Western Australian Museum Strategic Plan 2011–2014



LEARNING AND GROWTH

STRATEGIC AIMS

- LG1 Ensure Aboriginal and Torres
 Strait Islander peoples are central
 to ownership, governance and
 development of our collections
 and programs
- LG2 Create and share knowledge with our users
- LG3 Understand and respond to our audiences and communities
- LG4 Develop a highly skilled, motivated and flexible workforce
- LG5 Develop an effective volunteer culture

PROCESSES

STRATEGIC AIMS

- P1 Discharge heritage responsibilities including legislative obligations
- P2 Care for Western Australia's collections representing the natural environment, the State's history, stories and traditions
- P3 Ensure effective governance and management
- P4 Contribute to the conservation of environments, landscapes, heritage, sites and traditions
- P5 Ensure the highest standards of health and safety management and practice

MISSION

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

VISION

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

VALUES

We are dedicated to community value which means that we will be:

Accountable

We exist for the benefit of all the people of Western Australia and recognise that we are accountable to them and are custodians of their collections

Inspirational, Inclusive and Accessible

We will inspire people to explore our world and will advance knowledge through study, research and life-long learning; making sure that our facilities, programs and resources are accessible to all

Enterprising and Excellent

We will be creative, resourceful, imaginative, innovative and entrepreneurial; we will be commercially astute and aspire to excellence in all that we do

Sustainable

We aspire to be socially, environmentally and economically sustainable and will work in partnership with others to maximise public benefit and value for money

We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first peoples of Australia

We acknowledge the primary rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their cultural heritage and will work collaboratively to advance understanding between all peoples

FINANCIAL

STRATEGIC AIMS

- F1 Maximise financial sustainability by operating within our means, but maximising those means
- F2 Be entrepreneurial in all that we do
- F3 Maximise effectiveness of the WA Museum Foundation
- F4 Provide value for money by adding value and sharing costs

CUSTOMER

STRATEGIC AIMS

- C1 Provide the highest standards of customer service and user experience in all that we do
- C2 To contribute to the health and wellbeing of our communities by facilitating people's exploration of their identity, culture, environment and place in the world
- C3 Promote tourism within and to Western Australia
- C4 Deliver a Western Australian wide museum service
- C5 Develop the Western Australian Museum brand to reflect, support and deliver our mission and achieve our vision



LEARNING AND GROWTH

STRATEGIC AIMS	OBJECTIVES
LG1 Ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are central to ownership, governance and development of our collections and programs	LG 1.1 Improve organisational capacity to address the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples LG 1.2 Increase uses by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
LG2 Create and share knowledge with our users	 LG 2.1 Develop the Western Australian Museum collection as a resource for advancing knowledge and education in the service of society LG 2.2 Develop a life long learning strategy LG 2.3 Use collections and expertise to educate, engage and entertain, including through issues-based exhibitions LG 2.4 Review and improve the range and quality of programs
LG3 Understand and respond to our audiences and communities	LG 3.1 Understand our audiences and their needs and desires LG 3.2 Increase capacity to deliver learning programs
LG4 Develop a highly skilled, motivated and flexible workforce	LG 4.1 Enhance professional and personal development to meet organisational needs LG 4.2 Encourage professionalism, leadership and management excellence
LG5 Develop an effective volunteer culture	LG 5.1 Maximise use of volunteers and the quality of volunteer experience

PROCESSES

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STRATEGIC AIMS	OBJECTIVES	
P1 Discharge heritage responsibilities including legislative obligations	 P1.1 Develop a strong Dutch/Western Australian relationship around shipwrecks P1.2 Discharge maritime heritage statutory functions P1.3 Discharge non-maritime heritage responsibilities P1.4 Discharge environmental protection functions 	
P2 Care for Western Australia's collections representing the natural environment, the State's history, stories and traditions	P2.1 Ensure effective management and use of collections P2.2 Ensure effective conservation of collections	
P3 Ensure effective governance and management	P3.1 Integrate Western Australian Museum planning and budget cycles P3.2 Ensure effective management of risk P3.3 Ensure effective organisational governance and management	
P4 Contribute to the conservation of environments, landscapes, heritage, sites and traditions	P4.1 Advise and inform stakeholders on culturally significant and biodiverse areas P4.2 Improve sustainability of Western Australian Museum buildings and operations	
P5 Ensure the highest standards of health and safety management and practice	P5.1 Achieve highest standards of OHS practice in respect of staff and volunteers P5.2 Achieve highest standards of public comfort and safety	

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FINANCIAL		
STRATEGIC AIMS	OBJECTIVES	
F1 Maximise financial sustainability by operating within our means, but maximising those means	F1.1 Secure public funding adequate to ensure the Museum's financial sustainability F1.2 Operate within budget	
F2 Be entrepreneurial in all that we do	F2.1 Maximise earned income F2.2 Maximise funding from grants/contracts	
F3 Maximise effectiveness of the WA Museum Foundation	F3.1 Grow the funds received by the WA Museum Foundation F3.2 Ensure staff and stakeholder support for the goals of the WA Museum Foundation	
F4 Provide value for money by adding value and sharing costs	F4.1 Achieve value for money through audience development and investing in servicesF4.2 Develop strategic partnerships with other providers	

CUSTOMER		
STRATEGIC AIMS	OBJECTIVES	
C1 Provide the highest standards of customer service and user experience in all that we do	C1.1 Increase customer focus ensuring a culture in which customer service is everyone's responsibility	
C2 To contribute to the health and wellbeing of our communities by facilitating people's exploration of their identity, culture, environment and place in the world	C2.1 Improve quality of experience for users C2.2 Maximise access to the Museum and its resources for the widest possible audience	
C3 Promote tourism within and to Western Australia	C3.1 Maximise visits from overseas and interstate visitors C3.2 Become a major destination for overseas and interstate visitors	
C4 Deliver a Western Australian wide museum service	C4.1 Develop and implement a Western Australian wide museum strategy C4.2 Maximise impact of regional Western Australian Museum sites C4.3 Develop outreach capacity C4.4 Work with regional communities, councils and local businesses	
C5 Develop the Western Australian Museum brand to reflect, support and deliver our mission and achieve our vision	C5.1 Develop and deliver a brand that successfully repositions and establishes Western Australian Museum	

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DESTINATION STATEMENT

A description of what the organisation will look like once the strategic objectives are met.

... ensure Aboriginal and ... care for Western ... help all the people Torres Strait Islander people ... be a resource to Australia's collections of Western Australia are central to ownership, support the development representing the natural express and explore their governance and development of education and learning environment, the diversity, pride, identity and express themselves opportunities by and for history, the stories and and sense of place through collections, the community traditions of its people stories and ideas ... contribute to the **The Western** ... support and enforce conservation of the heritage legislation **Australian** environments, for which it is landscapes, heritage, Museum will responsible sites and traditions ... contribute to community ... promote academic health and wellbeing through ... promote and ... be environmentally, research in the areas the involvement of users in socially and economically support tourism in and represented by its the management of collections to Western Australia sustainable collections and its and the development of activities public programs

ORGANISATIONAL PRIORITIES 2011–2014

The following organisational priorities underpin the Strategic Plan 2011-14.



COMMUNITY VALUE

The WA Museum exists for the benefit of all the people of Western Australia and is accountable to them. As the custodian of their collections, the Museum will increase its focus on delivering community value by engaging with its many communities and constituencies in life-long learning, both within and beyond the Museum's walls. It will continue to ensure that its original research has a public face and achieves the national and international recognition that it deserves.



FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

The WA Museum will strive to be financially sustainable, in particular, but not exclusively through:

- implementing improvements to financial management and cost control processes;
- focussing on revenue generating opportunities;
- continuing to develop commercial partnerships with business;
- strengthening the WA Museum Foundation.

3 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS

The WA Museum will increase its efforts to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are central to ownership, governance and program development.



SERVICES DELIVERED WA WIDE

The WA Museum will develop partnerships with regional communities, businesses and industries to share resources, knowledge and expertise.



EMPOWERMENT

The WA Museum expects its staff to be creative and innovative and encourages initiative, leadership and new ideas from all parts of the organisation.