

Fact sheet

Passenger records held in Perth

The National Archives office in Perth holds inwards and outwards passenger lists for the port of Fremantle and other ports in Western Australia – including Albany, Broome, Bunbury, Busselton, Carnarvon, Cossack, Derby, Geraldton, Onslow and Port Hedland, Point Sampson and Wyndham and Perth airports.

As Fremantle was often the first port of call for passenger ships from Europe and Britain, many of the Fremantle arrival lists also contain the names of 'in-transit' passengers who were intending to disembark at later ports.

Inwards passenger lists

Holdings of inwards passenger lists for the port of Fremantle date from 1898 and are available as microfilm (1898–1963) or as original records (from 1964). Copies of the microfilmed lists are digitised and also held by the National Archives research centres in Canberra and Sydney, and the J S Battye Library, Perth.

A list of passengers arriving at Albany between 1873 and 1925 is held on microfiche. The list was compiled from passenger records held by the National Archives and the State Records Office of Western Australia by the WA Genealogical Society. Copies are also held by the library of the WA Genealogical Society and the Library and Information Service of Western Australia (LISWA).

Details of the inwards passenger records held by the National Archives in Perth are listed below.

Inwards passenger lists for Western Australian ports

Fremantle and Perth airport

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
Ships passenger lists – inwards (Fremantle) (lists for 1898–1963 available on microfilm)	1898–1978	K269
Aircraft passenger lists – inwards (Perth Airport) (lists for 1944–63 available on microfilm)	1945–78	K269

Western Australian 'outports'

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
Ships passenger lists – inwards (Albany, Balla Balla, Broome, Bunbury, Carnarvon, Cossack, Derby, Geraldton, Onslow, Port Hedland, Wyndham)	1904–23	PP281/3
Ships passenger lists – inwards (Albany, Balla Balla, Broome, Bunbury, Carnarvon, Cossack, Derby, Geraldton, Onslow, Port Hedland, Wyndham)	1923–35	PP240/3

Outwards passenger lists

Outwards passenger lists for the port of Fremantle date from 1898, though there are gaps in the holdings for the years 1915–20 and 1935. Aircraft departure lists date from 1958.

Passenger lists for the period 1898 to 1910 record outwards passengers departing for overseas, interstate or intrastate destinations. After 1910 the lists include only passengers travelling overseas.

Outwards passenger lists for Western Australian ports

Various Western Australian ports

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
Outward ships passenger manifests	1898–1909, 1920–23	PP281/2
Outward ships passenger manifests	1941–46	PP240/6
Outward ships passenger manifests	1961	PP202/3
Outward passenger manifests for ships and aircraft departing Fremantle, Perth airport and outports	1898–1958	K1142
Outward ships and aircraft passenger manifests	1923–58	PP240/2
Outward ships and aircraft passenger manifests	1959	PP110/1
Outward ships and aircraft passenger manifests	1960	PP132/8
Outward ships and aircraft passenger manifests	1962	PP202/6
Outward ships and aircraft passenger manifests	1963–64	PP222/4
Outward ships and aircraft passenger manifests	1965	PP256/5
Outward ships and aircraft passenger manifests	1966	PP262/4
Outward ships and aircraft passenger manifests	1967	PP316/2
Outward ships and aircraft passenger manifests	1968	PP336/2
Outward ships and aircraft passenger manifests	1969	PP380/2
Outward ships and aircraft passenger manifests	1970	PP406/2
Outward ships and aircraft passenger manifests	1971	PP450/2
Outward ships and aircraft passenger manifests	1972	PP499/2

Outward ships and aircraft passenger manifests	1973	PP501/2
Outward ships and aircraft passenger manifests	1974	PP677/1
Outward ships and aircraft passenger manifests	1975–77	PP688/1
Outward aircraft passenger manifests	1952–57	PP66/5
Outward aircraft passenger manifests	1958–60	PP110/5
Outward aircraft passanger manifests	1961	PP202/4

Passenger lists for Western Australian ports before 1898

Passenger lists for Western Australian ports predating those held by the National Archives are held by the State Records Office of Western Australia.

Other shipping records

The Perth office also holds microfilm copies of the inwards passenger lists for various Queensland ports (1852–1964), Newcastle (1865–81), Darwin (1898–1934) and Melbourne (1924–64). Related records such as nominal rolls, crew lists (from 1897) and ships registers (inwards and outwards) for Fremantle and other Western Australian ports from 1898 are also held.

For details of passenger records held in other offices of the National Archives see:

- Fact sheet 38 Passenger records held in Canberra
- Fact sheet 64 Passenger records held in Sydney
- Fact sheet 172 Passenger records held in Melbourne
- Fact sheet 184 Passenger records held in Hobart
- Fact sheet 190 Passenger records held in Brisbane
- Fact sheet 256 Passenger records held in Adelaide