

### FOR GROUP BOOKINGS:

The Education Program is conducted at two Centres; Perth and Fremantle.

### PERTH CENTRE:

Hours: Monday to Friday

(by appointment).

9.00am to 4.00pm

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### FREMANTLE CENTRE:

Phone: (08) 9430 6246

All other details as for the Perth Centre.

### MUSEUM:

Hours: Wednesday to Friday

10.00am to 2.30pm

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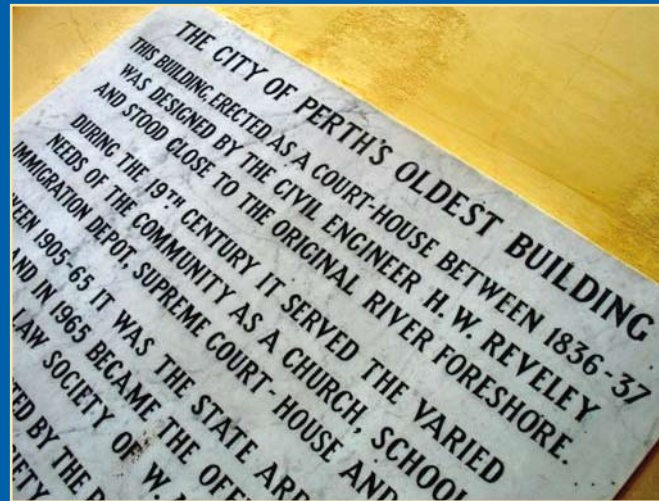
### ADMISSION IS FREE

### MOCK TRIAL COORDINATOR:

Phone: (08) 9324 8604

For further details see website:

[www.lawsocietywa.asn.au](http://www.lawsocietywa.asn.au)

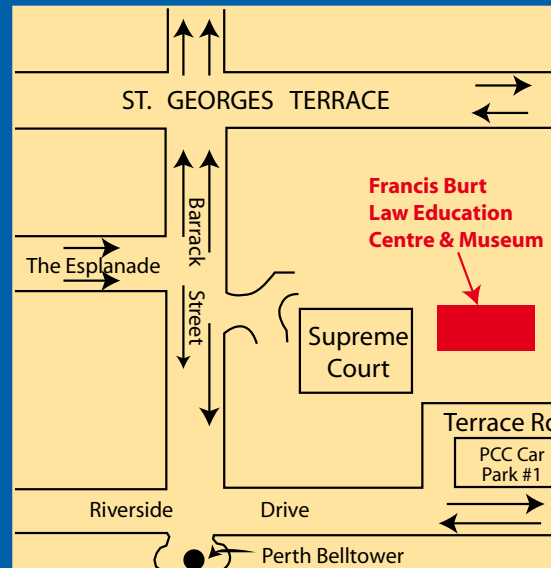


### FRANCIS BURT LAW EDUCATION CENTRE

Supreme Court of WA

Stirling Gardens

Perth WA 6000



# Francis Burt Law Education Centre And Museum



The Francis Burt Law Education Centre  
is a Community Service of the  
Law Society of Western Australia.  
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## FRANCIS BURT LAW MUSEUM

The building is the City of Perth's oldest public building still standing and is one of the few law museums worldwide.

In 1836 Governor Stirling called tenders for a Courthouse and by late 1836 the courthouse was built. Henry Reveley, the civil Engineer for the colony from 1829 to 1838, designed the building.

The courthouse was opened with a Divine Service on Good Friday 1837 and over the decades filled many different requirements for the early colonists. Civil cases were heard on Saturday morning and up until 1854 the building also served as a schoolroom, a venue for concerts and meetings, an immigration depot (1856-1863), the Supreme Court (1863), the State Arbitration Court (1905-1964) and the Law Society offices (1965-1987).

In 1987 the building was refurbished and opened to the public and named The Francis Burt Law Education Centre after Sir Francis Theodore Page Burt, Chief Justice of Western Australia, 1977-1988.

The building is now used as the Law Society of Western Australia's museum and community education centre for legal history in Western Australia.



## TIMELINE:

- 1836 Huts of wattle and daub provide accommodation for about 600 European settlers. A courthouse is needed. Governor Stirling calls for tenders. The lowest is £689.00.
- 1837 Courthouse is opened.
- 1838 Courthouse is a school.
- 1845 Courthouse is a concert hall and venue for a concert raising funds for a church organ. Ticket Prices, Gallery 2/-, Court room 3/-
- 1849 The Courthouse is a meeting house where a petition is adopted for the establishment of a penal colony.
- 1856 Venue for the meeting to demand Representative Government. (Granted 1870).
- 1857 Court sittings transferred to the new building in Beaufort Street.
- 1905 The Courthouse is a Government Store. A new Supreme Court is built. The Old Courthouse becomes the Arbitration Court.
- 1965 The Old Courthouse is the office of the Law Society of Western Australia.
- 1987 The Old Courthouse is Australia's first Law Museum and is named the Francis Burt Law Education Centre.
- 1992 The Courthouse is listed by the National Trust as a Heritage site.



## BECOME ENGROSSED AND ENGAGED IN OUR LEGAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES!

Under the guidance of the Education officers, groups of primary, secondary, tertiary students and the general public, visit the centre and learn about the legal process, and elements of the legal system.

### Participate in a trial re-enactment

- Dress in wigs, gowns and costumes.
- Act out the characters from one of historical and fictional scripts, eg, Ballroom Murder, John Gaven (murder), Alice in Wonderland (theft), Captain Hook (kidnapping).
- Learn to use court protocol and procedures.

### Step into a real court

Sit in the empty court and discover how the legal system works. Learn about:

- The role of the court personnel
- Court procedure, etiquette and layout
- Court hierarchy.

### View a real Supreme Court case

You may be able to see one of the following:

- Criminal trial
- Civil trial
- Jury selection
- Sentencing
- Pleas

