

WA Maritime Museum

Social Story

Families with older children





What is the WA Maritime Museum?

The WA Maritime Museum has many kinds of objects and experiences for me. Maritime means 'connected to the sea'. I might see boats, machines, pretend animals, and pretend people. These things will tell us about the lives of people and animals connected to the ocean in Australia.

I can look, listen and learn at the Museum.



The Museum has some areas that are large with lots of things in them. There will be other people walking around, and sometimes they will be noisy. If I need some quiet, I can tell an adult and go to a different area.



There are objects that hang from the ceiling so people can see them easily. They are safely attached with strong cables and will not fall down.

There are lots of shiny surfaces and different levels in the Museum. There are some touch screens around the Museum that play videos and sounds when people use them. There are some rooms that are dark and will play noises when I walk in.



Getting to the Museum

When I visit the Museum I may travel by car, bus, or train. I will look for the big building with a front of glass and white walls on each side.

If I come by car, we might park in one of the parking spots near the big metal sheds. I might see the big harbour cranes and boats. Sometimes it will be windy.



Going into the Museum

I know I have arrived at the entrance to the Museum when I see the big glass door that turns in circles. I can use this door, or use a glass door on the right, which will open for us when we push a button on the wall.



When I walk into the Museum foyer I will be in a big space with a high, blue ceiling. There will be a shop, a café, and a front desk with friendly Museum staff standing behind it.



We will buy tickets from the front desk to get into the Museum. If I do not have a ticket already, we will need to stand in line to buy one. Sometimes there will be other people buying tickets and I will have to wait patiently, but we will get our turn. After we buy our tickets, I can enter the rest of the Museum



If I have a bag I can leave it in a locker. An adult will help me place my bag in a locker and lock it so it is safe. We will take the key with us while we visit the Museum galleries. When we leave, we will use the key to open the locker and take my bag home with me.



Staff at the Museum

Many people visit the Museum and many people work there too.

If I get lost, a Museum staff member can help me.



Toilets at the Museum

There are lots of bathrooms in the Museum. There might be other people in the bathroom too. When I am finished using the toilet, I will wash my hands.



Food and eating at the Museum

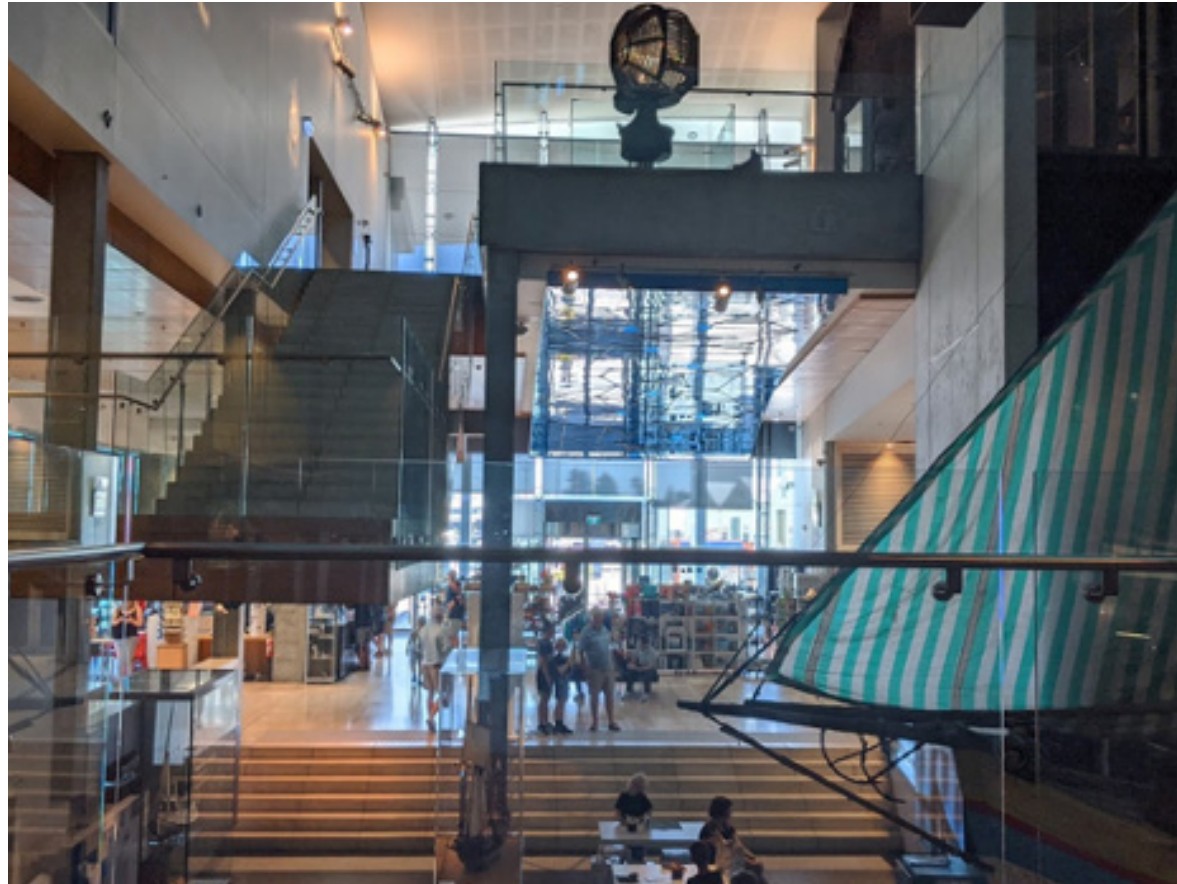
When I want to eat, I can use the chairs and tables at the café. I can sit inside or outside. I do not eat in the exhibition galleries.



Some important things to remember at the Museum

When I explore the WA Maritime Museum I will remember to:

- Stay close to / with my adult
- Walk and not run
- Speak with my quiet voice, even though it may be noisy
- Take turns with other children
- Ask an adult before touching objects to make sure I am allowed to.



Getting around the Museum

There are three levels in the Museum. Sometimes I will be able to see all of them at once. I might use stairs, ramps, or lifts as I move around. The lifts can be hard to find; I can ask an adult for directions if I need them. The lift is small but it will arrive quickly at the level I want to visit.



What can I touch?

At the Museum there will be lots of interesting things. I am allowed to touch some of these things. There are other things that I should not touch because they are fragile and rare. I will just look at these things. I will be told which ones I can touch and which ones to just look at. If I am not sure whether I can touch something I will ask an adult.



Big spaces

The Museum is a special building. It looks and feels different to home or school. Some rooms at the Museum are big. Some rooms at the Museum are small. Some rooms at the Museum might be dark or bright. If I don't like being in a room and feel uncomfortable I can tell an adult and find a comfortable place.



Outside the Museum I can also visit a shed with lots of noisy working machines. There are some things for me to touch and lots of moving parts to see.



Visiting the Museum will be fun!