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INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES
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Murdoch University, Fiona Stanley Hospital and Notre Dame University Australia are co-appointing a Foundation Chair and Clinical Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine to be part of a leading and emerging translational medical research and clinical practice team. The successful appointee will play an integral part in leading the collaborative research efforts between Murdoch University, Fiona Stanley Hospital and Notre Dame University (Australia).

This is a five year fixed term appointment, with work profiles split equally between an academic professorial appointment with Murdoch and Notre Dame Universities and a medical practitioner role at Fiona Stanley Hospital. The role will deliver teaching to the University of Notre Dame Australia and assist with building a research profile in their School of Medicine.
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Welcome

Murdoch University

Vice Chancellor

Our 21st Century Vision for Murdoch University is a leading international research-led university pursuing excellence in select areas of knowledge production and dissemination.

From its first 1975 intake of 510 undergraduates, the University’s student body has evolved to over 22,000 – drawn from the growth state of Western Australia, a rapidly developing Asia and a wide range of other countries. We are fully committed to being a truly international university engaging with students and communities in both Australia and abroad to offer our degrees and undertake collaborative research in a number of global locations.

Murdoch, as a research-led university, is a member of Innovative Research Universities Australia. It hosts global-scale research projects across a variety of areas, including agriculture, water, contemporary Asia, veterinary, biotechnology and bioinformatics, hydrometallurgy, ecosystem management and restoration, social justice, interactive media, and learning, leadership and policy.

The University continues on its upward and forward trajectory. In 2013, a serious milestone in the University’s new strategy was achieved, when Murdoch entered the Times Higher Education (THE) Top 100 Under 50 rankings – at number 57.

This is a great time to join Murdoch.

The state of Western Australia is experiencing a resource-driven economic boom and Murdoch has a vital role to play in this boom, with many of its teaching and research areas focused on state-wide areas of strength, growth and need.

Professor Richard Higgott
VICE CHANCELLOR

University of Notre Dame Australia

Vice Chancellor

The University of Notre Dame Australia is a unique Australian university. Established as a university by an Act of Parliament in 1989 and as a Catholic university by a Canonical Statute in 1991, we embrace both the modern Australian university tradition and the ancient and esteemed traditions of Catholic universities in Europe, North America and Asia.

As an ‘Australian’ university, with campuses in Fremantle, Sydney and Broome, Notre Dame meets stringent quality and reporting standards set down by Government. Our professional degrees such as accountancy, education, law, medicine, nursing and physiotherapy are assessed and approved by independent accreditation bodies.

As a ‘Catholic’ university, we embrace and follow the Church’s teachings on the nature of Catholic universities, significantly Ex Corde Ecclesiae. We believe that the purpose of education is not simply to transmit information or create knowledge; we strive to teach and educate in an environment that encourages students to seek the truth, to seek understanding and to serve and live in a way that fulfils everyone’s higher purposes. Our Core Curriculum comprising Ethics, Philosophy and Theology is one way in which we seek to provide a framework which will broaden our students’ minds and lives.

Our activities are based on the Christian belief that each individual deserves respect, support and love. From our personalised admissions process, through to the academic and extra-curricular activities available, every student is valued and respected as an individual member of the community.

As a contemporary Australian Catholic university, we have established strengths in Health and Education and have assumed a special role in education of and service to the Indigenous people of Australia. All of our degrees are designed to encourage our students to develop theoretical, analytical and practical skills, as well as life skills, with an understanding of sound ethics and decision making.

These and other features of Notre Dame make it unique.

Professor Celia Hammond
VICE CHANCELLOR
Fiona Stanley Hospital

Chief Executive FSH Commissioning

Located 15 kilometres south of Perth’s CBD, Murdoch is fast becoming the home of some of our State’s leading health, education and research facilities.

From late 2014, as services begin to open, the $2 billion Fiona Stanley Hospital will be at the heart of the precinct. This new public hospital will be the major tertiary hospital in the south metropolitan area and will rank among the best in the country. Spanning the equivalent of four city blocks, FSH will meet the growing needs of communities south of Perth and across the State. It will include 783 beds, including the 140-bed State rehabilitation service, a 30-bed purpose-built mental health unit, a dedicated youth mental health unit, paediatric ward, state-of-the-art emergency department and the State burns service.

FSH will be a leader in care, with patients at the centre of all we do, More than 83 per cent of patient rooms will be single occupancy for increased comfort and privacy and the hospital features design elements such as natural light, landscaped surrounds, lighting, colour, texture and art, that promote healing and provide therapeutic effects for patients and a relaxing environment for visitors, staff and volunteers.

As well as delivering comprehensive clinical services, we will be a leader in research and education. FSH will have strong links with universities and will work closely with staff and researchers to enhance and improve future health care delivery for all Western Australians.

Fiona Stanley hospital will open progressively in a four-phased sequence that prioritises patient safety and care, beginning with the State rehabilitation service in October 2014.

Dr David Russell-Weisz
CHIEF EXECUTIVE, FSH COMMISSIONING

Fiona Stanley Hospital
– Today Tonight
About Murdoch University

Murdoch University prides itself on being a University whose 22,000 students and 2,000 staff are committed to making a difference through the application of research, teaching, and evidence-based practice. The broad narrative for research at Murdoch is translational science, where science is seen as a process not a discipline. We aim to excel in all that we do and in the most recent assessment of Excellence for Research in Australia, 85% of our assessed areas were rated at world standard or better.

Our main South Street campus in Perth – at 225 hectares, Australia’s largest single campus – is an attractive mix of bushland and teaching and research spaces, providing state-of-the-art facilities.

The South Street campus is particularly well positioned for the future as part of the State Government’s Strategic Activity Centre – a major research, development and commercial biotechnology and health hub housing important institutions: the University, an existing private hospital, a new $2 billion public hospital scheduled for completion in 2014 and a range of allied health partners.

Recently, a number of initiatives have been established to revitalise the University, including the formation of a new Senior Leadership Group, a university-wide commission to review curriculum, the reorganisation of academic units and the restructuring of professional services.

How we compare

- Ranked in the top 5% of universities worldwide (Times Higher Education [THE] 2012-13 and 2013-14, QS World University Rankings 2012). Murdoch was one of only two Western Australian universities to make the THE list.
- Ranked at 57 in the 2013 Times Higher Education Top 100 Universities Under 50, recognising institutions less than 50 years old.

World-class research

Murdoch University is well placed to build upon its strength as a world-class research institution.

Our researchers regularly engage with significant social and scientific challenges, adding to the existing body of knowledge across a range of disciplines. Much of our research activity is inspired as a result of our close engagement with communities seeking solutions to some of the wicked problems currently faced by our world. These include food security, environment and resources management, climate variation and adaptation, infectious disease and those diseases afflicting older people as well as those that are the consequence of lifestyle. Our researchers from all disciplines across the University, scientists, social scientists, arts and humanities, are in some way making a contribution to solving these problems.

New scientific discoveries are often only translated into practice following ethical debate, through the development of appropriate policies, cultural awareness, educational and legal processes. At Murdoch, each discipline has an important part to play and each voice is heard.

As part of Murdoch’s strategic vision for the future, we are focussed on making a difference through research excellence and the forging of strategic partnerships with key industries and international academic institutions and colleagues. Research skills are an important part of the curriculum, while our staff development and recruitment practices enable us to continually build a research workforce focused on creating new knowledge and shaping practice. Whether you are a student, academic or potential collaborator, you will find opportunities to achieve research excellence in a meaningful way at Murdoch University.

Professor David Morrison
DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

SECURING THE FUTURE: Research and Education at Murdoch University
Murdoch Activity Centre

Within a stone’s throw of Murdoch’s South Street campus is the biggest infrastructure project ever undertaken in Western Australia, the Fiona Stanley Hospital.

When complete, the $2 billion project will cover the equivalent of four city blocks, with the latest innovations built into every level.

To make the most of this significant investment, Murdoch University is a major player in the development of the Murdoch Activity Centre (MAC). The overall project, which includes the Fiona Stanley and St John of God hospitals, will see the University build a number of multi-use facilities and research institutions in its Eastern Precinct.

These new facilities will link to the University’s research strengths in biomedical sciences, microbiology, immunology and related teaching areas, establishing Murdoch as a premier knowledge hub.

The facilities will also complement our Rare Diseases Research Centre, the Centre for Comparative Genomics and the new partnership with the University of Notre Dame to teach the pre-clinical subjects of their Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) program.

The innovative, educational and commercial activity will add to the University’s vibrant culture and give students access to integrated learning, exciting research opportunities and new amenities.
When it opens in 2014, Fiona Stanley Hospital will be a leader in clinical care, supported by an innovative design that harnesses the latest scientific, technological and medical developments.

FSH will deliver comprehensive clinical services including:
- Adolescent and child
- Aged care
- Allied health
- Anaesthesia
- Breast centre
- Burns
- Cancer centre
- Cardiology
- Dental surgery
- Dermatology
- Dialysis and renal transplantation
- Ear, nose and throat
- Emergency services
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- General surgery
- Gynaecology
- Hyperbaric medicine
- Immunology
- Infectious disease and sexual health
- Intensive care
- Maternity
- Maxillofacial surgery
- Medical imaging
- Mental health
- Neonatal
- Neurosurgery, neurology and stroke
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopaedics
- Outpatients
- Paediatrics
- Palliative care
- Pathology
- Pharmacy
- Plastic surgery
- Rehabilitation
- Respiratory
- Rheumatology
- Trauma
- Urology
- Vascular surgery

The clinical case mix at FSH will be unlike any other hospital in Western Australia in terms of its diversity of specialists, tertiary and quaternary specialities.

As the flagship hospital for WA, FSH will also be a leader in teaching, training and research.

FSH will be an integral part of a major education and research precinct with strong links to Murdoch and Notre Dame Universities, Challenger Institute of Technology, St John of God Hospital and the Western Australian Institute for Medical Research. This will provide huge potential for the establishment of health services, large scale bio-medical research, medical engineering and allied pharmaceutical production facilities, all underpinned by teaching and research.

“The Fiona Stanley Hospital will be more advanced than any hospital we have seen in WA before. It will be a central hub of excellence enabling collaboration between the areas of health, education and research. In my area of speciality – burns – our current facilities cannot compare with the state-of-the-art facilities possible in a new top-line hospital.”

Clinical Professor Fiona Wood Director, Western Australian Burns Service
State Rehabilitation Service – delivering first class Health Services

In June 2009, the Commonwealth Government committed $255.7 million in funding to build the State rehabilitation service at Fiona Stanley Hospital as part of the National Partnership Agreement. The service will provide comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services to people who require tertiary level rehabilitation following illness or injury, with patients referred to the State rehabilitation service from all tertiary, specialist, general and country hospitals across the State.

Housed in a purpose-built 140-bed facility on the eastern side of the main hospital, rehabilitation patients will have immediate access to other key services at FSH, including operating theatres, medical imaging, pathology and pharmacy.

The State rehabilitation service will provide services for the following speciality areas:

- neurlogy rehabilitation (including stroke)
- acquired brain injury
- spinal injury
- amputee
- complex trauma
- complex rehabilitation

Multidisciplinary inpatient and outpatient services will be provided for the above specialities, including chronic pain, spinal urology and urodynamics. Health therapy services will include dietetics, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, podiatry, psychology, social work, speech pathology and orthotics/prosthetics.

The State rehabilitation service will feature a new ambulatory care model designed around functional goals to prepare patients for their return home.

Features of the 24-hour, seven days a week service include:

- therapy facilities
  - patient accommodation and living areas (kitchens, dining, lounges, activity areas)
  - outdoor courtyards and terraces
- artworks
- hydrotherapy pool
- motion analysis laboratory
- outpatient clinics
- rehabilitation technology workshops
- schooling area
- functional training unit
- equipment library
- retail café
- sheltered vehicle drop off point
- pedestrian bridge link to the car park.

As with all clinical areas of the hospital, the design and planning of the State rehabilitation service involved extensive consultation with a wide range of stakeholders. This included master planning workshops and ongoing consultation with patients, carers and clinicians to help review and further develop functional briefs and schedules of accommodation for the various modes of service delivery throughout rehabilitation.

Feedback from patients and practitioners was taken into consideration and incorporated into the design of the state rehabilitation service to enhance rehabilitation, enable independence and increase patient privacy and well-being. Key features of the State rehabilitation service include larger rooms that accommodate wheelchairs, more double rooms providing company for longer-term patients, beds that face each other to support communication between roommates, message boards so patients can personalise their rooms, multiple level storage areas and manoeuvrable patient entertainment screens that can be viewed by patients who are unable to sit upright.
About

The University of Notre Dame Australia

The University of Notre Dame Australia is a Catholic university with campuses in Fremantle, Broome and Sydney. The Objects of the University are the provision of university education within a context of Catholic faith and values and the provision of an excellent standard of teaching, scholarship and research, training for the professions and the pastoral care of its students.

Notre Dame boasts over 11,000 students enrolled across our three campuses from the west coast, in the beautiful and historic city of Fremantle, to the north-west town of Broome and to our campus located in the heart of Sydney.

We are proud of our two medical schools in Fremantle and Sydney, the only Catholic medical schools in Australia, each of which is separately and independently accredited by the AMC. Notre Dame also operates six clinical schools across New South Wales and Victoria and jointly runs another in rural Western Australia. As such, we offer our students excellent facilities and the opportunity to undertake clinical training across a wide number of hospitals.

We place a high value on pastoral care, mentoring and student support. We strive to produce ethical, caring and competent doctors who will practice in all locations and professional areas and will become the future clinical and policy leaders in Australian health care.

The School of Medicine, Fremantle

The School of Medicine, Fremantle took its first cohort of students in February 2005. It now enrolls approximately 100 students per year and has graduated over 440 students. The School continues to have a strong emphasis on encouraging rural practice - with an aim to enroll 25% of students per year from a rural background. Alternative pathway admission is also available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Our 60 full time staff and over 160 adjunct staff are committed to providing an exciting and challenging course which gives students the opportunity to participate in social justice programs, discuss bioethical constructs, learn about preventative and public health and develop skills for basic research, while also ensuring a continuing emphasis on communication and clinical skills.

We expect that our graduates will:

- demonstrate clinical competence
- demonstrate compassion, respect and empathy through excellent communication skills
- identify and understand ethical issues
- be likely to practice in areas of unmet need
- have a commitment to, and capacity for, lifelong learning and reflective practice
- contribute significantly to healthcare delivery in Western Australia

Courses

- Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (Graduate-entry)
- Pre-Medicine Certificate
Practical Component

Notre Dame’s Fremantle School of Medicine utilises a curriculum of active learning strategies in its Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery.

The teaching program is underpinned by Problem Based Learning in the first two years and includes: communication and clinical skills; basic clinical sciences; population and preventive health; and personal and professional development. Clinical placements occur throughout the four years of the program and take place in a wide variety of settings including aged care facilities, private healthcare organisations, public secondary and tertiary hospitals, and community based family practices.

The last two years of the course are discipline-based (i.e. medicine, surgery and critical care) and are primarily taught in a hospital setting.

There are rural placements in each year of the course. First year students experience a week in WA’s Wheatbelt and those in second year spend a week in the Kimberley. Twenty-five percent of third year students spend the entire year in a rural setting and there is a four-week rural practice placement in fourth year.

Accreditation

The Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery is accredited by the Australian Medical Council as meeting national standards of medical education, permitting graduates to receive provisional registration and become a junior doctor (also known as a doctor-in-training) and enter the medical workforce.
Role Description

Foundation Chair and Consultant Rehabilitation Physician

Key Responsibilities

The Foundation Chair (Professor) will help to build research capacity and a reputation for research excellence in the broad field of rehabilitation medicine including service delivery. They will facilitate the integration of rehabilitation medicine research in ways that compliment emerging cross disciplinary expertise within the University. They will actively champion the translation of medical science research into practice, and will be pivotal in integrating the research needs of the hospitals and local, national and international health research communities with the cognate research interests of the University (e.g. neuroscience, psychology and exercise science, health policy). They will provide strategic and practical advice with regard to the development of post-graduate coursework and higher degree by research programs and be strongly engaged in the further development of a vibrant research culture in a multi-disciplinary environment.

The Consultant Rehabilitation Physician as part of the interdisciplinary team actively leads the provision of high quality rehabilitation care to patients. They promote personalised, safe and timely care. And leads and promotes the organisational culture of commitment, accountability, respect and excellence. They will work with the Head of Speciality and other consultants to manage patient demand, achieve national performance outcomes and to meet the National Safety and Quality Health Services Standards.

Key Accountabilities

Consultant Rehabilitation Physician

The Consultant is responsible for the overall standard of medical care delivered to each patient and each consultant is responsible for the supervision of the junior medical staff caring for their patients.

Clinical Care and Teaching

- The consultant leads the provision of medical care to inpatients and outpatients of the speciality and provides a consultation service on request for other patients at FSH.
- Educates junior medical staff, medical students and other members of the interdisciplinary team through ward rounds, tutorials and other modalities.
- Supports and liaises with patients, carers, colleagues, nursing, allied health, support staff, external agencies and the private sector to provide coordinated multidisciplinary care.
- Includes patients in decision making regarding their care, and in open disclosure following an adverse event.
- Complies with the rehabilitation service admission policies, develops and works within goal directed management plans.
- Conducts regular clinical review of patients at appropriate intervals with junior doctors and coordinates patient care with a focus on actively addressing unnecessary delays in patient admission, treatment or discharge. Leads interdisciplinary team meetings regularly.
- Personally reviews inpatients who deteriorate or whose condition is causing concern to hospital staff, or if requested by the patient or relatives as soon as possible.
- Works with the Head of Speciality and other consultants to distribute unplanned and planned patient demand across the speciality and champions clinical service redesign to improve systems of care.

Clinical Safety, Patient Outcomes and Research

- Champions the FSH values of commitment, accountability, respect and excellence,
- Fulfils National Safety and Quality Health Services Standards requirements including but not limited to:
  - Participation in the development, implementation, reporting and monitoring of quality assurance measures and activities.
  - Participation in continuous safety and quality improvement activities such as regular morbidity/mortality reviews, peer review, clinical incident reporting and investigations that result in improvements to patient care, staff knowledge or the consumers’ experience.
  - Completion of an annual professional development review of their performance with their Head of Speciality.
- Encourages and participates in research and audit as means of enhancing patient care.
- Undertakes continuing professional development and ensures continuous eligibility for relevant specialist medical registration.
Foundation Chair in Rehabilitation Medicine (Professor Level E)

Research

• Provide outstanding academic leadership in the field of rehabilitation medicine, championing medical sciences research and research training both within Australia and internationally.

• Conduct research into rehabilitation medicine with a continuing high level of personal commitment to and achievement in the field, particularly to establish and lead a productive research group, with its outputs characterised by:
  (i) well cited publications in high impact research journals,
  (ii) outstanding graduate outcomes and PhD completions and
  (iii) its impact on public policy and practice.

• Enhance and maintain the international and national reputation of rehabilitation medicine by participating in technical committees of international conferences, editorial boards and receiving invitations to deliver keynote and plenary addresses.

• Establish effective relationships with stakeholders including key researchers, research and research-funding agencies and collaborative organisations both within Australia and internationally, to increase funding and research activity.

• Be a focal point of engagement between the Universities and local and international communities and act as the research spokesperson on rehabilitation medicine.

• Work with the other areas in the Universities to identify, support and lead key strategic initiatives to grow the research profile and research income.

Learning and Teaching

• Supervise PhD students to enable them to become the new generation of rehabilitation medicine practitioner scientists.

• Contribute to leadership in scholarly activities that influence and enhance learning and teaching in the University, including limited teaching activities.

• Actively contribute to the University of Notre Dame School of Medicine curriculum.

• Participate in the Universities Academic Performance Development Review (APDR).
Essential Selection Criteria

1. Eligible for registration with the Medical Board of Australia.
2. Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of Physicians or equivalent.
3. A PhD or equivalent, in a related field of rehabilitation medicine, plus extensive experience in an area relevant to the appointment.
4. Commitment to the Objects of the University of Notre Dame Australia.
5. Demonstrated clinical experience in rehabilitation medicine.
6. Demonstrated high levels skills in all aspects of the CanMEDS competency framework including as a medical expert, communicator, collaborator, manager, health advocate, scholar and professional.
7. Experience in academic leadership including a record of building a successful research group and driving research performance in a large, complex organisational environment.
8. Demonstrated experience and commitment to including patients in decision making regarding their care and to open disclosure when difficulties arise.
9. A track record of success in producing quality research outputs, including well-cited publications in mainstream, high-impact, international research journals.
10. A track record of success in attracting substantive research funding.
11. Demonstrated experience and commitment to working in a coordinated multidisciplinary team and to ongoing clinical service redesign to improve the systems of care for patients.
12. A high level of achievement in successfully supervising doctorate students to completion, advising post-doctorate fellows, and mentoring junior academics.
13. Demonstrated experience and commitment to audit, clinical teaching and clinical research as means to advance the medical care of future patients.
14. Demonstrated high level interpersonal, negotiation and conflict resolution skills with an ability to liaise effectively with patients, individuals and the multidisciplinary team and academic colleagues.
15. Demonstrated success as a leader in research, learning and teaching, and administrative activities at senior levels of an organisation.
16. Current knowledge of legislative obligations for Equal Opportunity, Disability Services and Occupational Safety and Health, and how these impact on employment and service delivery.

Desirable Selection Criteria

1. Post final fellowship sub-speciality, education, research or quality improvement training or qualifications, i.e. dual trained physicians (e.g. general medicine/gastroenterology; general medicine/cardiology, etc).
2. Knowledge of current clinical governance systems.
3. Current "C" or "C.A." class drivers licence.
4. Member of AFRM or equivalent rehabilitation speciality board.

Appointment Prerequisites

Consultant Rehabilitation Medicine appointment is subject to:

- Evidence of specialist registration by Medical Board of Australia must be provided prior to commencement.
- Working with Children (WWC) Check, compulsory check for people who carry out child-related work in Western Australia.
- Successful Criminal Record screening.
- Completion of 100 point identification check.
- Successful Pre-Employment integrity check.
- Successful Pre-Employment Health Assessment.

Foundation Chair (Professor, Level E) appointment is subject to:

- This position will be subject to a 3-year probationary period, during which time the academic staff member is required to meet set probationary objectives and pass a probationary review. Probationary objectives are set following appointment to the position and confirmed during the first Academic Performance Development Review (APDR).
Appointment of Foundation Chair and Clinical Consultant Rehabilitation Medicine

Appointment Process and How to Apply

Murdoch University is facilitating this co-appointment process with Fiona Stanley Hospital and the University of Notre Dame Australia. The selection committee will include senior staff from each organisation.

Applications should consist of a full curriculum vitae detailing academic and professional qualifications, full employment history, and relevant achievements. CVs should be accompanied by a covering letter describing briefly how candidates meet the criteria outlined in the selection criteria, why the appointment is of interest and why they believe they can bring to the role.

If you have any questions about the role please contact one of the following:

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by Friday 31st October 2014.
Our Locations

**Murdoch University**

The University offers courses at its three Western Australian campuses in Perth, Rockingham and Mandurah and internationally through partnerships in Singapore, Malaysia and Dubai. Our main campus is the South Street campus in Perth, the capital city of the state of Western Australia (WA). The campus is close to Perth’s CBD and easily accessible by train, bus or car.

**Fiona Stanley Hospital**

Opening from October 2014, Fiona Stanley Hospital (FSH) is located in Murdoch, 15 kilometres south of the Perth CBD and nine kilometres east of Fremantle. With easy access to public transport and major roads, the hospital will be the major tertiary hospital in the south metropolitan area and will meet the growing needs of communities south of Perth and across the State.

**The University of Notre Dame Australia**

The Campus is located in the historic West End of Fremantle, the main port city of Western Australia, 18 kilometres from Perth. It is a “town” university and the only one of its type in Australia. The beautiful buildings of both the Campus and the surrounding city of Fremantle lend a distinctive character to Notre Dame.

Present and past merge into a rich mix of cultures and traditions that is typical of the older university towns of Europe. Notre Dame is a growing community within the City of Fremantle and contributes actively to the City.

**The City of Perth**

With a population of almost 1.7 million people, Perth is a thriving, cosmopolitan city. Life is relaxed and focuses on the outdoors. Perth enjoys more hours of sunshine than any other capital city in Australia. It is a ‘water’ city – sitting on the Swan River and on the Indian Ocean coast.

There are premium wineries, beaches and bushland within easy reach, and a sophisticated mix of cafes, restaurants, boutiques and department stores in the city.

Perth has a lively cultural and artistic life, with art galleries and museums, international film festivals, writer’s festivals and the world-renowned Perth International Arts Festival being just some of the cultural offerings. Because of the long dry summer, many of these events take place outdoors in spectacular venues.

WA covers one-third of the Australian continent, spanning over 2.5 million square kilometres (1 million square miles) and several different climatic zones.

With the fastest growing economy in the country, WA is widely regarded as the ‘powerhouse’ of the nation’s economy. Its people, industries and institutions are dynamic and global in outlook with rapidly expanding international business partnerships.

**Useful links**

- City of Perth Information
  [www.perth.wa.gov.au](http://www.perth.wa.gov.au)
- WA Tourism Information
  [www.westernaustralia.com/au](http://www.westernaustralia.com/au)
- Local Council Information