Western Australian Museum
School Programs
2016

every object tells a story
Ignite your students’ curiosity and take learning beyond the classroom...

The Western Australian Museum provides quality excursion experiences that connect students and teachers with collections and research. For more than 120 years, the Western Australian Museum has collected and protected our State’s heritage.

The Museum is the perfect introduction to WA’s cultural, marine and terrestrial landscapes, geological heritage and biodiversity, and also where original discovery takes place. We have a range of facilitated programs for all developmental levels, led by our dedicated team of Education Officers. A variety of self-guided experiences are available for those classes that wish to explore the museums on their own.

When a child is curious about something, they are more likely to learn.
Western Australian Museum

Our Mission
To inspire people to explore and share their identity, culture, environment and sense of place, and to contribute to the diversity and creativity of our world.

Our Vision
To be an excellent and vibrant Museum service, valued and used by all Western Australians and admired and visited by the world.

Museum collections and exhibitions can serve as powerful educational tools that promote active learning, inspire passionate curiosity, and provide greater context and understanding.

Bookings are essential for all school visits (facilitated and self-guided). Please see the relevant site sections of this booklet for booking details.

It is preferable that bookings are made a minimum of two weeks in advance. Please advise at the time of your booking if your group has any special needs or access requirements, we’d be happy to assist.

Visit our website for information including:
- Site-specific programs
- Student and teacher resource materials
- Planning and booking your excursion
- Excursion Management Plans for each site
- Teacher Professional Learning opportunities
- Special programs
- Permanent and temporary exhibitions
- Online exhibitions

Arrive early, at least 10 minutes before the start of your facilitated program. Please ensure you leave enough time for students to use the toilets prior to the lesson commencing. Your lesson may need to be cut short if you are late.

Museums use primary sources to help people learn. Every item in the Museum collection is a primary source and each one tells a story.
Western Australian Museum

Geraldton
Go back in time to explore the rich history of Geraldton, discover dinosaurs through science-based investigation or uncover the story of the VOC ship Batavia.

Albany
Investigate the history of the land, from local Minang creation stories to scientific theories of geological formation. Engage in the ever-changing hands-on experiences in our Discovery Centre.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Immerse yourself in early Goldfield life and explore the role of mining in the development of the region.

Fremantle: Maritime
Explore the importance of ocean-going trade and the stories of new migrants. Relive a 15th Century Middle Eastern marketplace and discover WA’s naval history.

Fremantle: Shipwreck Galleries
Uncover tales of exploration, hear stories of the spice trade and discover the relics of our shipwreck coast.

Perth
From the British Museum - A History of the World in 100 Objects. This exhibition unlocks fascinating stories and reveals interactions between cultures of the past.

Inner coffin of Shepenmehyt
Painted wood, c. 600 BCE, Egypt. ©Trustees of the British Museum
**Perth**

**The Museum is changing – we’re developing a New Museum for WA**

The New Museum, opening in 2020, will be a place where the stories of our people and places are shared. It will reflect the extraordinary history, diversity and creativity of our State and region, acting as a gateway to all of Western Australia.

You will see significant changes to the Perth site as the collections are moved in preparation for the development of the New Museum. All the exhibitions except *A History of the World in 100 Objects* will be closed by May 2016. The site will temporarily close from mid-June 2016 and reopen in 2020.

You can still explore our collections online and engage with our programs and events at our other five museums and have your say about your New Museum.


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**Exhibition** Feb 13 to June 18

**From the British Museum**

**A History of the World in 100 Objects**

Travel back in time and across the globe to discover how humans have shaped the world and, in turn, have been shaped by it. Capturing two million years of human history, this exhibition invites students to observe, in a rich and engaging way, the remarkable achievements of humans in the face of change. The exhibition encourages students to consider a diverse range of cultures and societies throughout history.

Every object tells a story – what will you discover?

Please visit the website for FREE downloadable resources (Years 4-12) and the *History of Me in 3 Objects* challenge.

**Excursion Information**

**A History of the World in 100 Objects**

Bookings are ESSENTIAL (preferably 2 weeks in advance)

**Exhibition Costs:** $10 per student and adult (GST inclusive)

Payment required prior to date of visit.

Please visit the website for our cancellation policy.

**Times:**

9:30am-4:00pm

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**Self-guided Experiences**

Bookings are ESSENTIAL (preferably 2 weeks in advance)

Explore the Amazing Archipelago Gallery and Discovery Centre at your own pace with a self-guided experience. Please check the website for gallery closure details, as we get ready to commence work on a New Museum for Perth.

**Visit Costs:**

Free

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**Make a Booking - Essential**

Phone: 1300 134 081

Email: education@museum.wa.gov.au

Please refer to our website for Excursion Management Plans, including Certificate of Currency.

Open: 9:30am-5:00pm on school days

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**From the British Museum**

*A History of the World in 100 Objects*:

- **Kakiemon Elephant**: Porcelain with overglaze enamels, 1650-1700 CE, Japan. ©Trustees of the British Museum
- **Bust of Sophocles**: Marble, 220-160 CE, Italy. ©Trustees of the British Museum
Making the most of Fremantle

Schools might like to combine their visit to the Maritime Museum with a visit to the Shipwreck Galleries, for a whole day’s experience in Fremantle.

Immigration: Suitcase Stories
Museum Educator led
Year 6
Duration: 1 hour (approx.)
Historical Knowledge and Understanding; Historical Skills
Uncover migrant stories told through objects hidden in long lost suitcases. What motivates people to leave their homeland? Open up some old suitcases and discover the stories of REAL people risking everything they know to start a new life in a new country. This interactive session will bring WA’s immigration stories alive with letters, photos and artefacts for students to investigate.

New Home, New Country
Self-guided experience
Available for collection from the reception desk.
Year 6
Duration: 1 hour (approx.)
Historical Knowledge and Understanding; Historical Skills
Use this self-guided trail to investigate the Maritime Museum’s immigration displays. Who came here and why? What impact did migration have on WA Australia?

Submarine Tours
Volunteer led (Bookings essential)
Years 4-12
Duration: 1 hour (approx.)
Historical Knowledge and Understanding; Historical Skills
Find out what life is like aboard a submarine and immerse yourself in Fremantle’s secret wartime history.
The Oberon Class Submarine HMAS Ovens is an authentic Cold War-era vessel.
Special conditions apply for this unique experience. Please visit the website for details.

Facilitated Programs
Bookings are ESSENTIAL (preferably 2 weeks in advance)
These are led by our Education Officers.
Program Costs:
1-34 students $140 per session (GST inclusive)
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Times:
10:00am and 11:30am
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Western Australian Museum
Shipwreck Galleries

Uncover tales of exploration, disaster, mutiny and survival. Trace the extraordinary voyages of the spice traders and race to discover the Great Southland.

Exploring Explorers: Treasures with a Tale
Museum Educator led
Year 4
Duration: 1 hour (approx.)
Historical Knowledge and Understanding; Historical Skills
Investigate a treasure trove of unusual objects, maps, tools, and writings and imagine who they once belonged to. We know much about the experiences and impacts of WA’s past explorers because of the things they left behind, but can we ever know their full story?

Shipwreck Scientists
Museum Educator led (Available only during Archaeology Week May 16-20 and National Science Week August 15-19 2016)
Years 6-8
Duration: 1 hour (approx.)
Science Understanding; Science as a Human Endeavour; Science Inquiry Skills
Students will don lab coats and try their hand at being a shipwreck ‘CSI’. On the way they’ll encounter real shipwreck artefacts; come face to face with metre-long ship-eating molluscs, discover what’s inside an X-rayed rock and learn what can make a cannon ball become almost as light as a feather. Could your students become one of Western Australia’s future Shipwreck Scientists?

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Caring for Boodja* (Land)
Years 3-6
Science as a Human Endeavour; Cross Curriculum Priorities: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures; Science Understanding: Biological sciences; Science Inquiry Skills: Questioning and predicting
Explore the mysteries of mummification. Discover the ancient Egyptian science of mummification.

Look What They’ve Done to My Mummy!
Years 4-6
Science as a Human Endeavour; Historical Knowledge and Understanding
Discover the mysteries of the Ancient Egyptian science of mummification.

Meet the Locals*
Years K-2
Science Understanding: Biological sciences
Get up close and personal with our native wildlife. This highly interactive introduction to the biodiversity of our local environment focuses on the biology, habits and dreaming stories of creatures such as the Kwilla (dolphin), the Yonga (kangaroo) and many more.

Beach Walk Discoveries*
Years K-2
Science Understanding: Biological sciences; Science Inquiry Skills: Questioning and predicting
Join us at the beach to experience the unique biodiversity of our oceans and coastlines. Discover native beach foods and learn how to find fresh water.

Pirate Mania
Years K-2
Historical knowledge and understanding
Prepare yourself for some skulduggery. Hunt for treasure, swab the decks and say “Aaargh!”

Farm Life
Years K-2
Historical knowledge and understanding
Go back in time to experience life on WA’s first farm at Old Farm Strawberry Hill.

We Dig Dinosaurs*
Year 2
Science Inquiry Skills
Dig, chisel and discover hidden fossils. Learn how to survey a grid and identify your finds. Graduate as a junior palaeontologist, learn how to survey a grid and identify your finds. Graduate as a junior palaeontologist.

Crabble’s Classroom
Year 2
Historical knowledge and understanding
Explore the past and experience what school was like for your great-grandparents.

Who Dunnart*
Years 5-6
Science Inquiry Skills
Use forensic science to solve our wildlife murder mystery.

Keeping in Touch
Years 5-6
Historical Knowledge and Understanding; Knowledge and understanding
Learn Semaphore and Morse Code, and explore other communication technologies used during WW1. Why were letters from loved ones considered to be the greatest gift for soldiers?

National Science Week
Check the website for our National Science Week programs in August. We invite educators to make use of the Museum’s local and visiting experts and Nyongar Elders to enhance your classroom program.
Kalgoorlie-Boulder

Immerse students in the life of the early goldfields and explore the diversity of the local flora and fauna.

K-3

Life in the Early Goldfields
Years K-3
Historical Knowledge and Understanding
How was life in the early Goldfields different to now? Explore the Museum displays to see what life was like for people then. Participate in interactive activities such as playing old fashioned games and creating new games to get a feel of life in the past.
This program can be adapted to your specific needs. Please discuss this with the Education Officer when making your booking.

Woodland Wonders*
Years K-3
Historical Knowledge and Understanding
Through storytelling and puppets, discover some of Australia’s animals and explore the importance of the Great Western Woodlands and the need to protect our environment.

Let’s Make Christmas
[available November and December]
Years K-2
Historical Knowledge and Understanding
How did people celebrate Christmas in days gone by? Enjoy a trip back to the early days of Kalgoorlie as you get ready for the festive season with home-made decorations and Christmas cards.

4-6

Life in the Early Goldfields
Years 4-6
Historical Knowledge and Understanding
How was life in the Early Goldfields different to now? Explore the Museum displays to see what life was like for people then. Participate in interactive activities such as playing old fashioned games and creating new games to get a feel of life in the past.
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7-10

Life in the Early Goldfields
Years 7-10
Historical Knowledge and Understanding
How was life in the early Goldfields different to now? Discover the lifestyle of the early Goldfields people and investigate the change in the environment. Using Museum displays and photos taken from the earliest settlement of the region, compare the change in land use over the years.

Gold, Gold, Gold...
Year 7
Historical Knowledge and Understanding; English Literacy
Gold has been mined for thousands of years. Did you know that it has been recycled again and again for just as long? Using comprehension strategies students investigate a few of the ancient cultures who mined gold and discover how it was used in their everyday life and in their customs.

Excursion Information

Facilitated Programs
Bookings are ESSENTIAL (preferably 2 weeks in advance)
These are led by our Education Officers.
Program Costs:
Standard facilitated programs
$5 per student (GST inclusive)
Please refer to the website for our cancellation policy.
Times:
Session times can be negotiated at the time of booking.

Self-guided Experiences
Bookings are ESSENTIAL
[preferably 2 weeks in advance]
Groups are welcome to visit the Museum and proceed at their own pace.
Visit Costs:
Entry by donation. Suggestion of $20 per class.

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Phone: (08) 9021 8533
Email: eomog@museum.wa.gov.au
Please refer to our website for Excursion Management Plans, including Certificate of Currency.

Open 10:00am-4:30pm on school days

Bring the Museum into your classroom!

Outreach Programs
All Curriculum-based education activities marked with an * are available to schools as part of our Outreach Programs.

Loan Collection
The Western Australian Museum – Kalgoorlie-Boulder has a collection of items available for loan to support your education programs. This includes the Australian War Memorial series of loan cases.
Discover the treasures of the Mid West region through experiential and hands-on learning activities.

During your visit, be sure to...
- Journey through the Mid West Gallery and discover the natural and social history of the region.
- Explore the region’s unique flora and fauna.
- Learn about the life and history of the Yamaji People.
- Discover the influence of European settlement and the development of mining, farming and fishing.
- Visit the Shipwrecks Gallery where four shipwrecks reveal their treasures from the deep.
- View the Pride of the Fleet exhibition and experience the poignant and personal stories of HMAS Sydney III.

K-9

Exploring the Museum
Self-guided experience in the Mid West Gallery

- Years K-9
- Duration: 30 minutes (approx.)
- Historical Knowledge and Understanding; Science Understanding

Explore the wonders of the Mid West Gallery using our interactive self-guided booklet.

Students will go on a journey of discovery to learn about prehistoric and present day land and sea animals, Aboriginal culture, migration and the development of Geraldton.

Teachers will receive information on using the booklets including discussion points. Clipboards and pencils are provided.

3-6

2016 Clem Burns Heritage Award

Years 3-6

Now in its 27th year, the Clem Burns Heritage Award is an annual competition for students in the Mid West region. The competition promotes an understanding of the region inspired by its rich cultural heritage and unique environment.

The focus for this year is to research Monsignor Hawes through the investigation of his buildings across the region. More information will be available towards the end of Term 1.

Excursion Information

Facilitated Programs

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Program Costs:
- Standard facilitated programs: $5 per student (GST inclusive).

Visit Costs:
- Entry by donation. Suggestion of $20 per class.

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Self-guided Experiences

- Bookings are ESSENTIAL (preferably 2 weeks in advance)
- Groups are welcome to visit the Museum and proceed at their own pace.
- Self-guided booklets are available for $2 per student.

Visit Costs:
- Entry by donation. Suggestion of $20 per class.

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Email: geraldton.museum@museum.wa.gov.au
Please refer to our website for information and resources relating to school excursions: museum.wa.gov.au/education
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