

Worldcon 75 Fannish Inquisition

Name of bid/convention

Perth in 2025

For what dates are you bidding?

August, 2025.

What is your proposed convention host city? Is your convention site in a central location or a suburb? If a suburb, what are the transport options into the city centre? How far is the site from the city centre?

Perth, Australia. Central location.

Who are the main people on your committee?

Jack Bridges, Dave Cake, P R Khangure, Sarah Parker

Travel

What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as Helsinki, London, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Melbourne?

Return airfare:

Helsinki ~1000E,

London ~700GBP,

Boston, Chicago, LA ~1600USD,

Melbourne ~400AUD.

Do international flights fly into your local airport? Which airlines? If not, where is the closest international airport? Are direct flights from the cities above flown into your local airport?

Perth International Airport, Airlines include Qantas (American Airlines codeshare), Virgin, Emirates, Singapore, Cathay Pacific, Malaysia, Eithad, Air New Zealand, Qatar, and Garuda. Direct from Melbourne and London, other cities with a single stop, usually through Qatar, Dubai, Singapore or Hong Kong.

How far is your convention site from the nearest airport and train station and what is the likely cost of getting to the hotels by both public transport and taxi from those stations?

Preferred site is 20 minutes from the airport, with bus and train station at convention centre. Approximately \$50AUD for taxi, \$40AUD for Uber, \$5AUD for bus. Second choice site is slightly (5km / 3mi) closer to the airport, so a little cheaper.

Please describe public transport options in your city.

Free CAT bus around city. Ferry across river. Buses and trains throughout metropolitan area.

Facilities

Please describe your main convention facilities.

Preferred site is Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre, located in Central Perth, with train station and bus port adjacent, and 15 hotels within 5 minutes walk. Includes indoor and outdoor facilities, 2,500 person theatre, exhibition pavilions, ball rooms (1000 people), medium rooms (500 people), meeting rooms (400 people) and board rooms (up to 50 people).

What hotel(s) are being used for the convention? How many rooms of what types do you have in your room blocks?

There are 15 hotels within 5 minutes walk of the convention centre, and over 10,000 rooms in the city, with 1,600 within 1km / 0.6mi. The free CAT bus also allows for rooms further out. Room numbers and blocks will be organised closer to the date, and will include multiple options for different budgets.

What are your hotel room rates like?

Rates will be organised closer to the date. Without discount, rack rates for the Hilton are 190 AUD / 150 USD / 130E / 115GBP.

What is the distance from the nearest door of your main hotel(s) to the closest entrance of the convention site? What are the transportation options for those who prefer not to walk or who have mobility difficulties?

The Hilton is 200m / 220 yards from the convention centre. There are lifts, overpasses and walkways that are mobility scooter friendly.

Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.

There are many cafes, restaurants and bars close by, or a short CAT bus, walk or Taxi ride. Close to the convention centre is the Print Hall multi level dining and bar precinct, there various restaurants in the CBD / Downtown itself, and across the train line is the Northbridge restaurant, bar and club district.

What arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party space? Do you have a corkage waiver?

Parties are an important part of the Perth Spec Fic conventions, and party space and waivers will be determined closer to the date, either at the convention centre, or a nearby party hotel.

Miscellaneous

What type of weather can we expect during your convention? What is the average temperature during that time of year?

Perth has a very mild winter, August weather with a low of 9C / 48F and high of 17C / 63F. Average daily temperature would be 13C / 55F.

What are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?

Fremantle, Kings Park, Northbridge, Swan Valley, Rottnest Island, Perth Mint, Perth Zoo, Beautiful Coastline and Beaches, Margaret River.

Are you planning to have any membership discounts for certain groups, such as young adults?

Membership rates and potential discounts (e.g. first Worldcon, Young Adult, etc) will be determined closer to the date.

Should you win, do you plan to charge an additional fee for receiving paper publications?

We are monitoring the current discussions and trends for electronic and paper publications, and will have a definitive answer closer to the date.

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