into Elizabeth Quay from Mends St, South Perth were amazing.

We found this to be super accessible, so easy to use the ramp to get on and off ferry. There was plenty of space for wheelchair users. And it was easy to tag on and off with a SmartRider.

We walked/wheeled around Elizabeth Quay area for a bit, before heading over to the Elizabeth Quay Bus Station, just a quick walk/roll away.

From there we caught the free Blue CAT to Kings Park. Lucy found it helpful that the CAT bus stop had a motion activated speaker to advise when the next cat bus service would be, and the bus lowers itself right down to deploy a ramp for wheelchair users. The bus ride was a speedy 5 mins to Kings Park.

Lucy:

The Blue CAT stopped right behind the cafes at Kings Park. We got to see the awesome city and river views while we ate our morning tea (and I had an icecream).

Nic:

We then ventured towards the glass bridge passing through the Lotterywest Federation Walkway. Lucy was amazed to be rolling among the treetops! She was also very interested in the Conservation Garden on the way, learning a lot about rare and endangered plant species. I loved seeing an accessible toilet along the way too.

We then hopped back on the Blue CAT back to the Elizabeth Quay Bus Station and caught the Green CAT to City West Station to make our way to Scitech. This was another quick five minute bus journey.

Lucy:

Scitech—Wow what a place! Everyone was so nice. Most of the activities were wheelchair accessible. My favourite activities included the Planetarium (the staff gave us a special spot to sit at the side as we couldn't get up the stair but we could still everything perfectly) and the 'Blow Your Mind' activity, which was under cool UV lights. Oh, and that huge plasma ball is really cool! We also saw a fun and interesting show about the elements—the professor was so funny, and silly, and performed some really cool (and loud) experiments.

Emma:

Oh a trick here—the staff advised us not to wait in the line for the shows or Planetarium and instead go straight to the entrance so Lucy could get to her wheelchair bay easily without weaving through the crowd!

Nic:

From Scitech we made our way to City West Train Station to catch the train into Perth Train Station, it was then just two minutes to The Globe for lunch. The Globe is directly off Wellington St, so close and convenient to get to from Perth Train Station. We ordered food and drinks straight from the table via a QR code and the staff brought it over to us, so there was no going back and forth. Scrumptious food, just what we needed for the big day, and overall, an easy access and stress-free experience.

Lucy:

After lunch we went to B.Lucky & Sons, which was about a 3-minute roll away—it was action packed! First up, we went ten pin bowling — super easy with ramp access and bowling aids, and the staff there were really friendly. We were getting peckish again so we ordered snacks and drinks straight from the table where we were bowling from via a QR code and the staff brought it over to us.

Emma:

After bowling, we tried our luck with the arcade games. Lucy managed to score a Miffy bunny from a claw machine—that never happens.

Lucy:

I really loved the Air Hockey game, the Ball Drop game, and of course, the Claw Machine.

Nic:

A lot of the arcade games were accessible, and the buzz and accessibility of the venue made for a lot of fun.

From B.Lucky & Sons, it was only 8 minutes to WA Museum Boola Bardip which was totally accessible and a really a calming experience to end our busy day out. There were so many interactive activities to see and do.

Lucy:

There was an amazing whale skeleton that hung above our heads and also lots of information about minibeasts and megafauna that used to live here in WA.

I also had lots of fun riding through the water mist jets outside the museum!



Did you know?

The City of Perth offers a variety of accessibility-friendly facilities. You'll find kerb ramps, tactile indicators, and audible signals at crossings to assist those with mobility challenges. Wheelchairs and motorized scooters are available for hire at the Citiplace Community Centre.

Accessible public toilets are conveniently located throughout the city, including at the Citiplace Rest Centre, State Library, Art Gallery, bus stations, Allendale Square, and Barrack Square. Plus, all city transport options—including trains and the free CAT buses—are fully accessible, as are the ferries from Barrack Street Jetty to South Perth, perfect for a trip to the zoo!

Scitech

Offers free admission for carers and has wheelchair access lifts throughout. The multi-sensory exhibits feature tactile and sensory elements, ensuring an engaging experience for all visitors. For those seeking a quieter environment, visiting during the afternoons on non-school holidays is highly recommended.

WA Museum Boola Bardip

Provides visual supports and checklists developed in collaboration with the Autism Association of WA, helping children know what to expect during their visit. The sensory maps identify quieter areas, making it easier to navigate the space comfortably. Sensory backpacks are also available, equipped with tools to calm and engage sensory systems. Additionally, Auslan interpreters can be requested for talks.

Kings Park

Ensures accessibility for people with disabilities, their families, and carers. The Visitor Information Centre offers free wheelchair use and there is a network of hard paths and ramps to key areas.

Playgrounds at Kings Park are universal access, with ramps and accessible pathways, and there are play areas designed for children with developmental delays or learning difficulties, offering tranquil and sensory experiences.

B.Lucky & Sons

Offers free arcade access for carers and provide all-day discounted game cards for individuals with disabilities, making fun more accessible. They also cater to sensory needs by allowing music and lights to be adjusted for a calmer experience. Plus, with sensory maps available, planning your visit is easier than ever.

The Globe on Wellington Street

Has wheelchair accessibility, to ensure that everyone can enjoy their time there. Ordering food and drinks is a breeze with their easy-to-use QR code system, featuring a visual menu to help you make delicious choices. Plus, the dog-friendly beer garden allows you to bring your furry friends along for a great day out.

Access all events

Discover the best of summer in the City of Perth with a range of accessible events designed to ensure everyone can join in on the fun. From sensory-friendly performances to wheelchair-accessible outdoor activities, these experiences bring the vibrant city to life for all.

FREE visitperth.com

Lotterywest Festive Lights: Auslan interpreters and audio description

- 📅 30 November
- 🕒 8pm – 8.15pm
- 📍 Elizabeth Quay (accessible viewing area)

Auslan interpreters and audio description services will be available during the light show segment.

FREE visitperth.com

Roy Hill New Year's Eve Celebrations: Auslan interpreters

- 📅 31 December
- 🕒 8.30pm – 9pm | 12am – 12.15am
- 📍 Elizabeth Quay (accessible viewing area)

Auslan interpreters will be available during the fireworks displays.

FREE visitperth.com

Lotterywest Summer Nights: Auslan interpreters and audio description

- 📅 17 & 18 January
- 🕒 5pm – 8pm
- 📍 Elizabeth Quay (accessible viewing area)

Auslan interpreters and audio description services will be available for the main program of events.

FREE visitperth.com

Rio Tinto Christmas Lights Trail: Audio Described Access Tours

The Rio Tinto Christmas Lights Trail is back in town, lighting up the City and Northbridge for 41 nights with 20 amazing light installations. A DADAA guide will take you, your families and friends on a tour to see the installations on the accessible route 'The Merry Mile'. Bookings for these tours are essential as places are limited. For bookings contact jacqueline@dadaa.org.au

Signing Santa & Friends

- 📅 7 & 21 December
- 🕒 Various Times
- 📍 Forrest Place

Join Signing Santa and his helpers as they share Christmas stories in Auslan.

Sensitive Santa

- 📅 17 & 18 December
- 🕒 6pm – 9pm
- 📍 Council House

Sensitive Santa sessions enable families to visit during quieter hours to support their sensory needs.

Sensory spaces

All events at Elizabeth Quay have a sensory space available for individuals experiencing sensory overload, as well as their family members or guardians, who need a break from the event's excitement.



Movies under the stars

There's nothing quite like spending a warm summer evening watching a movie under the stars. We've gathered the top outdoor cinemas in the City to help you enjoy a perfect blend of fresh air, fun, and film all summer long.



TICKETED

visitperth.com

West Perth Movie Night

📅 28 February

📍 The Old Observatory, West Perth

Proudly brought to you by the City of Perth and West Perth Local.

Bring a picnic and enjoy a movie on a big screen under the stars!

TICKETED

rooftopmovies.com.au

Rooftop Movies

📅 Until 13 April

📍 City of Perth Parking – Roe Street

Perth's beloved open-air cinema is back for another season of movies in the sky. Enjoy the latest blockbusters and crowd-favourite cult classics. Grab a bar snack, sit back and relax under the stars for an unforgettable night.

Want to take the whole family to the movies?

Palace Cinemas is now offering a Family Ticket Pass for films with G or PG classification. This means instant savings when purchasing tickets of three or more, so grab the kids and experience the latest releases in the comfortable setting of Palace Cinema.

Don't miss

The WA Made Film Festival from 21 February to 2 March at Palace Cinemas, Raine Square



FREE

visitperth.com

Northbridge Piazza Movies

📅 1 December – 22 December

📍 Northbridge Piazza, Northbridge

Stash your wallet, because Northbridge Piazza's Festive Flicks are back, bringing a lineup of free movies. With something for everyone, enjoy family friendly films every Sunday. Browse the Northbridge Piazza Christmas Mini Markets, and grab a bite to eat from one of the local restaurants before settling in on a comfy bean bag.

TICKETED

perth.moonlight.com.au

Moonlight Cinema

📅 5 December – 30 March

📍 May Drive Parkland, Kings Park

Situated on beautiful, expansive parkland in Kings Park, Moonlight Cinema is a popular outdoor cinema screening latest releases, as well as classic films. Make sure to arrive early to enjoy a picnic and sunset before settling in for the movie.

TICKETED

perthfestival.com.au

Lotterywest Films

📅 25 November – 6 April

📍 Somerville Auditorium, University of Western Australia

Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth.

What better way to spend an evening than picnicking before the sun sets and the silver screen lights up? Head to this magnificent, outdoor venue and savour thought-provoking world cinema. No bean bags available

February Events

FREE artgallery.wa.gov.au

Forecast

- 1 February**
- 10am – 5pm**
- The Art Gallery of Western Australia**

Forecast is an all-ages interactive exhibition by Dianne Jones, Eva Fernandez and Jo Pollitt in collaboration with AGWA, inviting audiences to engage in artist-led meditative practices.

VARIOUS perthfestival.com.au

Perth Festival

- 7 February – 2 March**
- Various times**
- Various locations**

Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth.

Perth Festival invites you to a summer of extraordinary experiences. This not-for-profit, multi-arts festival offers world-class theatre, dance, music, film, and visual arts in Perth. Join top artists from around the globe, and explore the full program online to find out more.

FREE chungwah.org.au

Perth Chinese New Year Fair

- 1 & 2 February**
- James Street and Yagan Square**

Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth.

Experience the colour and wonder of Perth Chinese New Year Fair, a lively cultural street carnival in Northbridge. Celebrate the Year of the Snake with engaging cultural activities, vibrant performances and diverse market stalls.

FREE visitperth.com

Fairlanes Concert

- 7 February, 7 March & 4 April**
- 5pm – 8pm**
- Fairlanes Apartments Amphitheatre**

Proudly brought to you by the City of Perth and East Perth Community Group.

Guests can unwind at the complimentary evening concerts at the Amphitheatre at Fairlanes Apartments. Relax on bean bags or rugs, savour local cuisine from Mamma's Bistro, and indulge in a free gelato treat.

FREE visitperth.com

Sunset Sounds

- 9 February**
- 5.30pm – 7pm**
- Matilda Bay Reserve**

Proudly brought to you by the City of Perth and Western Residents Inc.

Spend an evening at Matilda Bay with live music and free gelato. Bring a picnic or enjoy food from vendors while you relax by the Swan River.

FREE strutdance.org.au

Perth Moves: The Hub

- 15 – 20 February**
- Various times**
- Forrest Place**

Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth.

Perth Moves returns for six days of free dance in the CBD. Enjoy performances by renowned international artists, participate in afro, house, and contemporary dance classes, and cheer for the Perth Moves Dance Battle and LGBTIQ+ Dance Club.

FREE strutdance.org.au

Perth Moves: Manifest

- 18 – 20 February**
- 8pm**
- Forrest Place**

Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth.

Internationally acclaimed choreographer Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui premieres his new creation, Manifest, at Forrest Place. Inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's ideas on nonviolent resistance, the performance features 12 local dancers and a 'silent chorus' of 150 volunteers.

TICKETED wamadefilmfestival.com.au

WA Made Film Festival

- 21 February – 2 March**
- Various times**
- Palace Cinemas**

Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth.

The sixth instalment of the WA Made Film Festival is set to grace the vibrant City of Perth, spanning two exciting weekends. Hosted at Palace Cinemas Raine Square and City of Perth Library, this eagerly anticipated event offers a platform that honours the local screen industry while captivating and entertaining our cherished local audiences.

Get ready for Lunar New Year



The Lunar New Year falls on 29 January 2025, and is one of the most important celebrations in Asian countries like China, Vietnam, Singapore and Korea. This special time is all about welcoming a brand-new year and having fun with family and friends.




Lunar New Year starts on the first day of the new moon and lasts for 15 days, ending on the full moon—which means two whole weeks of joy and festivities!

Each year, we celebrate with one of the 12 animals in the Chinese zodiac. For 2025, we will celebrate the Year of the Snake. People born in the Year of the Snake are known for being wise, loyal, and clever.

This is a fantastic time to be with loved ones, share joy, and look forward to a bright and happy year ahead. So, get ready for a fun celebration filled with laughter and love!

FREE visitperth.com

Lunar New Year




 29 January – 12 February
 12pm - 12.15pm
 Northbridge,
Murray & Hay Street Malls

Proudly brought to you
by the City of Perth.

Celebrate the Year of the Snake in the City. Festive red lanterns will adorn Northbridge and the Murray and Hay Street Malls, while vibrant lion dances will be entertaining lunchtime crowds in the malls.

FREE rainsquare.com.au

Lunar New Year of the Snake

 29 January – 12 February
 Various times
 Raine Square

This Lunar New Year, Raine Square invites you to embrace wisdom, charm, elegance and transformation. Celebrate and harness the power of your lucky stars with us, as we help you to make the most of this festive season.

Just like snakes shed their skin to grow, the new year is a time for renewal and change. It's the perfect opportunity to let go of the old and welcome in fresh beginnings. So as we celebrate, let's embrace the exciting changes ahead and enjoy all the wonderful adventures the Year of the Snake will bring.



Here's some ways you can help to celebrate Lunar New Year.

Light up your home

Hang up traditional red lanterns and colourful banners around your home. Remember, red is a lucky colour that brings happiness and good fortune.

Cook up good fortune

Gather your family and friends over for a delicious Asian feast. Dive into traditional foods like dumplings, fish and rice cakes. Each dish symbolises prosperity and brings good luck to the table.

Dance the night away

To chase away bad luck and welcome good fortune, light up the night sky with fireworks and dance under the stars. People traditionally wear colourful lion costumes to join in the fun. Lion dances are performed at festivals and big occasions to scare away evil spirits as the lion symbolises power, wisdom and strength.

Spread love, send a red envelope

A super fun tradition during Lunar New Year is giving friends and family red envelopes filled with cheerful messages and sometimes money. What makes them special isn't just what's inside, but the lucky red paper itself! When you give or receive a red envelope, you're not just sharing a gift; you're spreading love, joy and excitement.

Sweep away any bad luck

Before the New Year begins, it's a tradition for families to get busy cleaning their homes. It is believed this will sweep away any bad luck from the previous year, making way for good fortune—grab a broom and join in.

Get ready for an unforgettable Lunar New Year celebration filled with joy, love, and new beginnings!

Perth city word search

Can you seek out some local favourites in the word search below?

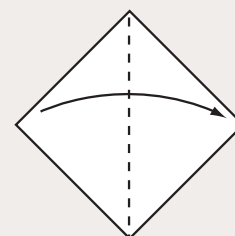
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- Bell Tower
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- Boola Bardip
- Fireworks

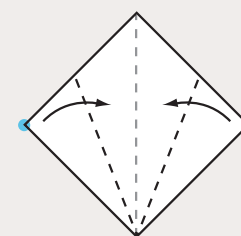
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- Swans
- Fun

Make an origami swan

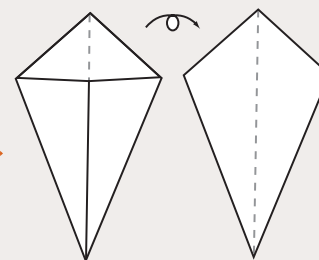
Make your own origami swan using this easy pattern:



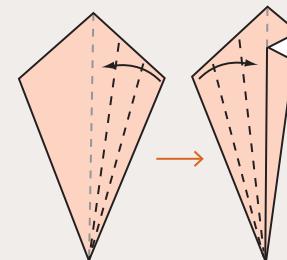
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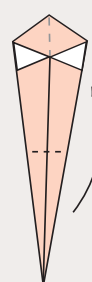
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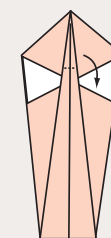
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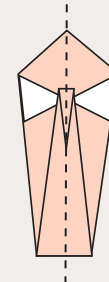
Make a double fold as shown. Repeat the other side



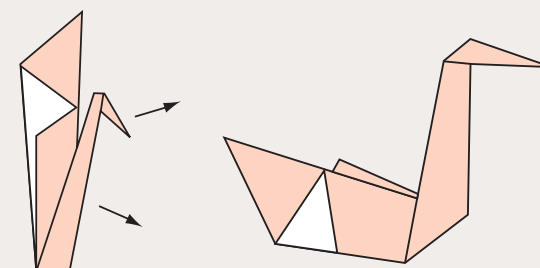
Fold the point of the piece up.



The fold the head of the swan down.



Next fold the swan in half.



Pull the neck of the swan away from the body and unfold the head and body.

The black swan is a significant emblem for Western Australia due to its historical and cultural connections. When Dutch explorer Willem de Vlamingh explored the region in 1697, he named the Swan River after observing numerous black swans there. This association continued as the area

around Perth and Fremantle was known as the Swan River Colony during early British settlement. The black swan was officially adopted as the bird emblem of Western Australia in 1973. It also appears on the State's flag and coat of arms, symbolising the unique wildlife and heritage of our region.



Have you seen any black swans around Perth? This majestic bird is one of our State's biggest natural celebrities.



Spot the difference

Can you find 8 differences between these two pictures?



City of Light is waiting

Whether you're exploring the City under an endless blue sky, or a blanket of glittering stars, there are just so many wonderful places for your family to experience this summer.

Our weather is the envy of the world, and the City is just waiting for you to take advantage of it with exciting events, restaurants, parks, festivals, attractions and family-friendly activities to experience across the many days and nights of summer.

In fact, the only thing the City's missing... is you.

See you there this summer!



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