



DISTRICT COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

DISTRICT COURT OPEN DAY 2026

27 March 2026

The District Court of Western Australia will open its doors to the public for a rare behind-the-scenes tour.

Visitors will have the opportunity to explore secure areas usually off-limits, including the custody centre and holding cells.

Members of the public can view the courtrooms where some of WA's biggest cases have been held and ask judges questions about the justice system.

Last year, 446 District Court criminal trials were heard across the State.

“This is an excellent opportunity for West Australians to understand how the District Court operates, and the important work carried out every day by our judges, staff and jurors,” Chief Judge Wager said.

“It's not often the public can step inside areas like the custody centre or holding cells, so this provides a rare insight into the workings of the Court.

“The District Court has played host to some of the State's most high-profile cases, so this is definitely a unique, educational experience not to be missed,” the Chief Judge said.

Learn more about jury duty by participating in a mock jury selection process at 11am, 12pm and 1pm. Children can also complete a scavenger hunt and take photos wearing a robe on the judge's bench.

The District Court Open Day will be held on Sunday 12 April from 10am to 3pm.

It's a free event during the Lotterywest Boorloo Heritage Festival.

The Old Court House Law Museum, which is the City of Perth's oldest building, as well as Government House will also be open.

For more information, visit www.visitperth.com/boorlooheritagefestival

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