

Excursion Management Plan



WA Shipwrecks Museum

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Purpose of the Excursion

The *WA Shipwrecks Museum* is recognised as one of the most important maritime archaeology museums in the southern hemisphere. It houses exhibitions related to the early European exploration of Western Australia and historic artefacts from the many shipwrecks along our treacherous coastline. This includes the reconstructed hull timbers of the *Batavia*, wrecked in 1629.

The *WA Shipwrecks Museum* offers a range of facilitated programs across developmental levels led by our experienced Learning & Creativity team. A variety of self-guided experiences are also available for schools that wish to explore the Galleries and local surrounds on their own. Both facilitated and self-guided programs support the Western Australian Curriculum, particularly in the area of Humanities and the Social Sciences.

Environment

The *WA Shipwrecks Museum* is located on the corner of Cliff Street and Marine Terrace, and overlooks the Fremantle Esplanade.

Within the Museum site

The Museum galleries are housed in a convict built commissariat (Government store) building. There are two levels, accessed by staircase or lift. Ramps and lifts are both suitable for disabled access. Please advise us if you have any participants with special needs so we can maximise the benefit of your visit.

Toilets are located on the ground floor of the *WA Shipwrecks Museum*. They include a unisex disability access toilet.

A drinking fountain can be located in the walkway that runs alongside the Museum building.

The Museum has very limited space available for storage of lunches and school bags. It is preferred that school bags are not brought on site and lunches are stored in a large tub, which can be stored in a designated area (Visitor Services Officers will assist). Please note that the area is not secured, and that other schools will have access to the same area.

Groups can eat morning tea or lunch on the lawn in front of the *WA Shipwrecks Museum* or in the Esplanade Park across the road.

The *WA Maritime Museum* on Victoria Quay is within 10 minutes walking distance of the *WA Shipwrecks Museum* and it is possible to visit both sites with the one excursion. Please refer to the Excursion Management Plan for the *WA Maritime Museum*.

Transport

Transport remains the responsibility of the visiting school.

The *WA Shipwrecks Museum* is an approximate 15 minute walk from the Fremantle Train Station. Trains run from Perth Train Station to Fremantle.

Drop-off and pick-up bays are available at the end of Marine Terrace, next to Esplanade Park. For further information about parking, please contact the City of Fremantle on 9423 9999 or www.fremantle.wa.gov.au

Students' Capacity

The *WA Shipwrecks Museum* caters for audiences from Kindergarten through to Year 12.

Our self-guided experiences take place in the Museum's galleries and grounds. Visiting the Museum provides students with an opportunity to engage with genuine artefacts and supporting interpretive material. In addition to static exhibits, there are multimedia and tactile opportunities for engagement.

A wheelchair is available for use. Please advise at the time of booking your excursion if one is required.

Supervisor/Supervisory Team

It is a requirement to provide a supervisory team for excursions to the *WA Shipwrecks Museum*. The school supervisory team must accompany the students throughout the excursion, actively monitor behaviour and intervene as necessary.

Visitor Services Officers are located throughout the *WA Shipwrecks Museum*, and while they will not undertake any role in a supervisory context, they will intervene where behaviour or activities put displays and/or the safety of individuals and other visitors at risk.

External Provider Information

Clearances

- *Western Australian Museum* Learning & Creativity team members have a current Working with Children Check.
- It is a pre-employment requirement that staff of the *Western Australian Museum* provide a National Police Clearance.

Current Accreditations and Qualifications

- *Western Australian Museum* Learning and Creativity team members are professional educators with varying levels of experience and qualifications. Staff members include primary and secondary specialists with teaching experience.
- Visitor Services Officers hold current senior first-aid certificates. First Aid kits are available throughout the *Western Australian Museum* public spaces.

Supervision Strategies

The *Western Australian Museum* requires the following supervision ratios, with a mandatory minimum of 2 supervisors per school supervisory team.

- Years K-2, minimum 1 adult to 6 students
- Years 3-10, minimum 1 adult to 10 students
- Years 11-12, minimum 1 supervisor with the group.

It is compulsory that students in K-Year 10 are allocated to groups with a supervising adult for the duration of their visit to the Museum.

Identification of Excursion Participants

Identification of excursion participants is the responsibility of the individual school. It can be helpful to Museum staff if students are dressed in school uniform, for clear identification, and if the school supervisory team members wear a name badge.

Museum Visitor Services Officers are located in the foyer of the Museum at all times and wear a uniform and name badge.

Communication Strategies

Communication strategies between students and school supervisory team are the responsibility of the school. Please ensure everyone recognises the communication strategies. Please do not use whistles, two-way radios or mega-phones during your visit.

School supervisory teams are encouraged to bring a mobile telephone that they can be contacted on, and can use to call out during their site visit as necessary. Supervising teachers are asked to provide their mobile telephone number when booking their excursion, and to the front desk on arrival.

The Museum is equipped with a public address system which is centrally controlled from the desk in the main foyer. Museum Visitor Services Officers are located throughout the galleries of the Museum and are in contact with each other and the desk in the main foyer via two-way radios.

Emergency Response Plan

In the event of an emergency it is essential that all school visitors take directions from Museum staff who will be wearing red or yellow hard hats.

The Museum is equipped with an Emergency Warning System. A siren will indicate an evacuation is underway. If evacuation is essential all visitors will be assembled at a designated safe area. Teachers are required to do a roll call and must immediately notify Museum staff if any students are missing.

It is suggested that school supervisory teams have access to a list of names of participating students, supervisors' contact telephone numbers, student medical information and relevant health information of supervisors.

While all our Visitor Services Officer have first aid training, it is the responsibility of the school to provide basic first aid to the students. Our staff will assist if possible.

Briefing Students and Supervisors

You will receive a confirmation notice once you have made your booking.

On the day of your excursion, please inform the staff at the Museum's front desk of your group's arrival to confirm name of school, your mobile number and the numbers of students and adults.

School supervisory teams are encouraged to prepare students for the visit by outlining expected behaviour and learning outcomes.

Please note that photography may not be permitted in some Museum galleries – please check with staff if in doubt.

COVID-19

The Museum has a COVID Safety Plan in place, and we are following government advice.

Contact Register

- All persons aged 16 years and over are required to register their contact details on arrival at the Museum. This includes all attending teachers and accompanying parent helpers.
- The Museum recommends using SafeWA to check-in. SafeWA is a free, easy to use, secure contact register app developed by the WA Government. You can also register using a paper-based system.
- The Government also encourages adults accompanying children under 16 to register the children. This is a decision for the school and can be achieved by supplying a contact sheet of attending students on arrival at the Museum, which will be added to our manual register.
- In addition to the above, should the Museum be notified of a community transmission incident, the Museum will follow instructions from the Department of Health. Details of any school groups that have visited the Museum will be passed on to the Department of Health.

Other COVID-safe actions

- Any student, teacher or parent helper who is feeling unwell, particularly if experiencing a fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, or loss of smell or taste, should not attend the excursion.
- There is a limit of 1 person per 2 square metres within the Museum.
- We have increased the scope of our cleaning regime.
- We ask that all visitors practice physical distancing and good hygiene, and regularly sanitise their hands throughout a visit to the Museum.
- School groups will be asked to apply hand sanitiser before entry into the Museum. There are hand sanitiser stations at Museum entrances and throughout the Museum.
- General visitors will be able to check their temperature with an automatic temperature scanner before entry into the Museum. Teachers are encouraged to carry out a temperature check of all attending students, teachers and helpers prior to departing school groups and / or attending the Museum.
- Water fountains are only available for refilling of water bottles.

For updated information on how COVID-19 may impact your excursion please visit:

<https://museum.wa.gov.au/covid-19-education-update>

Public Liability Insurance

- Insurer: Western Australian Government Treasury Managed Fund (RiskCover)
- Limit of Cover: \$800,000,000
- Public Liability Certificate of Currency document is included at the end of this document.

This information is valid until 30 June 2021.

CERTIFICATE OF CURRENCY



This Certificate is issued for information purposes only and does not confer any rights upon the Certificate holder and does not amend, extend or alter the coverage provided by the Cover detailed below.

Public Authority: Western Australian Museum

Cover Number: R/206904

Cover: General Liability (including Products Liability).

Situation of Risk: Worldwide

Covering: The legal liability of the Public Authority in respect of claims for compensation resulting from an occurrence.

Limit of Liability: \$800 million any one occurrence.

Excess: Nil

Expiry Date: 30 June 2021

Conditions: Subject to the RiskCover Certificate of Cover, Cover Document and Fund Guidelines.

This Cover has been effected with RiskCover (managed by the Insurance Commission of Western Australia).

Date Issued: 22 June 2020



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