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Chinatown is Perth's exuberant centre for Asian culture

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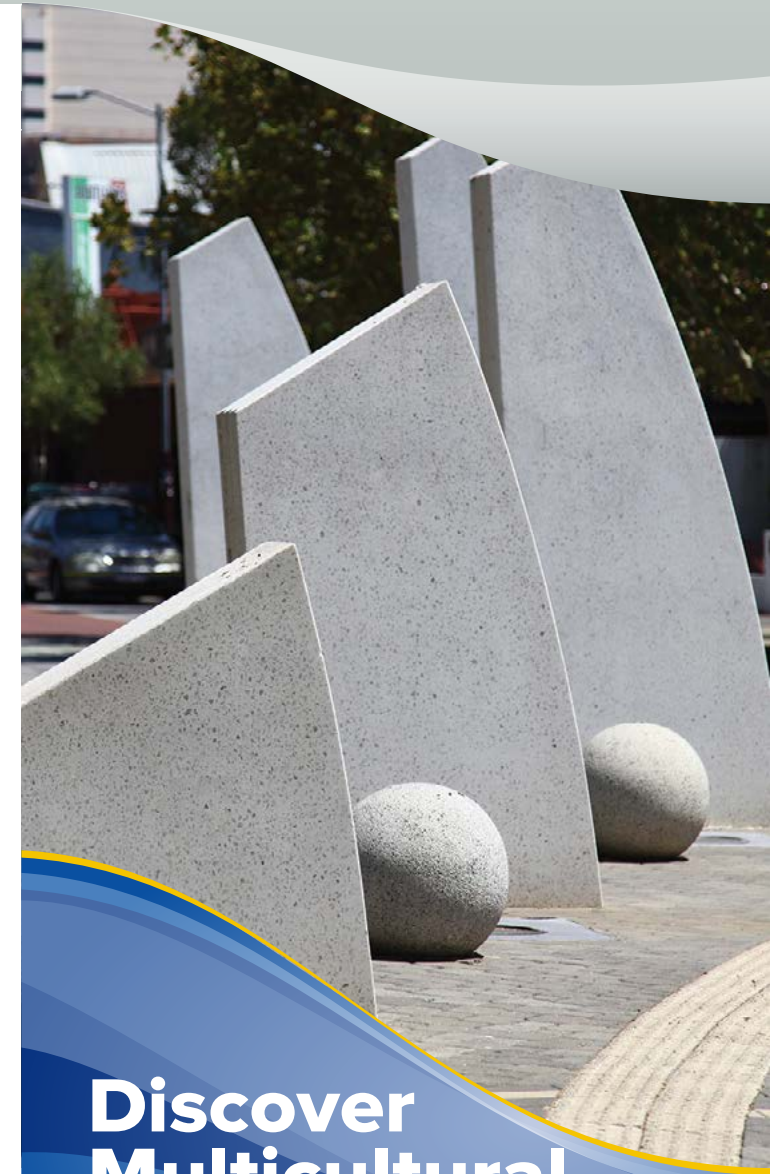
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Western Australia's many culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) communities have contributed significantly to Perth's development and have helped make it the vibrant city it is today. As communities evolve, our shared cultural heritage will continue to grow and be enriched.

Many locations around Perth have historical or current significance to WA's CaLD communities.

Explore the suggested trails on this map to discover some of Perth's abundant and diverse heritage.



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Northbridge trail

01 GATE 2: COALESCE

Created in 1987 by Japan-born Australian artist Akio Makigawa, this sculpture is a statement work for the entry of the State Library. The work includes a central 'gate' symbolising a meeting place, the exchange of ideas and a passage for development.

02 KAKULAS BROTHERS

Evangelos Kakulas began operating his Mediterranean grocery store in 1929 on the site where Kakulas Bros continues to thrive today. The shop became an important meeting place for the Greek community and a source of help for struggling new arrivals. It was also influential in introducing Perth to Greek and Mediterranean foods.

03 CHINATOWN

Chinatown is Perth's exuberant centre for Asian culture, restaurants and nightlife. Chinese architecture, lion statues and bubble tea houses line the lanes of this 1980s development built to mark the presence of the Chinese community in WA since the 1840s.

04 CHUNG WAH HALL

Opened at the auspicious time of 11pm on Chinese New Year 1911, Chung Wah Association (CWA) Hall was a focus for meetings, social functions and welfare services. CWA was established in 1909 to meet the needs of the growing WA Chinese community.

05 RUSSELL SQUARE

Russell Square was a favourite meeting place of the Italian community in the early 19th century and was known as 'Parco dei Sospiri' (the Park of Sighs). It was also important to the Greek community as it is close to the Orthodox Church of Saints Constantine and Helene, and the Hellenic Community Centre of WA.

06 GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST CONSTANTINE AND ST HELENE

Built by the Greek community in 1935–37, the church was the result of many years of fundraising. The church and the Hellenic Community Centre next to it continue to be a major centre of worship and fellowship for Perth's Greek community.

07 PLATEIA HELLAS SQUARE AND NEXUS SCULPTURE

Celebrating Northbridge's well-established Greek community, this stone and water sculpture was based on classical Greek architecture and marks the Plateia Hellas ('Greek Town Square').

08 THE RE STORE

Opened in 1936 by the Re family (who originated from Italy), The Re Store was one of Perth's first continental food retailers. The shop supplied Italian communities across WA and was instrumental in introducing 'real' coffee and many of WA's best-loved imported foods to Perth.

09 PERTH MOSQUE

Perth Mosque is WA's principal and oldest mosque and the second-oldest mosque in Australia. Built in 1905–06, it was funded mainly by Afghan and Punjabi camel drivers who drove camel teams from Perth to the Goldfields.

10 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE MONUMENT OF GRATITUDE

Erected in 2013, the monument was funded by the WA Vietnamese community in gratitude for "embracing the Vietnamese refugees into this great nation". Many of WA's Vietnamese community were part of the refugee exodus after the fall of Saigon in 1975.

11 CHANH GIAC TEMPLE

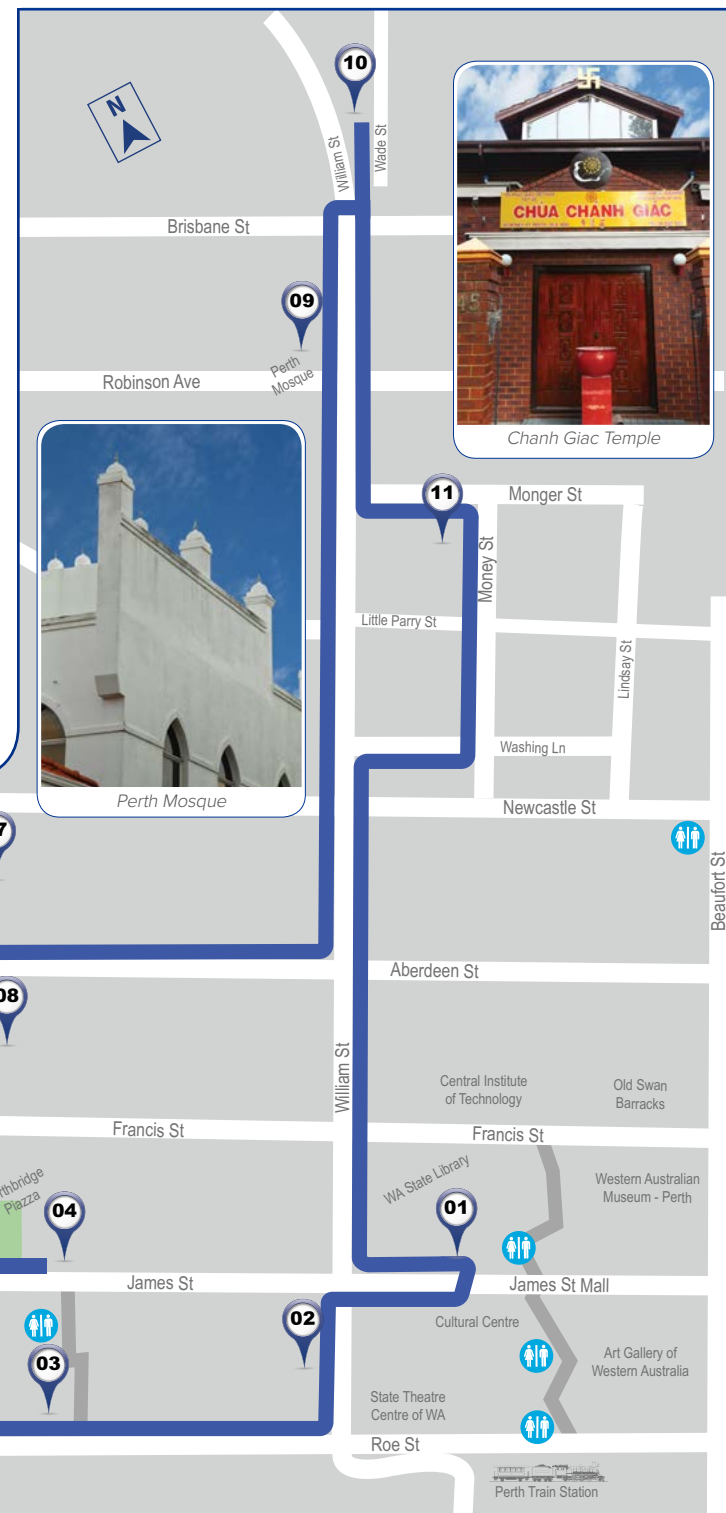
The temple is a focus for Perth's Vietnamese community, which expanded after the end of the Vietnam War in 1975. It was erected by the Vietnamese Buddhist Association of WA in 1990.



Church of St Constantine and St Helene



Russell Square



Chanh Giac Temple



Perth Mosque