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HERITAGE PERTH HERITAGE DAY

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what's on at...

ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

It's time to celebrate the valuable inheritance our forefathers left us when Heritage Perth Heritage Day showcases our City's history going back many thousands of years before colonisation. It is a unique opportunity for residents and visitors of all ages and cultures to explore the fascinating history and heritage that is - the City of Perth.

One of the most beautiful buildings in Perth – St. George's Cathedral consecrated in 1888 is the principal cathedral of the Anglican Province of Western Australian and the metropolitan Diocese of Perth.

One of only a few cathedrals constructed with hand-made bricks, its gothic revival design is a blend of local and imported materials that include; local jarrah roof trusses and arches, limestone from Fremantle and bricks from three different Swan River brickyards.

The walls of the Cathedral buildings have witnessed many extraordinary stories – if only they could talk! On Heritage Day take the chance to join a guided story-telling tour of St. George's Cathedral and Burt Memorial Hall at **12.00pm, 1.00pm, 3.30pm and 4.00pm** (bookings essential).

You can also meet the Craftsmen – the amazing men responsible for completing the restoration of St. George's Cathedral. Master Builder - Stone Mason Martin Colgan, came to Australia 40 years ago and being unable to get a job as a mason (because he couldn't speak Italian, so he says) he started as a bricklayer and eventually moved into restoration. On Heritage Day, this enthusiastic craftsman will be taking guided tours of the Cathedral sharing his knowledge of its history and restoration. Meet at the West door at **11.30am and 12.30pm** only.

The Stone Mason's Apprentice – James Mason (yes that really is his name) will be demonstrating stone-carving outside the Cathedral from 11.30am to 1.30pm. This is a great opportunity to see a craftsman at work and ask questions from a talented young Mason.

Heritage Perth Heritage Day is a truly inclusive event with no political agenda, crossing all faiths, nationalities and cultures. Come celebrate Sunday 15 November – Heritage Perth Heritage Day.

For event information telephone 08 9325 5766 or go to info@perthcathedral.org.

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