

PERTH CULTURAL CENTRE PHOTO TRAIL



CREATING PERTH

Welcome

The Perth Cultural Centre is a place with many layers of history. Communities, individuals, city designers, urban planners and government policies have shaped this landscape. Some of these layers are visible and other layers are more obscured or hidden.

In this trail

Use the map to guide your walk around the Cultural Centre:

- Scan each of the QR codes on the trail map to reveal historical photos of each location.
- Read the descriptor on the website to learn more.
- You may wish to re-create each historical photo by taking a photo from the same location and angle.
- Use the discussion questions on the photo trail to think about the changing landscape.

Acknowledgements

The State Library of Western Australia is honoured to be located on Wadjuk Country, the ancestral lands of the Noongar people. We acknowledge the traditional owners of Country throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to land and culture. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.

1 WETLANDS

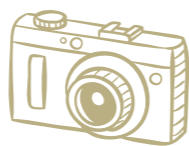
Walk towards the Art Gallery to the wetland area located in the heart of the Perth Cultural Centre.



Image: BA2493/167

Discuss

Compare this space to the historical photograph. Why do you think it has been transformed into a wetland?



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2 OLD PERTH GAOL

Turn right out of the Wetlands. Walk towards the State Library and then right into the WA Museum Boola Bardip 'City Room' outdoor space.



Image: SLWA Collection – forthcoming

Discuss

Why do you think the Gaol has been preserved? How might this building be important in the future?



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3 JUBILEE BUILDING

Walk out of the City Room and turn left. Walk up James Street to meet Beaufort Street.



Image: SLWA Collection – forthcoming

Discuss

Boola Bardip means "many stories". Why do you think the WA Museum, encompassing the Jubilee Building, was renamed in this way?



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4 POLICE BARRACKS AND POLICE COURTS

Walk down James Street. On the left is the Old Police Barracks.



Image: SLWA Collection – forthcoming

Discuss

The 'boom and bust' cycle is reflected in Perth's architectural heritage. Can you think of any other examples of buildings from the Gold Rush? Why do you think this building might have been preserved during 'busts'?

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5 HACKETT HALL

Opposite the Police Barracks, on James St, is Hackett Hall.



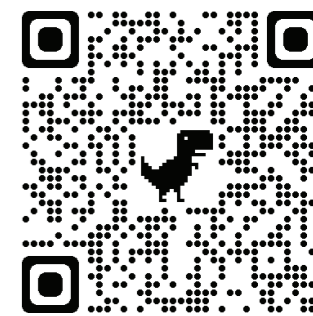
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Discuss

How do you think the decisions as to what historical items to collect and preserve, and which to disregard, shape how we understand the past?



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6 PERTH BAPTIST CHURCH/ ALEXANDER LIBRARY

Walk towards the Cultural Centre entrance of the State Library.



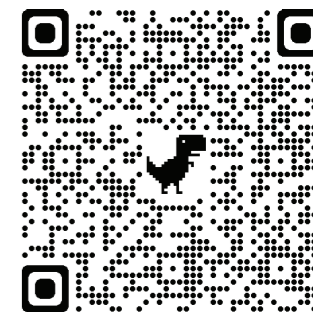
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Discuss

Why do you think some buildings are preserved and others are demolished?



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ART GALLERY OF WA

From the State Library walk past the wetlands towards the modern building known as the Art Gallery of WA.



Image: SLWA Collection – forthcoming

Discuss

Explore the historical photographs of the Art Gallery. What other differences do you notice between then and now?

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URBAN ORCHARD

To the right of the Art Gallery, walk into the garden area known as the 'Urban Orchard'. Walk towards the right side of the Urban Orchard to see the rear of the Perth Boys School.



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Discuss

Look around the Cultural Centre. Where else could green spaces be established?

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PERTH BOYS SCHOOL

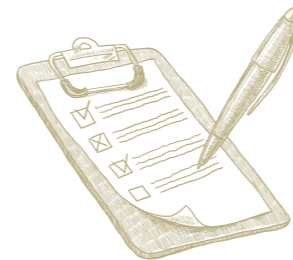
Conclude your tour by exiting the Urban Orchard, turning left and walking towards the Perth Cultural Centre Amphitheatre area to the building now known as PICA.



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Discuss

Why do you think this building is no longer used as a school or college?



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