

# Western Australian Museum

Overlooking the Indian Ocean, the *Western Australian Museum – Geraldton* celebrates the rich heritage of the land, sea and people of the Mid West region.

Discover ancient landforms, Yamaji history and culture, and the region's natural landscapes and marine environment. Find out how more recent European exploration and settlement has developed the Mid West including the agriculture, fishing, mining and science industries.



Western Australian Museum –  
Geraldton  
Museum Place, Batavia Coast Marina,  
Geraldton

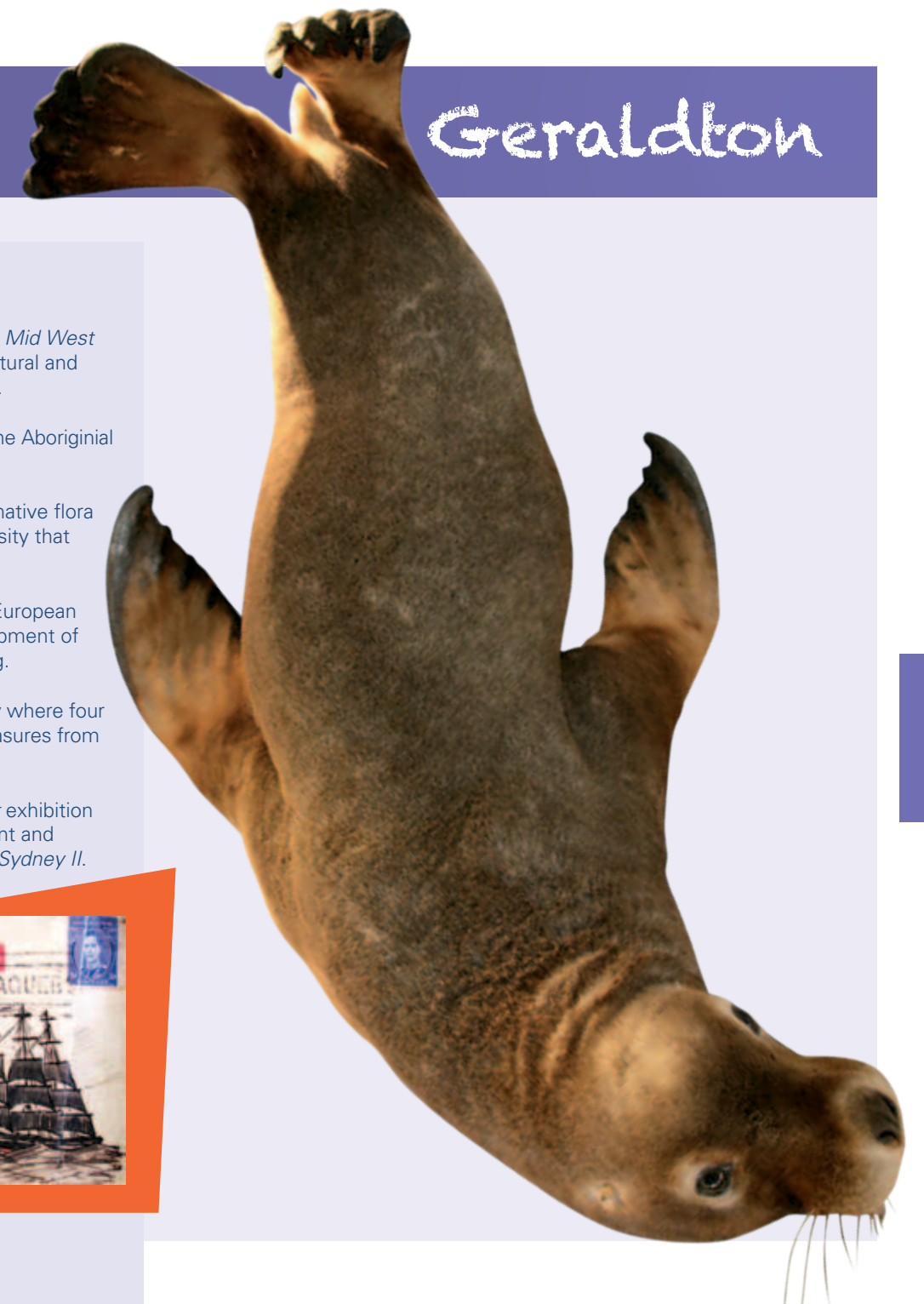
Open 9:30am - 4:00pm on school days

## Museum Highlights

- Take a journey through the *Mid West* gallery and discover the natural and social history of the region.
- Be intrigued by the life of the Aboriginal people.
- Be amazed by the unique native flora and fauna and the biodiversity that exists in the region.
- 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 II*.



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Join our Education staff for fascinating stories of shipwrecks and mutineers, cameleers and stockmen, miners and the Aboriginal people of the region that will keep students captivated during their visit to the *Western Australian Museum – Geraldton*.

Natural history displays will inspire young minds and create a better understanding of our ever-changing environment. Writing with pen and ink, fishing for dinner, searching for gold and sending Morse code signals are just some of the experiences enjoyed by visiting students.

## 2012 Clem Burns Heritage Award

Now in its 23rd year, the Clem Burns Heritage Award is an annual competition conducted by the *Western Australian Museum - Geraldton*.

Open to all primary students in the Mid West, it promotes an understanding of the rich natural and cultural heritage of the region. With 2012 declared *International Year of Sustainability for All* by the United Nations, the award for 2012 will focus on sustainable energy. Details will be forwarded to schools during Term 1.



## Excursion Options

### Facilitated Programs:

All facilitated programs are led by the Education Officer and require booking in advance.

Most programs are of one hour duration however it is suggested that additional time is allowed for students to further explore the Museum.

### Self-guided Experiences:

Groups are welcome to visit the Museum and proceed at their own pace. Bookings are required for self-guided visits.

## Program Costs

### Facilitated Programs:

\$4.00 per student (including GST).

### Self-guided Experiences:

Entry by donation.

## Further Information:

Please refer to our website for information and resources relating to school excursions.

[museum.wa.gov.au/education](http://museum.wa.gov.au/education)

## Excursion Bookings:

Western Australian Museum – Geraldton  
Museum Place, Batavia Coast Marina

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Alinta Wind Farm, Walkaway  
Photograph courtesy of Alinta

# Programs Overview

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## K - 3 Early Childhood

### Salty Seas

**S S&E T&E** *Biodiversity*

Take part in a fun-filled activity session to learn about the marine life of the Mid West.

### Pioneer Days

**H&PE S&E T&E** *WA History*

Enjoy a trip back to colonial times and discover what life was like one hundred years ago.

### Traditional Times

**H&PE S&E** *Aboriginal Culture*

Discover the bush food, medicine and sustainable ways of the Aboriginal people of the Mid West.

### We Dig Dinosaurs

**S** *Palaeontology*

Become a palaeontologist for the day! Unearth a buried T-Rex fossil, sieve, brush and chisel through an activity-based program. Discover fascinating facts about the Mid West from millions of years ago.

## 4 - 7 Middle Childhood

### Pride of the Fleet

**S S&E T&E** *WA History Maritime History*

An interactive session designed to complement student research on HMAS *Sydney II*.

### Shipwreck Stories

**H&PE S&E T&E** *WA History Maritime History*

True stories to capture the imagination of students visiting the *Shipwrecks* gallery.

### Sustainable Seas

**S S&E T&E** *Environment*

Investigate the role individuals can play in the sustainable use of the sea.

### Camels, Coaches and Claims

**H&PE S&E T&E** *WA History Mining and Industry*

Search for gold and learn about mateship, jubilation and despair on the Murchison Goldfields in the 1890s.

### Olden Days School Ways

**E M S&E** *WA History*

Experience school life from the past through fun-filled activities.

### The Geraldine Connection

**H&PE S&E** *Mining and Industry*

The intriguing story of Western Australia's first mining boom which took place in the Mid West in the 1850s.

### Gallery Gazing

**A E** *Viewing in Context*

Interpret how objects, media, lighting, text, images and music are used by museums to appeal to audiences.

## 8 -10 Early Adolescence

### Conflict in the Mid West

**S&E** *WA History Aboriginal Culture*

A little known part of our history which describes the impact of the pastoral industry on the local Aboriginal population.

### Pride of the Fleet

**S S&E T&E** *Maritime History*

An interactive session designed to complement student research on HMAS *Sydney II*.

### Shipwreck Stories

**H&PE S&E T&E** *Maritime History*

Explore the challenges faced by the mighty VOC in their pursuit of the spice trade in the Dutch East Indies.

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## 11 -12 Late Adolescence

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### Self-guided Programs

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