



**Welcome to Perth
Western Australia**

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Welcome to Perth

Western Australia is characterised by long days of sunshine, clear blue skies and pristine beaches. It is a land blessed with spectacular diversity where the deep reds of ancient interior rock formations contrast with the sparkling blue of the Indian and Southern Oceans and the lush greenery of the stunning southern regions.

Perth offers an easy-going lifestyle – the beautiful Swan River and inner city parks like Kings Park add to the relaxed, natural feel. There is much to see and do in this part of the state, from swimming in crystal clear ocean waters to enjoying a sunny afternoon sipping a cold beer at an open-air pub. Southwest of the city are world-class wineries, and forests of tall trees. These taper off to a ribbon of coastal hinterlands of sheltered bays and rivers lined with massive granite boulders and with stunning outlooks.

For more information please visit www.westernaustralia.com.

Art & Culture

Perth has its fair share of galleries, museums and arts centres. Follow the link to find out more.

Western Australian Museum	www.museum.wa.gov.au
Fremantle History Museum	www.museum.wa.gov.au/oursites/freohistory/freohistory.asp
WA Maritime Museum	www.museum.wa.gov.au/oursites/maritime/maritime.asp
WA Academy of Performing Arts	www.waapa.ecu.edu.au
KULCHA Multicultural Arts of WA	www.kulcha.com.au
State Library of WA	www.liswa.wa.gov.au
Screen West	www.screenwest.com.au
Art Gallery of Western Australia	www.artgallery.wa.gov.au
Country Arts WA	www.countryartswa.asn.au

Associations and Organisations

The following is a list of some associations and organisations based in Western Australia that may be of assistance.

INTERNATIONAL

Migrant Resource Centre

www.multicultural.online.wa.gov.au/smmrc/

Australian Asian Association

www.multicultural.online.wa.gov.au/cgi-bin/owamc.cgi?aaawa

African Community in WA

www.multicultural.online.wa.gov.au/cgi-bin/owamc.cgi?acwa

Islamic Association of North Western Australia

www.multicultural.online.wa.gov.au/cgi-bin/owamc.cgi?ianwa

Australia Japan Society of WA

www.multicultural.online.wa.gov.au/cgi-bin/owamc.cgi?ajswa

Te Rangatahi Maori Club Western Australian

www.multicultural.online.wa.gov.au/cgi-bin/owamc.cgi?trmc

Vietnamese Community in WA

www.multicultural.online.wa.gov.au/cgi-bin/owamc.cgi?vcwa

Australia China Friendship Society of WA

www.multicultural.online.wa.gov.au/cgi-bin/owamc.cgi?acfswa

Western Australian Association for Polish Women

www.multicultural.online.wa.gov.au/cgi-bin/owamc.cgi?wapw

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Lions Club WA

www.augustacom.com.au/lionnet_wa/index.html

Rotaract Club of South Perth

www.rotaract9470.org/southperth/about/locale.html

Western Institute of Self Help

www.wish.org.au

Association for the Blind of WA

www.abwa.asn.au

RSPCA WA
Dog's Refuge Home (WA) Inc
YMCA Perth
Volunteering WA

www.rspcawa.asn.au
www.dogshome.org.au
www.perth.ymca.org.au
www.volunteeringwa.org.au

Buying Property

The following Tips for Buyers are from the WA Real Estate Institute Website (www.reiwa.com.au).

DEPOSITS

Normally, a condition of the Contract for the Sale of Land/ Strata Title is that the seller receives a deposit. The seller will nominate who will hold the deposit in trust until settlement. Normally, the seller's agent will hold the deposit in a trust account. The seller's agent may comply with a request that the deposit be placed in a separate interest earning account where the seller's agent is satisfied that the deposit exceeds \$20,000 or that the transaction is not to be settled within 60 days. The seller's agent cannot release a deposit without the agreement of all parties to the contract. If a deposit is required but it is not received by the nominated date, then the seller can terminate the contract and proceed with any other offers.

FINANCE

Finance is a key issue. If you require a loan to enable the purchase of a home, then your capacity to meet home loan repayments will determine the price range in which you can consider buying. Therefore, prior to inspecting properties for sale, it is a good idea to establish your borrowing capacity with your lending institution. Once your capacity is established you can then determine what properties are available in your price range.

THE PROCESS OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE

Finally, the moment you have been waiting for it - is time to put an offer to the vendor. If you consider the price to be too high, then discuss with the agent the option of presenting an offer at a lower price. The listing agent can then negotiate in an attempt to reach a price acceptable to both parties.

Agents are normally paid by the seller to obtain a fair and reasonable price and are required to act in the interests of the seller. The agent is under no obligation to advise you if another buyer offers a higher price or the value of that offer. The agent must simply present your offer when it is received. If you are genuinely keen on the property you have selected, then it is in your interest to make the offer your best offer.

Carefully consider the comments from the REIWA agent. For example, if the agent informs you that the seller is not willing to consider offers below a certain price, then by making a low offer, you may lose the perfect property. However, it is your right to make an offer at whatever level you choose.

THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE CONTRACT

The details of your offer are expressed in the Contract for Sale of Land/Strata Title by Offer and Acceptance. This is a legally binding contract that sets down the terms and conditions under which the purchase and sale will be completed. After you have signed the offer the agent then forwards the offer to the seller. The seller may not agree to your price and/or your conditions. The seller may make a counter offer or may totally reject your offer.

A copy of the Contract for Sale of Land/Strata Title by Offer and Acceptance and the Joint Form of General Conditions for the Sale of Land is given to all people who are a party to the offer and those people who may accept the offer. The Joint Form of General Conditions for the Sale of Land is a legal part of the Contract and details the rights and obligations of the buyer and seller during the pre - settlement period. The contract is not legally binding until the Contract for Sale of Land/Strata Title by Offer and Acceptance is signed by all parties who are signatories to the contract, and communication of its acceptance is conveyed

PRE-SETTLEMENT INSPECTION

Pursuant to the Joint Form of General Conditions the seller shall give the purchaser reasonable opportunity to inspect the property within seven days prior to settlement. The purchaser would use this opportunity to determine if any special conditions have been satisfied and to determine if the property is in the same state and condition as inspected by the purchaser on or immediately before the date of the contract.

SETTLEMENT

At settlement, the balance of the purchase price is paid to the seller, any outstanding mortgages discharged, new mortgages lodged, and then the purchaser becomes the legal owner of the property. If the seller has occupied the property as the principal place of residence, then the seller is entitled to remain in possession of the property until noon on the day after settlement.

For further information visit the WA Real Estate Institute Website at www.reiwa.com.au.

You can also get further information on buying property and price guides at www.domain.com.au, or at www.realestate.com.au.

Car Hire

There are numerous car rental companies to choose from if you prefer to rent rather than buy a car. Try:

- Avis Australia www.avis.com.au
- Budget www.budget.com.au
- Hertz www.hertz.com.au
- Thrifty www.thrifty.com.au

Driving in Western Australia

Western Australia observes the same driving laws and regulations as the rest of Australia. Vehicles travel on the left hand side of the road and the wearing of seat belts is compulsory for all passengers.

Speed limits vary across the state; however the maximum limit is 110 kilometres per hour. Major metropolitan arterial roads are generally capped at 60 kilometres per hour while suburban streets are almost exclusively limited to 50 kilometres per hour.

School zones are clearly marked and restricted to 40 kilometres per hour for two-hour periods at the beginning and end of the school day.

The Western Australia Police Service employs radar and other speed monitoring devices, and fines are enforceable – even for visitors.

Western Australia has severe penalties for anyone caught driving under the influence of alcohol or other drug stimulants. Drivers must maintain a blood/alcohol level below 0.05 per cent, in order to drive within the legal limit.

The long stretches of road, and wide-open spaces – particularly in the outback - can lead to unintentional speeding, so you need to be aware. And for drivers not used to the conditions, and not taking adequate rest breaks, the combination of warm sun through the windscreen, long, straight sections of road, the soothing hum of wheels and lack of traffic, can have a hypnotic effect. Frequent stops and coffee breaks are recommended for anyone undertaking long distances to refresh the driver.

Western Australia has plenty of native wildlife, so travellers need to be watchful for roaming animals such as kangaroos, cattle and even large eagles that often settle on the road. Wildlife is more active around dusk and dawn, and can often be confused by the sound of a vehicle,

running towards the sound instead of away from it. The most effective way to keep the local wildlife and yourselves safe is to reduce your speed (particularly at dusk and dawn), and to be aware of the unpredictable nature of native animals.

Although Western Australia's paved roads are among the best in the world, there are many gravel roads throughout the State, which pose challenges to drivers unused to driving in these conditions. Driving on gravel can be a lot like driving on snow and just as hazardous as it is easy to lose control of the vehicle. The best way to drive safely is to drive more slowly.

Driving Licences

TRANSFERRING YOUR LICENCE

If you are a visitor to Western Australia you may drive for a period of 12 months. If you hold a valid driver's licence issued in your State/Territory of Australia of which you are a permanent resident, you must carry your licence at all times when driving and comply with any conditions (where reasonable) that are endorsed on the licence.

If you intend on becoming a permanent resident of WA you must obtain a WA drivers licence within 3 months if you want to continue to drive in WA.

Learner permit holders from other Australian States and Territories are exempt from taking a theory test.

TRANSFERRING YOUR INTERSTATE DRIVERS LICENCE

You can transfer your interstate drivers licence by personally attending a licensing centre (Cash, Cheque and EFTPOS only), or licensing agent (Cash and Cheque only) between the hours of 8:15 am and 4:30 pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays). A computerised theory test on WA road rules is not required if you produce your interstate licence.

Before you attend a licensing centre or agent you must take the following documentation:

- your interstate driver's licence that is current or that has expired less than 5 years, or a combination of driver licence details/letter from the interstate driver licence issuing authority.
- proof of your identity (see below for more information).
- proof of your WA residential address.
- one document that shows your signature.
- pay an application fee (only required if your interstate licence has expired) together with the standard (1 year) or (5 year) licence fee.

You must also pass the appropriate eyesight standard tests and other WA requirements.

For a list of Licensing Centres, visit <http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/licensing/1211.asp>.

For a list of Licensing agents visit <http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/licensing/licensingcentres/1454.asp>.

PROOF OF IDENTITY AND RESIDENCY

You must give us primary and secondary proof of your identity as well as proof of your residency in WA. At least one of the documents must include your signature.

Primary proof of identity can be such documents as your interstate licence (if it has a photograph), a current passport or a birth certificate. These must be originals. Secondary proof of identity can be such documents as an automatic teller machine (ATM) card issued by a finance institute, a credit card or a Medicare card.

If one of the documents that you give us for your proof of identity has your WA address on it, you have already satisfied our proof of residency requirements. If not, you can use other documents that have your WA address on them to prove your residency. Examples would be

a house rental agreement, a council rate notice or a bank statement. A place of employment cannot be used as a residential address.

COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

When you have met all of the above requirements, you will then be required to:

complete an application form that includes questions regarding;

- any medical conditions you may have that could affect your driving; and
- any traffic or criminal convictions that you have
- pass an eyesight test

For further information and current licensing fees visit
<http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/licensing/yourlicence/1363.asp>.

TRANSFERRING YOUR OVERSEAS DRIVERS LICENCE

To transfer your overseas driver licence you must personally attend a licensing centre (payment by Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS or credit card) or a licensing agent (payment by Cash or Cheque only) between the hours of 8:15 am and 3:45 pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).

Before you attend a licensing centre or agent you must take the following documentation with you:

- your current overseas drivers licence.
- proof of your identity, one primary document and one secondary document (originals only).
- proof of your WA residential address.
- one document that shows your signature.
- pay an application fee of together with the standard (1 year) or (5 year) licence fee.

Cash, cheque, EFTPOS and credit cards are accepted.

For a list of Licensing Centres, visit <http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/licensing/1211.asp>.

For a list of Licensing agents visit
<http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/licensing/licensingcentres/1454.asp>.

ASSESSMENTS

Once you have presented your documentation you may be required to complete further assessments:

Type of assessment	Who needs to complete the assessment
Undergo an eyesight test.	All applicants.
Undergo a computerised theory test.	Applicants from non-recognised countries or applicants applying for a class of licence not currently held. The test comprises of 30 multiple-choice questions of which you must get 24 correct to pass. You can download a copy of the Drive Safe book containing the rules of the road or obtain a copy from a licensing centre.
Undergo a practical	Applicants from non-recognised countries or applicants applying for a

driving assessment. class of licence not currently held.

There are further costs relating to driving assessments. Please see our driver licence fees section for more information.

A full list of application fees including pensioner concessions is available at <http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/licensing/yourlicence/1217.asp>.

Origin	Theory Test	Practical Test	Hazard Perception Test	Payment Required	Converted Class
New Zealand	For classes MR and above a Heavy Vehicle Theory test is required	NO	NO	YES	All classes (except MC class)
Recognised Country	For classes MR and above a Heavy Vehicle Theory test is required	NO for C and R classes YES for classes LR and above	NO	YES	Only classes C and R (if held). Licence holders must pass a practical driving assessment for any other class of licence required
Non - recognised Country	YES	YES	NO	YES	None. Licence holders must pass a practical driving assessment for the class of licence required

RECOGNISED COUNTRIES

Holders of drivers' licences from the following recognised countries are exempt from taking the computerised theory test on the road rules and may be also exempt from the requirement to undertake a practical driving assessment. Applicants who hold motorcycle class equivalents are also exempt from the motorcycle theory test.

RECOGNISED COUNTRIES ARE:

Austria	Luxembourg
Belgium	Malta
Canada	Netherlands
Croatia	New Zealand
Denmark	Norway
Finland	Portugal
France	Singapore
Germany	Spain
Greece	Sweden
Guernsey	Switzerland

Ireland
Isle of Man
Italy
Japan
Jersey

United Kingdom
United States of America

Please note that driver's licences issued by Malta and the Isle of Man are only 'recognised' where:

- Isle of Man - the licence was issued on or after 1 November 1991; and
- Malta - the licence was issued on or after 2 January 2004.

WHAT IF MY LICENCE IS NOT IN ENGLISH?

If your licence is not in English you must bring an official translation. Translations of overseas driver's licences can be accepted from Consulates or from NAATI (National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters).

Licences translated through a Consulate must be;

- On official consulate letterhead
- Title stamped with the official stamp of the consulate
- Signed by the Consul General or an authorised officer of the Consulate

Licences translated through NAATI must be;

- Completed by translators accredited to level 3 or 4 OR accredited to Professional, Advanced or Senior Advanced level.
- Declared as a true and correct translation by the translator and endorsed with a NAATI stamp advising their level of accreditation.
- You can locate a NAATI translator online at <http://www.naati.com.au/>. A fee is payable for this service.

Photocopies or faxes of the above documents are not acceptable.

Where you need to provide extra information about your licence i.e. its validity period, the type of vehicle you are authorised to drive, which is not shown on your driver's licence a letter from a relevant consulate or diplomatic office may also be accepted.

If one of the documents that you give us for your proof of identity has your WA address on it, you have already satisfied our proof of residency requirements. If not, you can use other documents that have your WA address on them to prove your residency. Examples would be a house rental agreement, a council rate notice or a bank statement. A place of employment cannot be used as a residential address.

For further information visit <http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/licensing/1458.asp>.

WHAT IF I HAVE A HEAVY VEHICLE LICENCE?

To transfer a heavy vehicle licence for classes MR and above, you must pass an oral test on specific issues relating to size and dimensions of heavy vehicles. The test comprises of 10 questions of which you must get 8 correct to pass. The heavy vehicle licence class questions and the Drive Safe book contain the rules of the road and can be obtained from any Licensing Centre or Agent.

For a list of Licensing Centres, visit <http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/licensing/1211.asp>.

For a list of Licensing agents visit <http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/licensing/licensingcentres/1454.asp>.

Applicants who hold HC (heavy combination), HR (heavy rigid) or MR (medium rigid) equivalents are still required to sit the heavy vehicle practical test (excepting those who are transferring a NZ licence).

Education

Education is compulsory to the end of the school year in which the student turns 15 years of age. The Western Australian school education system is divided into three stages:

- Pre-primary/pre-school education
- Primary education
- Secondary education.

PRIMARY

Children may begin their pre-primary school education in the year they turn five. Pre-primary school education is voluntary. All children must begin primary school in the year they turn six. This means children will begin Year 1 at the beginning of the year they turn six.

Primary school is the beginning of children's compulsory education. Primary school in Western Australia continues until Year 7.

SECONDARY

Most children begin their secondary education at the beginning of the year they turn 13. Secondary education goes from Year 8 to Year 12. Children must stay at school until the end of the year they turn 15. Children must stay on till year 12 if they wish to gain entry into university. Students who complete Year 12 with satisfactory grades gain the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE).

PRIVATE/NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

The Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia Incorporated (AISWA) is the peak body representing Private/Non Government Schools in Western Australia.

AISWA was established in 1962 as a non-profit organisation to support, represent and promote the interests of Independent Schools. AISWA is incorporated under the Industrial Relations Act.

AISWA's constituent members include almost one hundred and forty Independent Schools including those of two Independent School systems. Its member schools educate over 50,000 students and employ some 3,500 teaching and over 1000 non-teaching staff.

For a list of independent schools in the WA state, visit the AISWA website at www.ais.wa.edu.au.

Term Dates (N.B. This may vary with certain schools)

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Term 1: 1 February - 1 April

Term 2: 20 April - 2 July

Term 3: 20 July - 24 September

Term 4: 12 October - 16 December

Events

January	Australia Day Hopman Cup (International Tennis)
February	Perth International Arts Festival Rottnest Channel Swim Johnnie Walker Classic Golf Tournament
March	Oxfam Walk against Want Margaret River Masters Surfing Tournament
April	Fremantle Street Art Festival Anzac Day Fairbridge Festival of Music
May	Ord Valley Muster
June	WA Wine & Food Festival Foundation Day Fremantle Heritage Festival
July	National Tree Day Revelation Perth International Film Festival
August	City to Surf International Rugby
September	The Koorda Agricultural Show Kings Park Wildflower Festival Perth Royal Show York Jazz Festival
October	Perth Royal Show Great Australian Bushwalk
November	Fremantle Festival FIA World Rally Championship Wanneroo Show
December	Carols by Candlelight Cockburn Sound Regatta Moonlight Cinema

Further Education

TAFEWA

TAFEWA (www.tafe.wa.gov.au) is made up of 10 colleges with over 50 campuses across Western Australia and is easily the largest provider of vocational education and training in the State. TAFEWA works closely with industry to provide and formally recognise skills that today's employers are looking for. It also delivers bridging/entry courses that offer accessible pathways into study, short courses that deliver particular skills for professional and lifestyle/recreational interests, and assists in the provision of apprenticeships and traineeships that enable people to undertake training within employment.

TAFEWA qualifications are combinations of skills or competencies that are formally certified and nationally recognised. Each qualification (e.g. a Certificate, Diploma or Advanced Diploma) normally takes between 6 to 12 months to complete if studied full-time. However, options to study part-time or even 'fast-track' some qualifications are available.

All TAFEWA qualifications apply various forms of assessment to ensure that graduates are fully competent in the required skills.

There are over 400 qualifications available through TAFEWA at various levels in virtually all industry and subject areas. They have been designed to fit together to provide seamless pathways between all levels of study and careers. Hence, you can enter at the most appropriate level and continue until you reach your desired learning or job outcome.

TAFEWA also aims to allow you to readily move between TAFEWA and employment, return to study at any time, or enable you to do both at the same time. For more information on how TAFEWA qualifications work visit the TAFEWA website at www.tafe.wa.gov.au.

STUDY OPTIONS OFFERED THROUGH TAFEWA

- Full-time study of qualifications
- Part-time study of qualifications (or units within a qualification)
- Short Courses - including Adult Community Education (ACE), lifestyle, certification and registration courses
- Entry or Bridging qualifications
- Flexible learning (correspondence, open learning, online, etc)

APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

Apprenticeships and traineeships are structured training programs that are a valuable alternative for those who wish to gain a qualification through employment. Practical experience at work is complemented with off-the-job training. You can have a job and be paid while you learn, and on successful completion you can end up with a nationally recognised qualification.

Apprenticeships usually take four years full time to complete and successful completion will lead to a qualification as a tradesperson. Traineeships can be for a duration of 12 months or more and are generally conducted in non-trade related areas.

TAFEWA Colleges cannot enrol you in an apprenticeship or traineeship directly, but provide the off the job training component of these programs.

For further information, support and advice about apprenticeships and traineeships contact the Apprenticeship and Traineeship Support Network (ATSN) on 13 19 54 or visit the website at www.tafe.wa.gov.au.

Higher Education

There are five universities in Western Australia:

The University of Western Australia	www.uwa.edu.au
Curtin University of Technology	www.curtin.edu.au
Murdoch University	www.murdoch.edu.au
Edith Cowan University	www.ecu.edu.au
University of Notre Dame Australia	www.nd.edu.au

Hospitals

There is a large network of public hospitals and nursing posts spread across the State to provide accessible health care to all communities. There are also hospital support services and palliative care facilities.

HOSPITALS

Hospitals provide a broad range of in-patient and outpatient health care services to match the needs of the community.

In-Patient Services

In-patient services include medical, surgical, paediatric, obstetric and rehabilitation services. Many hospitals also provide mental health services and services for older people

Out-Patient Services

Most hospitals provide outpatient services including emergency services, day procedures, diagnostic and assessment services, and therapy services. Hospitals also support various community-based programs to prevent or reduce the need for hospitalisation.

A full list of Metropolitan hospitals is available here.

WAITING LISTS

Patients requiring elective surgery (non-life threatening) at a public hospital are often placed on waiting lists for some operations. The Central Wait List Bureau may be able to reduce the waiting time by checking which hospitals and specialists can perform the procedure soonest. The Central Wait List Bureau can be contacted on Freecall 1800 654 807.

NURSING POSTS AND NURSING CENTRES

Nursing posts and nursing centres can offer basic health care and treatment. Qualified nurses staff these centres and doctors visit on a routine basis. The Silver Chain Nursing Association runs a number of these centres. Information about opening times and emergency care is available from the centres.

MAIN PUBLIC HOSPITALS

- Royal Perth Hospital - www.rph.wa.gov.au
855-bed public teaching hospital. Contains information about specialized and unique departments, including Malaria information, Medical Physics, Imaging services, and laboratory services.
- Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital - www.scgh.health.wa.gov.au
A very large public teaching hospital with 56,000 in patients annually. Information on their four primary roles: clinical services, teaching, research, and the development of the health care system in Australia. Information on individual departments within the hospital is also provided.
- Women's & Children's Health Service Western Australia – wchs.health.wa.gov.au
WCHS encompasses King Edward Memorial Hospital (KEMH) and Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) and is involved in women's and children's public health services throughout Western Australia.

- Fremantle Hospital & Health Services - www.fhhs.health.wa.gov.au
24-hour acute-care 450 bed public teaching hospital.

To avoid possible delays in the emergency departments of major hospitals it is always advisable that minor illness and injury be treated at a local medical centre which will be listed in the Yellow Pages telephone directory under "medical".

PRIVATE HOSPITALS

The Australian Private Hospitals Association's (APHA's) membership comprises all of the country's major private hospital groups, including Affinity Health, Ramsay Health Care, Healthscope, Independent Private Hospitals of Australia, Uniting Healthcare, and Community Private Health Care, as well as the nation's premier large, medium and small independent hospitals.

The APHA membership covers 75% of all private hospitals.

As the peak body for private hospitals, the APHA represents the full spectrum of health care services for private hospitals and day surgery facilities, encompassing all surgical and medical specialty areas, including accident and emergency, acute care, rehabilitation and psychiatry.

Visit the APHA website at www.apha.org.au for more information or click here to list private hospitals in the WA region.

Markets

The suburbs in and around Perth and Fremantle have many interesting markets offering a broad range of goods. Some specialise in handicrafts, while others sell fresh produce or second hand clothing. There are Sunday markets, evening markets and weekend markets, they are all very different but have one thing in common: they offer the visitor excellent value. Most markets have food outlets, and many feature a food hall offering a range of cheap, tasty dishes from around the world.

- **FREMANTLE MARKETS**

The State's finest authentic retail stall market epitomises the true atmosphere of the Victorian era. Over 150 stalls are housed in a grand old Victorian building, offering seafood, fruit and vegetables, continental smallgoods and a wide range of uniquely Western Australian products including gems, sheepskin boots and jackets and timber crafts.

Open: Weekends and Public Holiday Mondays, various times.
Address: 84 South Terrace, Fremantle.

- **SUBIACO STATION STREET MARKETS**

A colourful outdoor and undercover market which started as an alternative to the Subiaco Pavilion and has grown to encompass 130 stalls offering a huge array of interesting wares including gemstones, great souvenir t-shirts and other clothing. A range of international food stalls surrounds the garden courtyard and dining area and there's often a guitarist to entertain the crowd.

Open: Fri-Sun, Mon & Public Holidays, 9am-5.30pm.
Address: 52 Station Street Subiaco.

- **SUBIACO PAVILION**

A visit to these markets can easily be combined with a visit to the Station Street Markets, less than a minute's walk across the railway line. Situated in a stylishly restored warehouse, this popular and lively market place is made up of over 75 speciality shops selling jewellery, pottery, giftware, books, clothes, leatherwear, art and artefacts. A

gourmet food hall serves inexpensive meals and snacks catering for every palate. Live entertainment is featured on Sunday afternoons.

Open: Thursday and Friday 10am-9pm, weekends and Public Holidays 10am-5pm.
Address: Cnr Rokeby Road and Roberts Road, Subiaco.

- **E SHED MARKETS FREMANTLE**

The cargo store, E Shed, has been part of Fremantle's Victoria Quay for almost one hundred years. Today, restored as the E Shed Markets, it offers over 120 stalls, unique gifts and souvenirs, local arts and crafts, an international food court, fresh fruit and vegetables, and entertainment.

Open: Friday, weekends & Public Holiday Mondays, various times
Address: Port Fremantle, Victoria Quay, Fremantle.

- **GOSNELLS RAILWAY MARKET**

With over an acre under the roof, the markets contain over 100 stalls, including an international food hall. The market building is a reconstruction of a turn of the century Federation-Style Railway Station. The centrepiece in the markets is a steam locomotive, fully restored by the Railway Historical Society. Memorabilia from the steam train era form a prominent feature of the internal decorations. Free entertainment every Friday evening and Sunday afternoon. Buskers are encouraged to play or perform.

Open: Thursday to Sunday and Public Holidays from 10AM
Address: Corner Albany Highway and Fremantle Road, Gosnells

- **SCARBOROUGH FAIR MARKETS**

Beachside shopping at its best.

Open: Saturday & Sunday 9am - 5.30pm, Public Holidays 10am - 5pm
Address: Corner Scarborough Beach Road and West Coast Highway, Scarborough.

- **GALLERIA ART & CRAFT MARKET**

Outside the Art Gallery of Western Australia, this relatively new outdoor market offers many locally produced art and craft stalls.

Open: 9am until 5pm weekends
Address: Art Gallery Museum Concourse, Perth.

Motoring Organisations

The RAC (WA) offers a comprehensive range of services to WA motorists, including:

- Emergency Breakdown Assistance & towing
- Locksmiths
- Vehicle Recovery
- Accident insurance
- Emergency Car Hire and Accommodation
- Discounted vehicle inspections and driver training
- Discounted car and personal loans
- Free Battery delivery & installation
- Touring advice and discounted maps & guides

MEMBERSHIP: There are 3 levels of membership on offer depending on the level of assistance you require. These include comprehensive, fire and theft, and third party.

For more information the RAC can be contacted on 13 17 03 or via the RAC website at www.rac.com.au.

Motor Vehicle Registration

If you have an imported vehicle from overseas or the licence for the vehicle you own has lapsed, you will need to make an appointment at a vehicle examination centre in order to gain a licence.

If your vehicle is unlicensed you will need to obtain a temporary movement permit prior to driving the vehicle to be repaired or taking it to a vehicle examination centre for inspection and licensing.

TEMPORARY MOVEMENT PERMITS

If your vehicle is unregistered and you need to move it for the purposes of registration or repairs prior to registration, you must obtain a temporary movement permit. Temporary movement permits are issued for registration purposes only and are required for every trip.

This means that the only time you will be issued with a temporary movement permit is if you are taking your vehicle:

- to and from a place of repair prior to registration; or
- to and from the examination centre.

Temporary permits are only valid for 48 hours from the time of issue.

Temporary permits can now be issued over the telephone on 13 11 56 by credit card or by attending a [licensing centre](#). You will need to provide the engine number, chassis number and plate number (if still attached) of the vehicle to be driven. There is a fee involved. To save you time when you present your vehicle at the examination centre, you may wish to also pay for your [examination fee](#) (including GST) at the time of application for the temporary permit.

More information on current fees can be obtained by visiting <http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/licensing/paymentoptions/1432.asp>.

VEHICLE EXAMINATIONS

Examinations are also conducted in regional areas by a network of Approved Inspection Stations. As these centres are operated by private individuals on behalf of the department, it is important to contact them to find out their operating procedures.

For the first registration of imported vehicles you must make an appointment at a metropolitan vehicle examination centres for a vehicle inspection. Ring 13 11 56 to book an appointment.

A list of Approved Inspection Stations is available at <http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/licensing/yourvehicle/1442.asp>.

A list of metropolitan vehicle examination centres is available from <http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/licensing/licensingcentres/1453.asp>.

Once the vehicle has successfully passed the examination you will need to provide proof of ownership before the vehicle may be registered and a new set of number plates issued. Remember to take your purchase receipt, disposal notice or previous registration papers with you.

PROOF OF OWNERSHIP

The following would be accepted as proof of ownership of the vehicle:

- A vehicle licence transfer form (MR9 or MR9B) completed in full and signed by both the seller and the buyer.

- Receipt showing purchase price, date of sale, vehicle details, sellers name and signature and information regarding the fitment of an immobiliser.
- Contract of sale / purchase showing purchase price, date of sale, vehicle details, sellers name and signature and information regarding the fitment of an immobiliser.
- Letter from Executor or Administrator (where licence holder is deceased) showing purchase price, date of sale, vehicle details, sellers name and signature and information regarding the fitment of an immobiliser.
- Vehicle ownership and transfer forms

More information on current fees can be obtained by visiting <http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/licensing/paymentoptions/1432.asp>.

CHANGES TO VEHICLE LICENSING

There have been changes to the way vehicle licences are issued or transferred. The major changes are:

- Vehicle licences can only be issued to a legal entity
- Vehicle licences cannot be issued to persons under 16 years of age

For more information on these changes and how they may affect you then please refer <http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/licensing/yourvehicle/1380.asp>.

Newspapers

The West Australian (www.thewest.com.au) is Perth's only daily newspaper. There is also The Sunday Times (www.sundaytimes.com.au), published not surprisingly, on Sundays, and The Subiaco Post (www.postnewspapers.com.au), published weekly and available in the Subiaco area. The Voice (www.voicenewspapers.com.au) is a Perth Metro local publication, and Express Magazine is the place to look for local gig guides and pub/club information.

Public transport

The public transport system for the Perth Metro area is provided by Transperth (www.transperth.wa.gov.au).

BUS SERVICES

CAT services

The Perth and Fremantle CAT (Central Area Transit) services are free and high frequency services that operate in the Perth and Fremantle CBD, and can be identified by the Gasbus logo on the side of the bus.

The CircleRoute

Runs every 15 minutes on weekdays and every 30 minutes on weeknights and weekends, offering an easy and comfortable way to get around to Perth shopping centres, universities, schools and colleges. The CircleRoute has its own unique zone boundaries. The most you will pay for a journey on the CircleRoute is a 2-zone fare no matter how many zones you pass through on your way around the circle. Please refer to a CircleRoute timetable to find out where the zone boundaries are located on the CircleRoute.

Beach Services

There are regular, reliable bus services connecting the city and train stations with City, Scarborough and Cottesloe Beaches.

FERRY SERVICES

Transperth ferry

The Transperth ferry operates between the Barrack St Jetty in Perth and Mends St Jetty in South Perth. The ferry operates on two timetables, the winter timetable which operates between May and August the summer timetable, which operates between September and April. The ferry timetable can be downloaded using this link:

[www.transperth.wa.gov.au/timetables/Ferry 1 20050501.pdf](http://www.transperth.wa.gov.au/timetables/Ferry_1_20050501.pdf).

TRAINS

Metro area

There are five train lines operating out of Perth. A new Metroline project is currently underway which will extend the northern suburbs line and create a new southern suburbs railway line.

For timetable and fares information visit this link

www.transperth.wa.gov.au/Default.aspx?tabid=131.

Regional Train Services

Regional services are offered by TransWA. These services include:

- The Prospector, a state-of-the-art, high-speed train offering a rail link to Western Australia's Goldfields. This service operates daily between Perth and Kalgoorlie. Australia's most modern railcars provide TransWA passengers with standard features including personal music channels, new release movies, access to power points for laptop computers, phone and facsimile services, buffet and special facilities for people with mobility difficulties.
- The Australind, a luxury passenger express service operating daily from Perth to Bunbury.
- The Avonlink, WA's first dedicated, long-distance commuter train. It operates twice daily, Monday to Friday between Midland, Toodyay and Northam, and connects with Perth's suburban electric train services.

Visit the transperth website at www.transperth.wa.gov.au for timetables, maps, fare information and a useful journey planner.

Radio

The following are some of the many radio stations broadcasting in the Perth area:

96FM	96.1Mhz	Music	East Perth
Triple J	99.3Mhz	Entertainment, Music, New Artists	National
ABC Radio	720 AM	News, Sport Current Affairs	Perth
MIX 94.5	94.5Mhz	Variety	Subiaco
PMFM	92.9Mhz	News, Current Affairs and Entertainment	Perth
6PR	882kHz	WA Community	East Perth
RTR FM	92.1Mhz	Independent	Nedlands
Magic 87.8 FM	87.8MHz	24 hour continuous music	Dianella
SBS Radio	96.9MHz	Multicultural	Perth

Renting Property

A prospective tenant seeking to rent a property through a real estate agent may be asked to complete an Application for Residential Tenancy. Private owners may also use this type of

form to help them in deciding whether to accept a tenant or not. Decide whether to accept a periodic or fixed term tenancy and obtain a tenancy agreement in writing so there is no argument about details later. Remember to have any agreement about the special requirements of the tenancy included in the section on special conditions. Initial each condition. The owner is required under the Act to give you a copy of the agreement as well as a statement of rights and obligations.

A group of people can enter into a tenancy agreement on equal terms, or a tenant may be given the right under the agreement to sub-let the premises or pass on the tenancy under the agreement. This may involve obtaining the written consent of the owner. If the agreement makes no provision for sub-letting, the Act states that written consent must be obtained.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

The owner must pay the Annual Service Charges (Water Rates) for the supply of water to and from the premises.

The tenant generally pays for water used each day, unless the agreement provides for sharing the costs (e.g. watering lawns and gardens).

Painting is the owner's responsibility unless the damage is caused by the negligence of the tenant. The tenant should paint only if the owner has given permission, in which case the owner should probably choose the colour and pay for the paint.

The tenancy agreement may or may not provide for the tenant to attach fixtures, renovate, or alter the property. If the agreement says these can be carried out with the owner's consent, then permission should not be withheld unreasonably. In all other cases, the owner's consent must be sought first.

The owner must install and maintain adequate locks and other devices so that the premises are properly secure. In general terms, all windows and doors should close securely.

While many people believe that deadlocks and window security locks are required, it may not necessarily hold that the owner is responsible for fitting them. The owner's responsibility depends on a number of factors, including the age, location and nature of the premises, the incidence of break-ins in the neighbourhood and whether previous safeguards were shown to be inadequate. Tenants and owners cannot remove or change locks without the consent of the other. Owners, agents, or tenants who change locks unlawfully can be fined up to \$4,000.

The owner is responsible for the treatment of infestations such as fleas, white ants, cockroaches, mice and rats, as well as the annual maintenance inspection. Owners are not responsible for infestations caused by the activities of tenants. The tenant is required to take regular basic pest prevention measures such as proper storage of food and the use of general household sprays and baits available from shops or supermarkets.

The owner is responsible for taking out insurance for loss or damage to buildings and fixtures and fittings such as the stove and hot water system. Tenants should insure their household contents and personal items and can also insure against possible damage to the owner's property.

No person can refuse to offer a tenancy if the tenant intends to have a child live at the premises. The only exceptions are where the person's own home is being let or where the owner (or agent) lives next door.

The tenant must not use the premises for any illegal activity, or be responsible for a nuisance (e.g. a noise that disturbs neighbours).

The owner is required to keep the premises in a reasonable state of repair during the tenancy and must comply with building, health and safety laws. The owner is responsible for the upkeep of the property (e.g. plumbing, cleaning gutters, tree lopping, and stove elements) and

the maintenance of contents already provided (e.g. refrigerator, lounge, washing machine, air conditioner). The owner can include a clause in the agreement that requires the tenant to look after maintenance and repairs, but the tenant should be wary about accepting this, as it could be an expensive responsibility. Besides keeping the premises clean, the tenant must not intentionally or negligently damage property and must notify the owner within three days if damage occurs.

Tenants are responsible for basic household maintenance (e.g. light bulbs, dusting, and removing cobwebs inside and outside) and garden maintenance, such as mowing and edging lawns, weeding, pruning and fertilising, but must notify the owner if they are aware of any potential damage to gutters through leaf blockages.

URGENT REPAIRS

Provided that the written agreement does not state otherwise, the tenant can initiate urgent repairs if the damage is likely to cause injury or undue inconvenience and a reasonable attempt has been made to notify the owner of the problem. In this case, the tenant must not have caused the problem by failing to keep to the agreement.

An example of urgent repairs is any work necessary to fix a burst water pipe or a broken hot water system.

The tenant can recover the repair costs from the owner, but they must be reasonable and the work has to be carried out by a qualified tradesperson, who should give the owner a written report on the apparent cause of the problem. A tenancy agreement prepared by the Real Estate Institute of W.A. does not allow the tenant to undertake emergency repairs.

SECURITY BONDS

Generally, money paid as a security bond must not be more than the equivalent of four weeks' rent. When the tenant pays the bond, the owner/agent must give a receipt immediately, showing the name of the person who paid, the premises involved, the amount and the date. Within 14 days, the owner must place the bond into a 'Tenancy Bond Account' with the Bond Administrator, or an authorised financial institution (bank, building society, credit union). A guide entitled 'Tenancy Bonds lodged with the Bond Administrator' is available from the Ministry of Fair Trading.

At the end of a tenancy, bond money will only be paid out if the owner and tenant apply jointly, or if one of them obtains a court order from a magistrate. If there is no dispute over the condition of the property on handing it back to the owner, or both parties have agreed how the bond money should be divided to pay for any damage etc, they must sign a Form 4 (Joint Application for Disposal of Security Bond) and present it to the bond holder. Agents are required to pay out the bond money within seven days of receiving Form 4 signed by both parties. If a dispute arises over how the bond money should be paid out, the parties can seek to resolve it by negotiation, or by taking action in the Small Disputes Division of the Local Court nearest to the rented premises.

WATER CONSUMPTION

All water consumed in Western Australia is billed on a user pays basis.

SERVICE CHARGES

Charges for water are levied in two distinct ways:

- Annual Service Charges (or "Water Rates") levied annually on owners for the supply of water to all properties and for sewerage and drainage services (where applicable). These accounts are issued on 1 July.
- Water Consumption - the water consumption period for each property is determined by the final meter reading cycle carried out by the Corporation. Water consumption accounts are sent out, on a progressive basis every six months in Perth and four monthly in country areas.

Annual Service Charges for residential premises are normally the responsibility of the owner. Water Consumption Charges for residential premises are normally the responsibility of the Tenant. However, the tenancy agreement can provide for sharing the costs of water consumption.

Any charges that remain unpaid, which were the responsibility of tenants under the tenancy agreement, will be recovered by the Water Corporation from owners in accordance with the Water Corporation's governing legislation.

WATER AND THE TENANCY AGREEMENT

The supply and use of water at rental premises is an important area of a tenancy agreement where owners (or agents) and tenants must show fairness in ensuring that payment for the consumption of water is equitable.

ENDING A TENANCY - TENANT

A tenant may end a periodic tenancy agreement without having to provide a reason, but is required to give a minimum of 21 days notice in writing. A tenant can give two days' notice to end a tenancy agreement if the premises are destroyed, are compulsorily acquired by law or become uninhabitable. (This applies to both periodic and fixed term tenancies.)

A fixed term agreement may also be ended by written agreement signed by the two parties. Apart from the above situations, a tenant is committed to a fixed term tenancy agreement for the duration of that term, unless termination is mutually agreed in writing with the owner or unless the agreement is assigned by agreement to another tenant. A tenant who breaks a fixed term agreement without the written agreement of the owner signed by both parties may be liable for rent and maintenance expenses on the property until the owner finds a new tenant or the original tenancy period expires.

A tenant must give the owner a forwarding address at the end of a tenancy.

ENDING A TENANCY - OWNER

An owner (or agent) may want to give notice to end a periodic or fixed term agreement, or take the matter to court:

- If the tenant is behind in rent payments, or presents a bad cheque
- If the tenant does not keep to the provisions of the agreement, other than rent arrears (seven days notice after the tenant has been given 14 days to put matters right)
- If the premises are destroyed, are compulsorily acquired by law, or become uninhabitable (seven days notice)

In the case of periodic tenancies, notice can also be given by the owner if:

- The property is to be sold and the contract involves handing over vacant premises (minimum of 30 days notice)
- The tenancy is to be ended without giving any reasons (minimum of 60 days notice)

The owner may seek to end a tenancy through the Small Disputes Division of the Local Court if the tenant has intentionally or recklessly injured the owner, agent, or a neighbour, or caused serious damage to the premises.

Apart from these circumstances, a fixed term tenancy may also be ended:

- By written agreement signed by the two parties, or
- If a magistrate were convinced an owner would suffer undue hardship if the agreement were ended under any other provision of the Act.

EVICTION

If a tenant receives proper notice to end an agreement but refuses to leave, the owner can seek an order from a magistrate in the Small Disputes Division to end the agreement and take

possession of the premises. The owner must apply for the order within 30 days of the moving out date shown on the notice. The order can be enforced with a warrant authorising a Bailiff to evict the tenant.

The tenant can ask for an order to be suspended for up to 30 days if hardship is likely to be caused to them.

Tenants have some protection under the Act if they believe that action to evict them was due to complaints they made in the previous six months to a public authority, or other steps they took to enforce their rights. They can remain in the rental property until the matter goes to court and can argue against the ending of the agreement.

A tenant cannot be forced out of a property without a court order. This applies to all tenants. Any other method of eviction is unlawful under the Act.

LOOKING FOR RENTAL PROPERTY

You can search for rental property by browsing local real estate agencies, or one of the online rental boards at www.domain.com.au or www.realestate.com.au.

Residential Areas of Perth

The Perth metro area is vast, stretching from Rockingham in the South (40km from Perth centre), to Yanchep in the North (50km from Perth centre). There are popular suburbs even further south, with Mandurah (70km) being about the limit for commutable distance from the CBD (Central Business District). Perth suburbs vary greatly and accommodation in most suburbs predominantly comprises single-storey detached houses. Each suburb tends to be served by its own small shopping centre and fast food outlets, with larger shopping malls and retail districts scattered throughout the metro area. Most suburbs have at least one primary school and a medical centre - public high schools are not found in all suburbs.

Over the last 10 years lots of new suburbs have sprung up in the metro area. Additionally, the huge influx of people moving into the Perth area has meant that a lot of the older suburbs are either being extended with new land releases, or existing properties subdivided. Many Perth residents consider their city to be egalitarian and relaxed, with a largely middle class and suburban lifestyle; however, as with all large cities, Perth does have pockets of extreme wealth and poverty.

The "Western Suburbs" between Perth and the Indian Ocean, contain the highest income suburbs, and the suburbs well away from the city to the north and south, are the "Mortgage Belt" where the low to middle income population of Perth reside.

To search for property for rent or sale in any part of WA, visit the www.domain.com.au or www.realestate.com.au websites.

The following describes the main residential areas of Metropolitan Perth and some of the suburbs in more detail.

PERTH CITY

The city of Perth itself comprises the Central Business District (CBD) and residential areas extending up to North Perth. Suburbs include:

Perth CBD

All areas of the CBD are easily accessed by public transport that is free within a certain area. There is a high density of rental property ranging from apartments to traditional tin-roofed homes in tree-lined streets. As inner-city living becomes more popular again, many of these homes are being redeveloped in the traditional style.

East Perth

East Perth sits between Perth CBD and the Swan River to the east. As central-city living has become more popular this has seen the development of many apartments and townhouses in the area. The development of a walk/cycleway along the Swan River has added to the area's appeal.

West Perth

West Perth borders the Central Business District and Kings Park. Many of the former residential houses are now used by small businesses, as the CBD expands to the West. The area has a high density of rental property, comprising high-quality apartments and traditional-style housing.

Highgate

Highgate is a small suburb on the northern edge of the city of Perth and bordering Hyde Park. There is a high density of rental property, mainly traditional single-storey houses. Perth CBD is within walking distance or a short bus ride.

THE COASTAL STRIP

Stretching from Cottesloe in the south up the coast to North Beach. Includes the suburbs of:

City Beach

A really great suburb though expensive. There are acres of natural bushland at Bold Park, and City Beach oval is right next to the beach – perfect for cricket in the summer. The beach itself is pristine and has a foreshore area with barbecues - there's an active surf lifesaving club and beach volleyball in the summer. Housing ranges from the multi-million dollar mansions to more ordinary 4x2's, but even they are still relatively expensive due to location. The area beachside (west) of the West Coast Highway - Challenger Parade – has houses that are literally across the road from the beach.

Cottesloe

Cottesloe is probably the most prestigious beachside suburb in Perth, featuring over 3km of golden beaches with several restaurants and cafes right on the beach - a rarity for Perth. Housing in Cottesloe is mostly of a high quality and is very diverse; there are quite a few apartment complexes, two-storey townhouses on small blocks and more traditional single- or two-storey houses on larger blocks, up to about 1000sqm. Access to Perth CBD is by car or bus along the Stirling Highway or by train from Cottesloe or Grant St. station. On the entertainment side (apart from the beach), the Swan River is only 1-2km away and the restaurants and bars of Fremantle are about a 6km drive.

Scarborough

Scarborough is a beachside suburb some 12km northwest of Perth and is probably Perth's biggest holiday destination outside the CBD. Not surprisingly, Scarborough has many attractions for the summer holidaymaker - there are more than 2km of perfect sandy beach, an attractive esplanade with kid's playgrounds and a walk/bike path, the Observation City hotel and an abundance of beachfront apartments. There are also several cafes, restaurants and bars close to the beach. The residential area of Scarborough extends up to 2km inland - still close to the beach - and displays a variety of housing - many units and villas but also some 3 and 4 bedroom houses, usually on smallish blocks around 400sqm. Access to the city is by road and there are good bus services to the area.

Trigg

One of the famous beaches in Perth, Trigg Beach is known for excellent surfing and miles of perfect sand stretching south to Scarborough (and beyond). Any Sunday morning in summer you'll see hundreds of kids doing their surf life-saving training on Trigg beach. Trigg itself is an attractive suburb, but retains some of its "beach shack" roots. There's a variety of housing, ranging from the original shacks to multi-million dollar mansions and everything in between. Lots of renovation work is going on and you will find some interesting architectural styles. Land prices for anything with ocean views are sky high.

North Beach

A very pleasant suburb, featuring great beaches to the west and Star Swamp - a natural bushland area - to the east. On the North Beach/Trigg border is Mettams Pool, a very popular children's beach because of its calm waters – it is also good for good for snorkelling. There's also the Charles Riley reserve for footy, cricket and athletics, plus tennis and bowls nearby. There's a small shopping centre - West Coast Plaza - on North Beach Road, plus another small row of shops on Flora terrace and some smart townhouses opposite.

INNER WESTERN

This area comprises a wide variety of suburban living, and some of the most exclusive and sought after areas to live. It includes the suburbs of:

Claremont

A classy suburb, with some great old houses and beautiful tree-lined avenues. Although it's pricey, Claremont doesn't have too many properties with river or ocean outlooks, so real estate is somewhat cheaper than some neighbouring suburbs. Bay View terrace is the main shopping area – there are lots of designer clothes shops. There are a number of very good private schools around, plus a 9-hole golf course around Lake Claremont. The best method for travel to Perth CBD is the train. By car or bus, you would access the Stirling Hwy, which is a 60km road and gets very congested at peak times.

Daglish

Daglish is a small suburb located between Subiaco and Shenton Park, just 5km west of the Perth CBD. Centred around the Cliff Sadler Reserve, Daglish's shady tree-lined streets exhibit a variety of housing - ranging from the traditional 3-bedroom 1940's bungalow to the modern townhouse. There are also quite a few units and villas towards the eastern end. The suburb has easy access to the Perth CBD by road or rail (Daglish train station is 4 stops from Perth). The theatres and restaurants of Subiaco are nearby and Kings Park and the Swan River are just a short drive away.

Dalkeith

Very classy suburb, with a price tag to match. Proximity to the Swan River is the key attraction and houses with the sought after view command big dollars. Large blocks and some great old architecture - lots of original federation styles, dating back to early 1900's with established gardens and wide, leafy streets. There's a small shopping centre and a few small parks, plus grass tennis courts and Nedlands Golf Club nearby.

Mosman Park

Beautiful suburb - great for family days out, even better if you can afford to actually live there. Lots of lovely areas: near Bay View park with superb views over Freshwater Bay, anywhere close to the golf course, Minim Cove where lots of \$million houses are being built. The western side is less spectacular, but you also get some ocean views over that side

Nedlands

Nedlands is a large suburb, extending from the southwest corner of Kings Park to the Swan River. The suburb offers a wide variety of housing, from units, to 3-bedroom Federation cottages, to much larger two-storey houses on quite large blocks nearer the river or golf course. The Perth CBD is 6km to the east and can be easily reached by car or bus along the Stirling Highway. In the other direction, Fremantle is about 12km and the beach at Cottesloe is about a 6km drive.

North Fremantle

A large area of North Fremantle is taken up by the port itself (North Quay). The residential area is on the northern side, where North Fremantle borders Mosman Park, with some great ocean views from the hill and near to the river. Leighton Beach is OK if you ignore the view of the port to the south. There's a train station in North Fremantle heading into the city, or if travelling by car or bus, it's the Stirling Highway, which can get pretty busy.

Peppermint Grove

Considered by many to be the most prestigious suburb in Perth - certainly the most expensive, Peppermint Grove is situated on the Swan River about 12km west of the city and

just over 1km from the ocean (the nearest beach is Cottesloe). A typical home in Peppermint Grove would be a substantial four or five bedroom two-storey house on a large block (around 1000-1200 sqm) for which you could expect to pay well over \$1million.

Shenton Park

Shenton Park is located alongside the western edge of Kings Park, about 5km west of the Perth CBD. The suburb is characterised by its wide, leafy avenues and traditional tin-roofed 3-bedroom cottages. Many of these have been renovated in the original style, while others have been redeveloped as modern townhouses.

Subiaco

Subiaco is located on the northwestern side of Kings Park, only 3-4km from the Perth CBD. Subiaco is well known for its theatres and its cafés and boutique shops around Rokeby Road. The suburb is well placed for access to Perth CBD by road or rail (Subiaco station is 3 stops from Perth). Kings Park and the Swan River are within a short drive and the beach at Cottesloe is some 6-7km away. In recent years the popularity of Subiaco has increased, brought about mainly by the sinking of the railway and an urban redevelopment project known as Subi Centro, comprising parkland, commercial and residential buildings. The other main feature of the Subiaco landscape is the Subiaco Oval - home to both of Perth's AFL football teams - the West Coast Eagles and Fremantle Dockers.

FREMANTLE & INNER SOUTHERN

Fremantle is renowned for its easy yet vibrant lifestyle. Known as Western Australia's other capital; it is the largest metropolitan retail centre outside of Perth. Suburbs around this area include:

Alfred Cove

Alfred Cove itself is a quiet inlet on the southern bank of the Swan River and the suburb of Alfred Cove meets the river for a half-kilometre stretch at Tompkins Park. However, unlike neighbouring Applecross and Attadale, Alfred Cove can't boast riverfront mansions - the residential area is separated from the river by the Canning Highway. This makes property in Alfred Cove much more affordable, and many homes are still within easy walking distance to the river. There are a number of houses with river views across the highway. Proximity to the Canning Highway also provides easy access by car or bus to the Perth CBD and Fremantle.

Applecross

Applecross is the most prestigious suburb on the southern bank of the Swan River - being situated on a peninsula and quite elevated; many areas have both views of the river and the city of Perth. Typical block sizes are around the 1000sqm mark and there are many \$million+ homes in the suburb. Set slightly back from the riverfront, there are quiet tree-lined avenues with a combination of character single-storey and redeveloped two-storey houses. There are very few units or villas in the suburb. The nearby Canning Highway provides easy access by car or bus to the Perth CBD and Fremantle.

Attadale

Attadale lies on the south bank of the Swan River and has a river frontage of some three kilometres, featuring parkland, playing fields and cycle/walkways, with views across the river to the Perth CBD. There are many prestigious homes on large blocks near the foreshore, but property is generally more affordable than in neighbouring Applecross. There are a few units and villas around, but the typical property is a four-bedroom house with one or two storeys. There are also a few vacant blocks to be found for those wanting to build their own house. The nearby Canning Highway provides easy access by car or bus to the Perth CBD and Fremantle.

Bicton

Bicton is a very attractive suburb, on the river and north of the Canning Highway. Lots of leafy streets and parks and a variety of housing - the original cottages, lots of tin roofs, groups of villas and \$1-2 million houses overlooking the river to Mosman Park. Great for walks on the river or sailing. Fremantle is very close. Travelling into Perth could be the main problem –

there's no railway so it's car or bus along the Canning Hwy, which is a 60kmh road and can get pretty congested.

East Fremantle

East Fremantle borders the Swan River to the north, with several yacht clubs, parks and walking facilities on the river foreshore. As you might expect, as you get closer to the river, the housing gets better and more expensive. Lots of leafy streets with older style houses and tin roofs and a lot of subdivision and renovation work going on. In the middle of the suburb there's a medium-sized shopping centre and cafes/restaurants. Canning Highway cuts through the suburb running East-West - travel to Perth is either on this road, or the Leach Highway, which is further south but seems to have fewer lights. To the south there is a private and a public golf course.

SOUTH PERTH

South of the city and the Swan river and bordered to the south by the northern banks of the Canning river, this area offers slightly more affordable accommodation with close proximity to the city. Suburbs include:

Como

Cheaper than the suburb of South Perth, but with similar housing styles and quality. The difference in price reflects the fact that Como doesn't have direct access to the river - to the west the Kwinana Freeway gets in the way. Still, lots of houses have good river views in that direction. There is a variety of housing; the older federation and "Californian bungalow" styles, lots of modernisation going on, also plenty of villas and apartments.

East Victoria Park

East Victoria Park is quite an inexpensive suburb, considering its proximity to the CBD. It's an old suburb - the traditional houses - weatherboard or brick cottages with tin roofs - date back to the early 1900's. There is plenty of renovation work going on, in many cases restoring the original look rather than rebuilding. There are good shopping facilities nearby and a sort of "village" atmosphere in the Vic Park area.

Kensington

Nice, older established suburb, full of tree-lined streets and many parks. A good mix of age groups lives here. Mostly traditional houses on average sized blocks. Easy access to most freeways, making travel from this relatively central location to all parts of Perth very easy. Good public transport links also.

South Perth

Lots of variety in South Perth, in terms of housing and "lifestyles". Close to the river there are lots of expensive apartments, some with the famous view of the Perth skyline. There's plenty of parkland on the foreshore and restaurants and cafes around Mends St (where the ferry comes in). South and east from the river you have more of the traditional houses - average sized blocks (about 600sqm), brick and tile houses in federation style or similar. Lots of established gardens and tree-lined streets. Also a lot of renovation/rebuilding going on. Quite a few groups of villas and more apartments in between the houses. Angelo Street has a popular shop and cafe strip.

Victoria Park

Vic Park is an old suburb - some of the small cottages date back to the early 1900's. Many of these have been modernised and look great. Raphael Park has a lot of nice houses around it. There are quite a few apartments around also, some with city views from up on the hill. There's a shopping and cafe area on Albany Highway and another shopping area close by in East Vic Park. Vic Park extends to the Swan River, but there's not much housing very close to the river, i.e. north of Canning Highway.

EASTERN SUBURBS

Stretching out east from the city towards and beyond the airport to Swan Valley.

Bayswater

Very much a suburb catering to young families. It is on the train line, which runs from CBD to eastern suburbs, and lies about 10 minutes drive from the domestic airport. There is a mini village, post office, delis, real estate agents, several GP surgeries; it is very central and close to a large shopping mall and quite close to the city. It has many nice play parks and lies close to the river. There is a mix of large brick homes and units; however there is not much rental property available.

Beechboro

Beechboro is situated in the northeastern suburbs; it is a large suburb, close to two highways and heading out towards the Swan Valley. It is serviced by many small shopping centres, and has many parks. It is not on the railway line but has a bus service. There is a mixture of housing options but the majority are freestanding houses, and there is little rental accommodation available.

Belmont

More of a country town than an ocean suburb, Belmont is a mix of the residential and industrial and has undergone a lot of redevelopment in recent years. As with most Perth suburbs there is a nice park, and it is only a short walk to the Clarkson Reserve on the Swan River. Plus there is the racecourse. There are basic shops but being so close to the highways you are able to get anywhere very quickly. A mixture of detached and town houses for both rent and sale, many in newly developed estates.

Maylands

Maylands is one of Perth's up and coming suburbs with lots of parks, cycle paths, and walkways along the river Swan. Maylands has transformed in the last 10 years with new developments along the Peninsula, some homes are now selling for \$1,000,000. It is only 5 minutes from the city and 20 minutes from the beaches.

Rivervale

On the plus side, Rivervale is located on a picturesque bend in the Swan River, and is close to the city with access via the Graham Farmer Freeway (through the tunnel) or train. Negatives are the fact that the Great Eastern Highway comes in between most of the houses and the river. However there are a lot of apartments on the riverside.

SOUTHERN SUBURBS

Suburbs south of the Swan and Canning rivers, including:

Bibra Lake

The right hand side of the lake is an older area, very quiet and semi rural. The lake area has lots of parks and picnic areas. The left hand side of the lake is known as St Paul's and comprises all newer houses. There is plenty of choice for local shops - Kardinya Park, Lakes, and Phoenix Park are all within 5-minute drive. Garden City, in Booragoon is about 10 mins away.

Canning Vale

Wide open areas of green, lots of parks and lots of new developments, this suburb is expanding all the time and the amenities and facilities growing. Lots of accommodation in housing estates with parklands and pools a feature. 14 km SE of the city but no rail access.

Kelmscott

A quiet suburb with very reasonable house prices and very close to the Armadale train line. It has a rural feeling about it with all the local conveniences such as the cinemas and shopping centres.

Manning

Good location for river activities with easy access to Canning and Swan rivers, but cheaper than the suburbs right on the river. There are some good parks - James Miller Oval to the west and Challenger Reserve, which joins Salter Pt and the Canning river foreshore. Quite a

bit of subdivision and renovation going on in the suburb and some very nice areas close to the parks.

Mount Pleasant

A very picturesque suburb with views over the Canning River, north to Perth CBD - excellent for a day out and a great place to live for those that can afford to. A Cycle/Walking path extends the whole length of the foreshore. There is a popular water-skiing area at Deep Water Point. This suburb has easy access to the CBD along the Kwinana Freeway, which is joined at the Canning Bridge on the northern edge of Mount Pleasant.

Riverton

Riverton is located on the Canning River, just where the river reduces to a trickle and therefore becomes less picturesque. This is reflected in the property prices - much lower than neighbouring Shelley where you have the full river views. Nevertheless, the recreational aspects of the river are on your doorstep - walking, cycling, and boating of course. Shopping facilities are excellent.

Rossmoyne

Drive south over the Mount Henry Bridge on the Kwinana Freeway and look at the houses on the peninsula - that's Rossmoyne, a great location for river views and recreation around the river. There's a cycle/walking path around the foreshore, water-skiing area on the river. Some great houses on the riverfront and the median house price of course, reflects the attraction of the area.

Shelley

Great place for a day out and a lovely place to live, especially if you can get near the river. Lots of parkland on the Canning River foreshore, and big mansions with the river views. More modest housing further back and for this kind of location, the median house price in Shelley is pretty reasonable.

Spearwood

Quite a nice suburb with housing generally a little bit older i.e. 70's and 80's style houses. Very reminiscent of Italy with lots of columns and arches and a large Italian population. Close to the coast and with a good Shopping Centre - Phoenix Park. Only 5/10 minutes out of Fremantle, and easy access to the City, up the freeway. Lots of primary schools.

Willetton

Family oriented, well settled, plenty of amenities and children's activities, and extremely highly rated schools. Lots of housing and new developments but a shortage of rentals.

NORTHERN SUBURBS

North of the city, north of the river, stretching from North Perth to Joondalup, 25 km NW of Perth's CBD. Residential suburbs include:

Carine

Carine is a well-established suburb, with plenty of parkland, very good schools and shopping facilities. The majority of housing was built in the 80's and 90's and there is diversity in terms of size and quality. The local parkland is very attractive and a popular walking area, also with playing fields, tennis courts, bike and Skate Park. Across the road is the Carine Glades shopping centre - a local centre open 7 days and very popular, not just for shopping but also as a meeting place, with a well-used coffee shop. The Carine Tavern, next door to the shopping centre is one of the more comfortable Aussie pubs and also very popular. The shops and pub are actually in Duncraig, but are a focus for Carine also. Carine High School is large, but has a very good reputation. Because of its size, it is able to offer a wide range of subjects. Travel into Perth is by train (about 15 mins) or by car on the freeway (20-40 mins depending on traffic). The beach is just a few minutes in the car - the nearest beach would be Waterman, but any other from Trigg to Hillarys is easily reached.

Duncraig

Duncraig was first established in the late 70's but has been gradually developed, so you find a variety of housing styles. The suburb is very popular with families because of its good schools, attractive parks and affordability. There are also very good shopping and sports facilities in the suburb: no less than 5 small shopping centres, tennis courts, lawn bowls and a community centre with indoor sports hall. The Carine Lake and Open Space is also nearby. Duncraig is a large suburb and the area south of Warwick Road tends to be described by real estate agents as "Duncraig South". House prices in the southern half tend to be substantially higher than in the north, although both are good areas. Another area of note is the Carine Glades estate, situated close to the Carine Lake, which has been developed as an "exclusive" estate, with many two-storey mansions priced around the \$1 million mark. Duncraig is just a couple of minutes from the coast – the nearest beaches are Watermans and Sorrento. Transport to the city is excellent, by train from Warwick station or by car on the freeway, joining at the Warwick Road intersection.

Edgewater

Edgewater is a secluded, quite suburb that is nestled on the western shores of Lake Joondalup. It offers a variety of housing that is easily accessible to local and major amenities. There are abundant parks, good schools, shopping centres, and the city is easily accessible by the freeway or by rail.

Ellenbrook

Ellenbrook is a growing suburb in the Swan Valley. It is situated between the pine forest plantation, Whiteman Park, the Swan Valley wineries and The Vines Golf resort. It is approximately 35 minutes drive to the beach. Ellenbrook is a beautiful suburb with many walkways, lakes and gazebos. The parklands and gardens are well cared for. The town centre is currently under construction. The suburb consists of five distinct villages: Woodlake; The Bridges; Morgan Fields; Coolamon and Charlotte's Vineyard.

Hillarys

Hillarys was originally developed in the late 70's and 80's and there is plenty of good quality housing from that era. In the last few years there has also been substantial development of double-storey houses and mansions close to the Boat Harbour. This has seen the median house price climb dramatically. There are several parks in the suburb, notably the picturesque Mawson's Park and Hillary's Beach Park, with two viewing decks looking out to the ocean. Shopping facilities are excellent, with Whitford City on the northern side of the suburb. Travel into Perth is via the freeway or by train from Whitford's Station (18 minutes).

Iluka

The suburb of Iluka has only been developed in the last few years and there is still a lot of building going on. Iluka may not have the infrastructure of its neighbouring suburbs, but it does have very high quality housing, reflected in the high median house price. Near the oceanfront there are many mansions in the \$1m bracket, and plenty of substantial two storey homes around the suburb. The very picturesque Sir James McCusker Park forms the centrepiece of the suburb and there are several smaller parks as well. The coastal path runs the whole length of the suburb, great for walking or cycling. There are plenty of schools in adjacent suburbs and shopping facilities at Currambine and of course, Joondalup, which is only 4km away.

Joondalup

The heart of the northern suburbs - and can be regarded as a separate city, albeit a small one. Joondalup hosts two university campuses, a major hospital, local government offices, a library, sporting facilities and the Lakeside shopping complex. A number of sidewalk cafes and bars have sprung up around the main thoroughfare, Grand Boulevard, complemented by well-designed townhouses and apartments. Around Lake Joondalup and further north of the city centre is more traditional suburban housing. The main residential area has a primary school and a number of attractive parks. The train station is located in the centre of Joondalup and the journey into Perth takes about 20-25 minutes. By road, join the Mitchell freeway at Grand Boulevard - the journey is about 25km, but traffic does get heavy at peak commuting times.

Karrinyup

The major attractions in Karrinyup are the open spaces:

- Lake Gwelup reserve (actually in Gwelup but bordering Karrinyup) - a bit dry right now, but in winter/spring the lake attracts plenty of bird life and is a popular dog-walking area. Also tennis and footy/cricket oval in this reserve.
- Two golf courses - Hamersley (public) and Lake Karrinyup (private).
- Trigg Bushland Reserve.
- About 10 other smaller parks with kid's playgrounds and picnic areas.

The best (and most expensive of course) housing is close to the parks and reserves. The centre of Karrinyup is about 2.5km from the coast. Trigg is nearest beach. There are also plenty of other facilities and a major shopping centre and library.

Kingsley

Kingsley is a typical northern suburb with a mix of different people and professions, and a mix of well looked after properties with the occasional one with a jungle for a garden. Prices are lower than neighbouring suburbs to the west (which are closer to the ocean) and north. There are good schools in the area and a very good oval in Kingsley with junior sports clubs attached - in particular Kingsley Junior Football Club. Transport is excellent - Whitford's train station is one of the main transport hubs, and travel to the city takes 20-25 mins by train station to station - every 5 mins in the rush hour since Whitford's is a main station served by express services. Driving takes about the same time even in the rush hour. There are plenty of other amenities and good shopping malls in neighbouring suburbs. A large population of British migrants reside here.

Marmion

Marmion, situated on the coast, is a small suburb with something of a village feel because of its well-used central shopping area and the lovely Braden Park. Marmion was established as a new subdivision (residential development) in the '70s and much of the housing is typical 70's architecture, much like in neighbouring Duncraig. Lots of renovation going on to bring the housing up to date. Although quite pricey, Marmion is still comparatively good value for a beachside suburb - nowhere near as expensive as Waterman.

Mullaloo

Mullaloo is a well-established, beachside suburb. The majority of the houses are standard 3 or 4 bed single-storey dwellings, dating around the late 70s and 80s. Near the beach there are more two-storey houses with ocean views. There are several attractive parks in the suburb and two primary schools, plus a small shopping centre. Mullaloo beach is in the middle of a 5 km stretch of golden sand running from Pinnaroo Point to the Ocean Reef boat harbour and the surf here is usually very calm. There is an active Surf Life Saving Club on the beach that draws a big crowd in the summer, but there's plenty of room so you can easily find a quiet spot on the beach. Tom Simpson Park, just back from the beach, is also a popular spot for barbeques.

Noranda

Noranda is a relatively quiet part of Perth and often overlooked. It is only 10-12 km's from Northbridge and the CBD and offers close access to Highways to north or south and to the beach. Most of the suburb is underground power, good shops, parks and schools. Most of the housing is modern with many executive styled two and three storey homes. Great value for houses in comparison to most other suburbs considering the proximity to the city. The only downside is public transport – a reliance on buses as the nearest train station is approx 4km away.

Ocean Reef

Ocean Reef seems to be quite a hot spot for migrants, especially those from the UK. The suburb has excellent facilities - five schools including the area's Senior High school, two shopping areas within the suburb plus easy access to main shopping at Joondalup. Travel into Perth is by train from Joondalup station or by car via the Mitchell Freeway. The best beach in the vicinity is Mullaloo Beach, running south from the Ocean Reef boat harbour to

Pinaroo Point. North of the boat harbour there are smaller coves and a walking/cycling path runs the whole length of the coastline, so it's a great place to get some exercise summer or winter.

Sorrento

Sorrento is a coastal suburb roughly 17 km north of Perth. There is easy access to many of Perth's best beaches and Sorrento is just a couple of kilometres from the marina at Hillarys. There are many parks in the area and several small shopping centres. The nearest large shopping centre is at Whitford's City, Hillarys. Sorrento has a good bus service to Whitford's City and to Whitford's and Warwick train stations.

Waterman

Waterman (also known as Watermans Bay) is a lovely small suburb sitting between the ocean and Star Swamp, an area of natural bushland. Typical houses are single-storey brick and tile 3x2 or 4x2 on a 1000sqm block. There are a lot of smart new houses around, both near the ocean and near the reserve. There are also some villas and a few apartment blocks. There are limited facilities - a cafe on the beachfront that is popular, and a restaurant above. The nearest shopping is in Marmion and the nearest state primary school in Marmion also.

Woodvale

Woodvale is a very green, well-established northern coastal suburb. It's approximately 20 minutes by train to the city from Whitford's station (just by the freeway) and about 25 minutes by road. There are plenty of facilities, local shopping, banks, doctors, dentists, vets and a well loved local pub. There are a mixture of houses, all sizes and types. Rental accommodation is slightly harder to come by.

OTHER WESTERN

Churchlands

Very nice suburb, sitting between Wembley golf complex to the west and Herdsman lake to the east and with a number of schools and the ECU university campus, there's plenty of grassy areas and trees around. Older housing stock is good quality and streets have mature gardens and trees. A couple of newer, up market estates around the lake. Churchlands senior high (state) school has a very good reputation, adding to the demand for this area.

Doubleview

Doubleview is located 10km northwest of Perth CBD and 2-3km from the beach at Scarborough. The suburb sits on the brow of a hill, allowing it views to the ocean on the one side and views to the city on the other, hence the name of Doubleview. Traditional dwellings in the suburb are single-storey, brick & tile houses on medium sized blocks (around 700sqm). In recent years many two-storey houses have been built, along with townhouses on smaller blocks. There are a few villas available and some vacant land can still be found. Access to Perth CBD is by road and the area has a good bus service.

Glendalough

Only a small suburb but has extremely good access to freeway into the city (approx. 5 mins away). This suburb has a large amount of units (flats) located at the bottom end of Harborne Street. Has a small shopping centre with a foodland store (very reasonably priced), hairdresser, chemist, newsagency, a few fast food outlets & a petrol station. Lake Monger is walking distance. Beaches are a short drive away. Good central location.

Jolimont

A small leafy, green suburb with an excellent park at the end of Peel Street that has a lake and playground. This suburb is only 5 km from the CBD and lies within easy driving distance to the city and beaches.

Wembley

An established suburb - nice older-style architecture, with a few trendy renovations thrown in.

Well-established gardens and leafy streets. Borders the western edge of Lake Monger, so there's always plenty of bird life there.

Wembley Downs

A very attractive suburb, close to the beach and with lots of parks and trees around - the Wembley golf complex is on the southern side and Hale School on the northeastern corner. Lots of renovation and rebuilding of houses going on.

West Leederville

West Leederville lies to the south of Lake Monger, rising up from the lake and providing many houses with views over the lake. Lots of well established gardens and foliage in the streets. Traditional housing is brick and tile, federation style or similar, with quite a few renovations incorporating modern architectural styles and materials.

Woodlands

Most residents of Perth probably wouldn't know where Woodlands is - tucked in between the commercial area of Innaloo and the better-known Churchlands, this small suburb is a well-kept secret. The centrepiece of the suburb is Jackadder Lake, surrounded by attractive housing and next to a thriving local shopping centre. Woodlands is well located for some of the best private schools - Hale and Newman College, and Churchlands Senior High is also very close.

INNER NORTHERN

Inglewood

Inglewood is an upper middle class area and contains a lot of older homes, with reasonable prices and rents. The local schools are excellent and it is very close to Maylands Train Station. This seems to be an up and coming area with the local council investing in new amenities. One of the main routes into Perth, Beaufort Street, runs through its centre, making the city very accessible.

Leederville

Leederville is situated north of Perth and east of Lake Monger, great for walking and noted for its variety of bird life. Leederville has a thriving café and nightlife scene around Vincent and Oxford Streets, but plenty of traditional residential areas to the north and west. There is plenty of rental accommodation in the area.

Menora

A very small suburb and often confused with being a part of Mount Lawley. Wide open spaces, beautiful traditional homes and gardens, easy access to the shops and cafes of Mount Lawley. Also has a synagogue.

Mount Hawthorn

Mount Hawthorn has something of a village feel to it - there's a small cafe/pub strip on Scarborough Beach Road, which cuts through the suburb East-West. Most streets are attractive, tree-lined (lots of Jacaranda trees out in late spring), with the odd corner deli still going. Housing is fairly modest - smallish blocks (500-600sqm) - with mostly single-story brick and tile 'character cottages', dating back to the early 1900's - typically 3 bed or extended to 4 bed. Because of the great character of the suburb, developers have been very active in the last few years, renovating the original cottages or demolishing and rebuilding. Great location for Perth's restaurants/pubs/clubs - Leederville, Northbridge and Subiaco are all close by. For other types of recreation - Lake Monger is close and Britannia Park just south of the suburb.

Mount Lawley

A well-established suburb and very convenient to the city. Has a great 'cafe strip' and trendy shops. Mount Lawley has a mix of units, townhouses and beautifully restored houses. Transport is also very good.

North Perth

North Perth lies just 2km from Perth Central Business District. Although close to the city, it is characterised by its quiet leafy streets and traditional style houses complete with tin-roof and bull-nose veranda. As central-city living becomes more popular, the area is seeing a lot of redevelopment, but is maintaining its traditional style. There is a reasonable amount of rental property around.

Tuart Hill

Tuart Hill has a mix of old style homes and blocks of units, older style homes are being knocked down to build small apartment complexes. About 15 mins drive to the beach and well situated for public transport and access to the city.

Shopping in Perth

Murray and Hay streets both have traffic-free malls, and the city centre is criss-crossed with arcades. The malls and arcades are linked by walkways and overpasses that extend as far as the city train and bus stations.

Forrest Place is accessible from Wellington Street, opposite the train station and is one of the more popular shopping areas. Perth's GPO and the WA Tourism Commission, both of which are open six days a week are at Forrest Chase. During the school holidays, Forrest Place is the spot for free entertainment which varies from opera to contemporary bands, ballet to fashion show.

Good wines to take home can be purchased at many of the duty free shops, or there are many discount liquor stores around town, all offering excellent value for money. You will have no trouble finding wines from the major wine-growing districts of Australia, but if you'd like to try a truly local drop, look out for wines from the Swan Valley, Margaret River, Mount Barker and Denmark.

Probably one of Perth's best-kept secrets is King Street that can be found just a short stroll down Murray or Hay streets. A street with cobbled walkways that lead you past fashionable boutiques, cafes and old buildings such as King Street Couture. All along the street, what were once derelict warehouses are now bustling little cafes and shops with a collective reputation for style and originality.

You can purchase tickets to just about any theatre production in Perth from the BOCS office outlet in the foyer of His Majesty's Theatre, on the corner of Hay and King streets.

Old Perth Port Down alongside what used to be the Barrack Street Jetty, now known as Barrack Square, is the relatively new complex of cafes, shops and attractions known as Old Perth Port. Alongside the complex, the jetties are home to a variety of water craft, some taking patrons upriver for vineyard cruises, others going downstream to Fremantle or further afield to Rottnest. This is also where the South Perth ferry departs, wending its way back and forth across the river all day, taking visitors to the zoo and other southern destinations.

Television

Perth has six free-to-air analog television stations:

ABC TV
Channel Seven Perth
Channel 9
Channel Ten Perth
GWN WA
SBS

Between 2010 and 2013 analog free-to-air TV signals are being switched off and replaced with digital-only signals. For more information visit <http://www.digitalready.gov.au/>.

Foxtel supplies digital television to Perth, however not all suburbs are connected. For information call: 131 999 or visit www.foxtel.com.au.

Tourist Information

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN VISITOR CENTRE
Ground Floor, Albert Facey House
Cnr Forrest Place & Wellington Street Perth
Tel: 08 9483 1111
Toll free in Australia: 1300 361 351

CITY OF PERTH VISITOR INFORMATION KIOSK
City Kiosk, Murray St Mall, Perth
Tel: 08 9461 3333

FREMANTLE VISITOR CENTRE
Town Hall, Kings Square, Fremantle WA
Tel: 08 9431 7878

I-CITY VOLUNTEER HOSTS

Dressed in distinctive blue and green uniforms, i-City volunteer Hosts can also be found roving the central city area, ready to answer questions and help visitors discover what there is to see and do in the City of Perth.

What to see in Perth

Kings Park

Kings Park occupies approximately 400 hectares of Mount Eliza overlooking the city of Perth and the Swan River. Situated only a few minutes from the centre of Perth, the Park has much to offer with its sweeping parklands, Botanic Garden, wildflowers (which are spectacular, especially in Spring), and native bushland (two-thirds of the park). There are extensive city and river views with a panorama to the Darling Scarp. On a clear day, from the top of the DNA Tower in Forrest Drive, the Indian Ocean can be seen to the west. The magnificently sited State War Memorial is also one of several scenic vantage points.

The Western Australian Botanic Garden extends south of the State War Memorial and is planted with 1700 native species.

Extensive dual-use paths (pedestrian and bicycle, also accessible to wheelchairs) traverse Kings Park and bikes can be hired from the bicycle hire, which operates from the main car park adjacent to the restaurant, tearoom and snack bar.

There are picnic and barbecue facilities, public toilets and playgrounds at several locations in Kings Park. The Lotteries Family Area is primarily for children aged up to six years old and disabled children and is served by Stickybeaks Cafe. The Kings Park Tearooms and Fraser's Restaurant are located on Fraser Avenue in Kings Park. Kings Park Tearooms are open daily. Fraser's is open daily for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Perth Mint

The Perth Mint is a world leader in the manufacture and marketing of precious metal coins, medallions and collectables. Housed in one of Australia's most elegant late-19th century heritage buildings, it is the nation's oldest operating mint and one of the oldest mints in the world still producing coins from its original premises.

Located: 310 Hay Street, East Perth, on the free 'Red Cat' bus route.
Open: Weekdays 9am - 4pm, Weekends & Public Holidays 9am - 1pm
Closed: Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day
Website: www.perthmint.com.au

Pioneer Village

Pioneer Village is a magnificently recreated 1880's village which takes you back in time. It is a picturesque replica early settler's village unique to WA and a major tourist attraction. The Village also features a restaurant, a cinema and many other speciality shops and businesses.

Located: 2 South Western Hwy, Armadale, 35 mins from Perth on the corner of the Albany and South Western Highways

Perth Beaches

Perth has some of the most pristine coastline in the world. Powdery white beaches stretch from the city's western suburbs to Lancelin, 125 kilometres north of Perth.

Although local life revolves around the water, Perth's beaches are never crowded, giving a sense of space and freedom. You are able to hire bicycles, or try something more active like windsurfing or yachting.

A local favourite is Cottesloe, 15 minutes from Perth city. Bustling cafes, children's playgrounds, warm sunshine and the inviting Indian Ocean draw young crowds and families for body boarding, surfing and snorkelling.

City Beach and Floreat Beach are also excellent for body boarding and sunset beach fishing. Surfers should head further north to Scarborough Beach and Trigg Island, 15 minutes northwest of the city.

Marmion Marine Park

Marmion Marine Park provides Perth residents and holidaymakers alike with the chance to experience a diversity of marine life without travelling too far. In the radius of the marine park, visitors can see bottlenosed dolphins, and explore the beautiful reefs and shallow lagoons to check out all types of marine animals. During the whale migration it's a great place to see these giants of the sea as they travel south. On Little Island within the park, the sea lions sun themselves and if you put on a snorkel and mask you can observe the fish that call the reefs home. There are also dive trails under development to lead divers to the most interesting marine communities.

All fauna in the park is protected, however you can keep small amounts for your own personal consumption. Fishing is by far the most popular pastime in the park, with lots of rock walls, beaches and reefs providing great vantage points for enthusiasts. The regulations about the number of fish or other marine species you can take from the park are in place so that everyone can enjoy the marine life and it remains as diverse and teeming with interest as possible.

Located: offshore from Perth's northern suburbs, between Trigg Island and Burns Beach, 20 to 40 minutes drive from the centre of Perth. There is good access to the beach and adjacent parking available all along the West Coast Highway.

Swan Valley Wineries

Perth is home to some of the best wineries in Australia, most of which are situated in The Swan Valley - a 20-minute trip from the city. Two of the states largest wineries can be found here, along with a large number of small, family owned and operated establishments. Some recommended wineries are:

Houghton Wines - Home of the famous White Burgundy, Houghton's is one of the more well known wineries in the Swan Valley.

Lamont Winery, Restaurant and Gallery - Combining fine wine, an a la carte restaurant and a gallery showcasing some of Western Australia's more interesting artworks.

Lilac Hill Estate - One of Western Australia's oldest wineries, Lilac Hill prides itself on its premium quality wines, including dry and fruity whites, and dry table reds.

Sandalford Wines - Travel by boat for lunch and tastings at Sandalford wines. Visit the Emporium Gift Shop or stroll through the beautiful grounds.

Perth Zoo

Open every day of the year, the zoo is a wonderful place to view native Australian animals, endangered species and flora and fauna from the far corners of the globe. Take a picnic lunch, or stop off the cafeteria for refreshments. Wheelchair, video camera and stroller hire are all available.

Located: Zoo entrance on Labouchere Road, easily accessible by car, bus or ferry

Open:

Daily from 9am - 5pm. Admission: From \$8 - \$16, children under 4 free.

Website: www.perthzoo.wa.gov.au

Burswood International Resort Casino

Nestled on the banks of the scenic Swan River in Perth, is the exciting 24 hour Burswood Casino, together with numerous restaurants and bars, Perth's leading international luxury 413-room Intercontinental Burswood hotel, a multifunctional Convention Centre, the Burswood Theatre and the Burswood Dome. Burswood is the place to go for blackjack, poker, the roulette wheel, craps, keno or the legendary Australian game of two-up.

Located: Great Eastern Highway, Burswood.

Open: 24 hours daily.

Admission: Restricted to over 18's, smart dress code applies.

Website: www.burswood.com.au

SciTech Discovery Centre

A unique interactive science and technology centre, SciTech has lots of hands on exhibits to explore. Try riding in a Mega-Morphine Heli-Sub simulator, or watch your image being reflected over 1000 times, and zoom through space in the planetarium.

Located: City West, Cnr Sutherland St & Railway Parade, West Perth

Open: Daily (except Christmas day), 10am - 5pm.

Admission: From \$8 - \$12.

Website: www.scitech.org.au

Adventure World

Perth's Premier Amusement Park features extreme rides, carnival games, family fun and entertainment.

Located: on Progress Drive, Bibra Lake, less than 20 minutes South of the Perth CBD and 15 minutes East of Fremantle.

Open: Season runs from September to April. Visit the website for current opening times.

Admission: \$37 Adults, \$30 Children, Children under 4 free.

Website: www.adventureworld.net.au

AQWA walk through aquarium

AQWA is a wonderful way to spend an afternoon. As you wander down the 98-metre tunnel aquarium, thousands of colourful fish, sharks and stingrays glide around you. For an even closer look, head to the Discovery Pool, where you can touch the sharks and stingrays.

Qualified divers can pay extra for a guaranteed face-to-face shark experience.

Located: Hillarys Boat Harbour, Southside Drive, Hillarys.

Open: Daily, 10am-5pm. Admission: From \$13 - \$23.50, children under 4 free.

Website: www.aqwa.com.au



The serene,
green
Kings Park



Catching a
wave down at
Scarborough
Beach

What to see in Western Australia

Fremantle, just 19 kilometres southwest of Perth, is a colourful, busy port at the mouth of the Swan River, and is easily accessible by bus, train, ferry and taxi. Attractions include the Fremantle Arts Centre, the Maritime Museum, the Round House and the lively town centre affectionately known as the 'cappuccino strip'. Visit www.freofocus.com.au for more information.

Rottnest Island, 18 kilometres off the coast of Fremantle, is known for its quokkas (small kangaroo-like marsupials), beautiful beaches and clear waters teeming with marine life. Bicycles are the main form of transport. Ferry services leave daily from Fremantle and Perth. There are also daily flights from Perth airport. Visit www.rotnestisland.com for more information.

Yanchep National Park, an hour's drive north of Perth, is perfect for family outings with its lakeside picnic areas, wildflowers and a large family of koalas, kangaroos and other native animals. Explore the limestone Crystal Cave on one of the regular guided tours and swim at nearby Yanchep Beach, sheltered by reefs.

The Pinnacles, within Nambung National Park, are 260 kilometres north of Perth. These fossilised remains of an ancient forest stretch eerily across the desert landscape.

Wave Rock, 340 kilometres south east of Perth, rises 50 metres above the ground like a giant wave. Daily tours from Perth pass through the Darling Ranges and magnificent jarrah forests. Visit waverock.com.au for more information

The Goldfields are 600 km east of Perth. Towns such as Kalgoorlie, Coolgardie and Kanowna struck it rich in the 1890s, and while most are now more ghost than gold; Kalgoorlie is a fast-expanding gold producer. Visit the Museum of the Goldfields and historic Coolgardie and take a Ghost Towns tour.

At **Monkey Mia**, 850 kilometres north of Perth in Shark Bay, wild dolphins swim in to be hand fed each day. Visit www.monkeymia.com.au for more information.

Ningaloo Reef, 1130 km north of Perth, is Australia's closest fringing reef and the focus of Ningaloo Marine Park. Some 220 species of coral and 500 species of fish have been recorded in the Park. The world's biggest fish, the Whale Shark, regularly visits these waters during March to early June, and swimming with these gentle giants is a once in a lifetime experience. Marine mammals such as dolphins, humpback whales and the dugong can often

be seen cavorting in the waters surrounding the cape, while during summer green and loggerhead turtles make their way up the beaches to lay their eggs.

2,213 kilometres north of Perth lies the charming town of **Broome**. Founded as a pearling port over a century ago the town has, as a result, become a melting pot of many nationalities. The pearling industry still remains a vital part of Broome's economy, and they proudly boast of producing the world's finest pearls. Along with its pearls, Broome has revived its air of past romance. There is a magnificent beach, and the town enjoys a unique natural phenomenon - 'Stairway to the Moon', whereby the full moon shining over the mud flats creates a magical sight, for a few times a month during winter. Visit www.broomevisitorcentre.com.au for more information.

For the brave, venture further east into the Kimberly region to explore the **Bungle Bungle (Purnululu) National Park**, which is a collection of surreal beehive-shaped domes. Visit www.kimberleys.com.au/bungle.htm for more information.



The surreal
majesty of the
Bungle
Bungles



The imposing
stark beauty
of Wave Rock