APCEC

Australasian Paediatric and Congenital Echocardiography Conference

2-3 APRIL 2027 PERTH WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Destination Perth

Visitor information for APCEC delegates

Welcome to Perth

Perth is Western Australia's sunny capital, a relaxed city set on the wide blue Swan River, with the Indian Ocean on its doorstep. It is one of the sunniest capitals in the world, and its compact, walkable centre sits just minutes from bushland, river foreshore and white-sand beaches.

Delegates will find a city that blends a modern skyline with heritage laneways, a thriving small-bar and dining scene, and easy day trips to world-class wine regions, the historic port of Fremantle and the quokkas of Rottnest Island. Perth is also home to one of the world's oldest living cultures: the city stands on Whadjuk Noongar boodja (country), and Aboriginal culture is woven through its parks, art and tours.

In April, Perth experiences warm, sunny days and mild, comfortable nights, with highs around 24–27°C and lows dropping to around 13-15°C. It is the perfect time to visit our shores!

Sights and experiences

Perth's best sights are close together: most are within a short CAT (free public transportation) bus, train or ferry ride of the city, and Harry Perkins conference venue in the QEII campus is located a short distance from Kings Park.

Kings Park and Botanic Garden

One of the world's largest inner-city parks, larger than New York's Central Park, with sweeping views over the city and Swan River. Walk the glass-and-steel Lotterywest Federation Walkway through the treetops, and see thousands of native wildflowers in the Botanic Garden. It is a 5-minute drive from the Perkins, or take the free Blue CAT from the city.

Elizabeth Quay and the Swan River

The city's waterfront hub, with restaurants, the Spanda sculpture, the Bell Tower and its ring of bells, and the ferry to South Perth and Perth Zoo. A pleasant place for an evening stroll after the conference.

Fremantle

A historic port city 30 minutes by train, known for its heritage streetscapes, the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Fremantle Prison, the Fremantle Markets (Friday to Sunday), craft breweries and fish and chips on the harbour.

Rottnest Island

A car-free island famous for quokkas, which are small, friendly marsupials native to the island. Hire a bike, explore the bays by bus, swim and snorkel in clear bays and grab the obligatory quokka selfie. Ferries run from Fremantle (about 25 minutes) and Barrack Street Jetty in the city (about 90 minutes).

Cottesloe and Perth's beaches

Perth has more than 19 beaches along its coast. Cottesloe, 15 minutes from the Perkins, is the classic choice for a swim and an Indian Ocean sunset; Scarborough has a lively beachfront, linked by the free Surf CAT bus.

Swan Valley

Western Australia's oldest wine region, just 25 minutes from the city, with wineries, breweries, chocolate and cheese makers, and river cruises from the city that end with a tasting.

Northbridge and the city centre

Northbridge is home to the Perth Cultural Centre, the Art Gallery of WA, the WA Museum Boola Bardip and a busy small-bar and dining scene. In the city, explore heritage arcades, laneway bars and rooftop restaurants.

Getting around Perth

Perth's public transport network, Transperth, links trains, buses and ferries under one ticket, and the easiest way to pay is simply to tap a contactless bank card or phone. There is no need to buy a ticket or travel card in advance.

- **Pay as you go:** tap on and off with Visa, Mastercard, Apple Pay or Google Pay. Fares are capped at the daily rate (around $7), so you never pay more than that in a day.
- **Fares:** a short trip (up to 3.2 km) is about $2.40; a Go Anywhere fare (about $3.50) gives unlimited travel on trains, buses and ferries for 3 hours.
- **Free travel:** trips that start and end at central stations (City West, Perth Underground/Busport, Elizabeth Quay, McIver, Claisebrook) are free with contactless, and all travel is free on Sundays.
- **Free CAT buses:** Perth's Central Area Transit (CAT) buses are free, with no card needed. The Red, Blue and Yellow CATs loop the city centre, the Blue CAT runs to Kings Park, and the **Purple CAT** runs to UWA and the QEII Medical Centre (see below).
- **Trains and ferries:** suburban lines radiate from Perth Station, and the ferry from Elizabeth Quay to the South Perth foreshore takes about 10 minutes.
- **From the airport:** A taxi or rideshare to the city is the easiest option and takes 20–30 minutes. The Airport Line runs from Airport Central (Terminals 1 and 2) to Perth Station in about 18 minutes. For Terminals 3 and 4, take the train to Redcliffe and the 292 shuttle bus.

APCEC

Australasian Paediatric and Congenital Echocardiography Conference

2-3 APRIL 2027 PERTH WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Venue

McCusker Auditorium, Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research (North)

About the venue

APCEC will be held in the McCusker Auditorium at the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research (North), one of Australia's leading medical research institutes. The venue sits on the Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre campus in Nedlands, Western Australia's largest health and research precinct, just 6 km from the Perth city centre. Its design was recognised with two Australian Institute of Architects awards in 2014, including the Jeffrey Howlett Award for Public Architecture.



APCEC

Australasian Paediatric and Congenital Echocardiography Conference

2-3 APRIL 2027 PERTH WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Venue address

McCusker Auditorium
Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research (North)
QEII Medical Centre
6 Verdun Street, Nedlands WA 6009



APCEC

Australasian Paediatric and Congenital Echocardiography Conference

2-3 APRIL 2027 PERTH WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Where to Stay

For the easiest commute, stay in the city near Elizabeth Quay (for the free Purple CAT) or in Subiaco and West Perth, a short ride from the QEII campus. The city offers the widest choice of hotels, dining and nightlife.

Hotel	Area	Style	Getting to the Perkins
QT Perth	City centre	Boutique	Purple CAT or bus 950
Alex Hotel	Northbridge	Boutique	Bus 950 from Perth Station
The Adnate Perth – Art Series	City centre	Boutique	Purple CAT or bus 950
Vibe Hotel Subiaco Perth	Subiaco	Mid-range	Bus 97 or rideshare, ~5–10 min
Tribe Perth Kings Park	West Perth	Mid-range	Rideshare, ~10 min
Quest Mounts Bay Road	City edge, near Kings Park	Serviced apartments	Purple CAT or bus 950
Quest Kings Park	West Perth	Serviced apartments	Rideshare, ~10 min
COMO The Treasury	City centre	Luxury, heritage	Purple CAT from Elizabeth Quay (5 min walk)
The Ritz-Carlton, Perth	Elizabeth Quay	Luxury, river views	Purple CAT from Elizabeth Quay
InterContinental Perth City Centre	City centre	Upper-scale	Purple CAT or bus 950
The Westin Perth	City centre (east)	Upper-scale	Red CAT to Elizabeth Quay, then Purple CAT
Parmelia Hilton Perth	City centre (west)	Upper-scale	Purple CAT from Elizabeth Quay
DoubleTree by Hilton Perth Waterfront	East Perth riverside	Upper-scale	Rideshare, ~15 min

Getting to the Harry Perkins Institute

The Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research is on the QEII Medical Centre campus, about 6 km west of the city centre. The quickest free option from the city centre is the Purple CAT bus (around 20 minutes); a rideshare or taxi takes about 10–15 minutes.

Option	Where to catch it	Frequency / time	Cost
Purple CAT bus	Elizabeth Quay Bus Station, via UWA	Every 10 min weekdays, every 15 min weekends; ~20 min	Free, no card needed
Bus route 950	Wellington St (Perth Station) or Elizabeth Quay Bus Station	High-frequency; ~20–25 min	Standard fare (tap on/off)
Bus route 103	Elizabeth Quay Station, via Stirling Hwy	Regular; ~25 min	Standard fare
Train + bus	Fremantle Line to Subiaco, then route 97	~25–30 min	Standard fare
Rideshare (Uber, DiDi, Ola) or taxi	Anywhere in the city	~10–15 min (allow more in peak hour)	Approx. $20–30 from the CBD
Drive	Visitor Car Park 3A, Caledenia Crescent	~15 min	Paid parking; spaces fill early

Purple CAT tips: buses stop on Hospital Avenue within the QEII campus; from there the Perkins is a short walk. Unlike the city-centre CATs, you need to wave the Purple CAT down and press the bell to get off.

Rideshare and taxi: Vehicle access and drop-off is via Caledenia Crescent, at the front of the Perkins building. Use the drop-off zone outside the front of the Perkins or Visitor Car Park 3 on Caledenia Crescent. To leave the venue by taxi, you can use the Taxi Call Button at Perkins reception; taxis collect from Taxi Stand 7 on Caledenia Crescent (bright yellow signs).

Parking

Paid visitor parking is available on campus, but spaces are limited and fill early, so allow extra time or use public transport where possible.

- **Closest:** Visitor Car Park 3A, Caledenia Crescent
- **Alternatives:** outside the Lions Eye Institute on Verdun Street, or the Multideck Car Park on Hospital Avenue
- You will need your vehicle registration number at the ticket machine.