

## EXCITING RESTORATION

Do you know where is the Globe Hotel and Baird Building? These magnificent structures can be found on Wellington Street. They are both 100+ years old and currently under restoration.

**The Globe Hotel** was constructed in 1883 in a Victorian Italianate style. Its three levels of rendered masonry were fronted by a cast iron verandah that sheltered a bar on the ground floor, and hotel accommodation in the two floors above. The building operated as a public house until it was returned to the state in 2004 for the Metro Rail project.

During 2009, work began on the repair and conservation of both the rendered and fair-face brickwork facades. The northern façade to Wellington Street has been

fully refurbished with ruled ashlar render stone. This has been squared and laid in regular courses with fire joints. In accordance with both photographic and physical evidence, mouldings and timber window joinery were then reinstated and a new two storey verandah was created in cast iron with decorative patterns to match the original. The western and southern façades

have also had their fair-faced brickwork repaired and conserved and a contemporary steel stair has been added to the southern façade to serve the buildings upper levels.

**The Baird Building**, originally called the Commercial Building at 491-493 Wellington Street, is a four storey Federation Free Style design built in c.1905 for Levi Green - owner of the Black Swan Foundry.

At that time, the building housed both their retail hardware and commercial operations, hence its name. In c.1921, the building became home to the Bairds Company, a name it retains today.

During 1969, the building operated as the Myer Emporium and from 1993 to 2004, Valhalla Games and Hobbies occupied the retail shop



on the ground floor until the Metro Rail project commenced in 2004. Works began on restoring the building's northern and western façades in 2009. Restoration included the conservation and the repair of the original Donnybrook stonework and tuck pointed brickwork façades. Repair and refurbishment of the existing, original window joinery has also been undertaken along

with the installation of new profiled timber shop-fronts. Based on photographic evidence, two stunning lattice supported canopies that grace Wellington Street, were also reinstated. The Southern façade facing the new one40william Office Tower has been reconstructed with a contemporary façade.

It is envisaged that restoration works developed by Cbus Property will be complete on both buildings during May 2010.

## i-CITY WALKING TOURS

Do you know about the i-City Walking Tours? It is a wonderful way to familiarise yourself with the City under the guidance of an i-City Volunteer Host. There are five FREE speciality tours that depart from the City of Perth Information Kiosk located at the junction of Forrest Place and Murry Street Mall. Tours available include the 'Town Hall' – always popular, 'Icons of Influence', 'Art City', 'Convicts & Colonials' and the most recent, 'Boom or Bust'. Tours depart Monday to Friday at 2.00pm (excluding public holidays) and it is advised to book for groups of 15 or more by contacting the Visitor Services Officer on (08) 9461 3444.



## NOEL ROBERTSON PROFILE

Heritage Coordinator in the City of Perth's Strategy Unit - Noel masterminded the City's superb heritage incentive scheme - an exemplar throughout Australia and beyond. Completing a BA and Post Grad Diploma in Town Planning at Curtin University, Noel's involvement in heritage has grown into a passion. Discovering that there is much more than just the built form, such as photos, maps, documents, archaeology, stories of wonderful oral histories and the people behind them, Noel recently completed a Masters in Heritage Management from Birmingham University.

## WHAT IS HERITAGE PERTH

Heritage Perth Inc. is a not-for-profit, independent, incorporated association dedicated to raising awareness of Perth's social and architectural history in a positive light as a major social and economic asset.

## OUR VISION

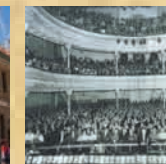
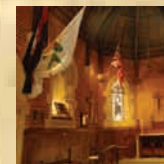
Heritage is about the things from the past which are valued enough today, to save for tomorrow.

Perth is a city where heritage places are respected, well conserved and maintained. It has an informed and concerned community that values and celebrates the city's heritage for the contribution it makes to Perth's 'sense of place.' It is a community that works together to protect Perth's irreplaceable heritage places through innovative and dynamic heritage projects with emphasis on coordination, integration and managed change for the benefit of present and future generations.

## OBJECTIVES

- Be Perth's leading deliverer of heritage-related projects.
- Achieve wide-spread recognition for the heritage sites of the City of Perth as a positive economic and community asset which is appropriately conserved and interpreted.
- Ensure Perth's heritage sites are recognised as a significant tourist opportunity.
- Have sufficient funds raised, from all possible sources, to support the purposes and projects of Heritage Perth.

For further details, please visit the Heritage Perth web-site.



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## HERITAGE PERTH HERITAGE DAYS

The inaugural Heritage Perth Heritage Day was held in November 2009. It was an historical success with thousands of people converging on the streets, buildings, parks, theatres, museums, libraries and hotels of central Perth to celebrate its heritage.

Executive Director of Heritage Perth, Richard Offen said *"The success of our first Heritage Perth Heritage Day was phenomenal. We knew that people were interested in the history of our city, but the 'sell out' attendance at all the activities we put on just shows how much they care about our heritage."*

There were however, a few complaints from people who simply could not see all that they wanted in one day. What a fabulous complaint! In response, Heritage Perth has decided that the 2010 event should run over a whole weekend.

Heritage Perth Heritage Days offer the entire family the opportunity to have access to places and events that are not usually available to the public. The program will include never before seen 'Behind Closed Doors' tours of Perth buildings like Government House, St. Georges Cathedral, the Western Australia Club and many more. There will be walking tours of colonial and indigenous sites, 'ceremonial regalia' displays, photographic exhibitions and Indigenous stories of Perth with traditional dance and music. If gardening is your heart's desire, you can enjoy a 'Day in the Garden' tour of some of Perth's finest gardens plus 'Meet the Gardener' at the historic Queens Garden and Government House. All Heritage Perth Heritage Days activities are FREE and offer fun for all the family. For further details, please visit the Heritage Perth web-site.



During 2010, Heritage Perth Heritage Days will be held on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 November.

An exciting programme of activities is planned. This aims to make the weekend Perth's biggest ever heritage event to showcase the City's history going back many thousands of years. From the amazing and extraordinary to the unique and quirky, there will be walks, talks, tours, performances, music and activities for all ages, celebrating the people, places, buildings and events that have made Perth great.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Opened in 1938, the Piccadilly Theatre reflected the optimism and desire for enjoyment for entertainment at the end of the Depression. Consequently, it was the first theatre in WA to be fitted with an air-conditioner.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Young Australia League Museum and Library in Murray Street boasts the only US Presidential Wreath housed outside the USA. You can see the Herbert Hoover Wreath weekdays: 9.30am - 2.30pm.

## WE'RE LOOKING FOR HERITAGE HOUNDS

As a not-for-profit organisation, Heritage Perth relies upon volunteers to make events like 2010 Heritage Perth Heritage Days happen. For many, the most memorable part of a visit to any historic building is the personal insight they receive from a knowledgeable guide. Volunteers are vital in bringing heritage places to life. We are looking for people to fill these important roles for the Heritage Perth Heritage Days 2010 event in November. Should you be interested in participating, please visit: [www.heritageperth.com](http://www.heritageperth.com) or email: [info@heritageperth.com](mailto:info@heritageperth.com)

## DID YOU KNOW?

Langley Park was used as an airstrip by Major Norman Brearly (a pilot from the Royal Flying Corps during World War I), when he pioneered civil aviation in WA in the 1920s. It was a time when aviation was routinely perilous. When Major Brearly received his civil pilots license in 1921, he founded the West Australian Airways Ltd. This was the first commercial airline established in Australia.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### NATIONAL ACHAEOLGY WEEK 16 – 22 MAY

Ever wondered about past human societies? What artifacts, architecture, biofacts and environmental data from the past, tell us? You may find the answer this month when Heritage Perth hosts an event in the Perth Town Hall for National Archaeology Week.

On Sunday 16 May, the foyer of the Town Hall will showcase an amazing display of pre-history, maritime and historical posters including Australian archaeological work overseas in Jordan, the Pilbara ARC and Cossak Projects. There will also be displays featuring the archaeology of Perth's Government House, the Peel region, Manning Park Estate and the Archaeological Society of WA.

Look around and you might just see Governor James Stirling who can tell you about living in the First Government House, plus his thoughts about what Archaeologists will make of it in the future.

You could also try your hand as an archaeologist. Either by yourself or as a family team of archaeologists, why not see if you can work your way through a series of activities using real artifacts and learn about the behaviours of people of the past?

The State Representative of the National Archaeology Society of WA – Gaye Nayton will give a talk at 3.30pm. This talk will be followed by another at 4.00pm by Ambika Flavel who will tell us about her work as a Forensic Archaeologist including the excavation of soldiers at Fromelles. Investigate archaeology and take a look at the past on Sunday 16 May, Perth Town Hall from 2.00pm to 4.30pm.

This is a FREE Heritage Perth event.