

The City of Perth

General Info

- ❑ the capital and largest city of Western Australia
- ❑ population - 1,659,000 (2009)
- ❑ fourth amongst the nation's cities
- ❑ growth rate - above the national average



History

- founded on 12 June 1829
- by Captain James Stirling
- as the political centre of the free-settler *Swan River Colony*
- serves as the seat of government for Western Australia (up to the present day) Its port, *Fremantle*, is older than Perth

Fremantle Port



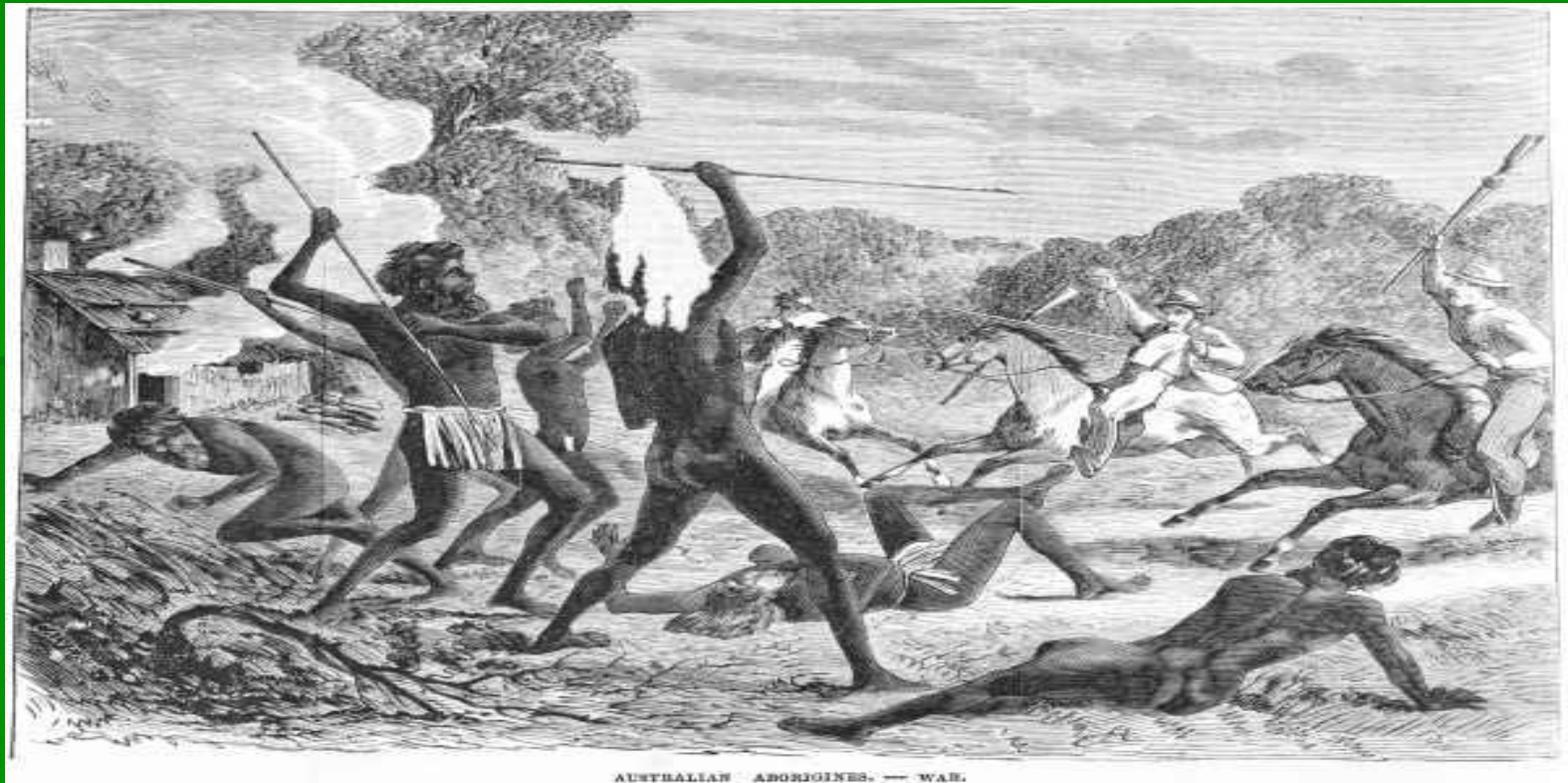
Before the “white”



- o Before European settlement:
- o the Whadjuk Noongar people
- o for over 40,000 years
- o the southwest corner of Western Australia
- o living as hunter-gatherers

Meeting!

- first contact with Europeans in 1827
- The first documented European sighting:
- the Dutch Captain Willem de Vlamingh and his crew on 10 January 1697



Name

- from Fremantle's diary entry for 12 August:

*"they named the Town Perth
according to the wishes of Sir George*

Murray.

- Murray was born in Perth, Scotland, and was in 1829 Secretary of State for the Colonies and Member for Perthshire in the British House of Commons. It is therefore often asserted that the town was named after the Scottish Perth in Murray's honour

Business City

The
Economist

- The metropolitan area - the south-west
- The central business district and suburbs of Perth - on the Swan River
- Perth is tied for fifth place in The Economist's 2009 list of the World's Most Livable Cities

Economist.com rankings

Liveability

Selected cities, December 2006

Best

Rank		Liveability*
1	Vancouver	1.3%
2	Melbourne	1.8%
3	Vienna	2.3%
4	Perth	2.5%
5	Toronto	3.0%
6	Adelaide	3.0%
7	Sydney	3.2%
8	Copenhagen	3.7%
9	Geneva	3.9%
10	Zurich	3.9%

December 2006

“City of Lights”



known worldwide as the "City of Lights"

residents lit their house lights and streetlights as American astronaut John Glenn passed overhead while orbiting the earth on Friendship 7 in 1962. The city repeated its feat as Glenn passed overhead on the Space Shuttle in 1998



Population (2006)

(the largest ancestry groups in the Perth metropolitan areas)

- English (534,555 or 28.6%),
- "Australian" (479,174 or 25.6%),
- Irish (115,384 or 6.2%),
- Scottish (113,846 or 6.1%),
- Italian (84,331 or 4.5%)
- Chinese (53,390 or 2.9%)

House for ...

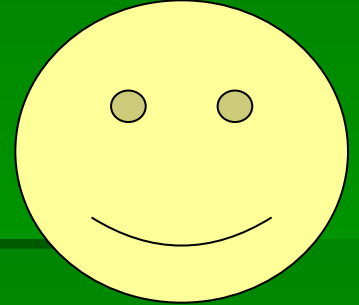
- Perth houses the Parliament of Western Australia and the Governor of Western Australia.
- The state's highest court, the Supreme Court



Economy

- dominates the Western Australian economy:
- functions as the State's capital city, its economic base and population size have also created development opportunities for many other businesses oriented to local or more diversified markets

Parks



- Visitors and residents - a parkland oasis
- beautifully crafted green open space combining heritage, public art and water features



The Esplanade

- **The Esplanade Reserve** - host for a variety of community, sporting and cultural events
- ideally positioned
- A modern open air performing arts facility, "The Landing on the Esplanade"
- **Allan Green Conservatory** is located on the Esplanade Reserve

Allan Green Conservatory



Zoo

- <http://www.perthzoo.wa.gov.au/Animals--Plants/>

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