

**EMMA DE JAGER**

Perth in 2029 . . . innovative, vibrant frontrunner of technological advancements through good planning.

Some might call us the nanny state but Perth and greater WA are transforming into a more vibrant city and State each year.

The aspirations, ideas and visions to connect the wider WA community with the city's inner hub are becoming nearer every day, with services and activities to rival our Eastern States counterparts.

Small bars, hole-in-the-wall coffee specialists, cafes and restaurants are just some of the drawcards that help make Perth's culture lively and diverse, and ultimately create a more liveable city.

By 2029, I would hope to see this increase and draw more diverse, vibrant businesses to help expand and bring more vitality to our CBD.

I support the development of a greater, stronger and more vibrant Perth as we move towards 2029.

To support our growing city, I see public transport playing a key role as we envision

WA linked by a network of innovative transport systems.

This improvement to public transport will help facilitate and support growth in WA, as people are able to move freely throughout the State, which will in turn help decrease road congestion.

I support innovation and aspire for Perth to be a frontrunner in technological advancement, as we envision a city connected by technology.

As population is set to grow in Perth, I hope such advancements will aid planners in maintaining and enhancing

Perth's liveability through smart design.

We are starting to see the rise of what is being termed the "internet of things". The impact of the internet of things on our cities doesn't begin and end with buildings — everything from the morning commute to public parks are incorporating IOT technologies.

The IOT has implications for energy use and sustainability, as cities take advantage of real-time data — from smartphones, computers, traffic monitoring and even weather patterns — to shift the

way in which heating and cooling systems, landscaping, flow of people through cities and other parts of urban life are controlled.

Urban greening is something I am keen to see increase as we head towards 2029, with developments incorporating green infrastructure in the design, through green roofs and walls and the inclusion of more street trees.

Planning has a key role to play in supporting Perth's growth towards 2029.

■ Emma de Jager is executive officer, Planning Institute of Australia (WA)

**RYAN ZAKNICH**

Perth in 2029 will be internationally known as a tourism hotspot with daily direct flights from London, Paris, Frankfurt, Beijing and Mumbai.

No longer just the gateway to WA, it will be a destination in its own right with a thriving and innovative arts and cultural scene.

By 2029, Indian visitors will outnumber Chinese tourists.

Visitors will be seeking authentic tourism experiences and this will drive a huge growth in indigenous tourism.

At the heart of this will be the National Indigenous Centre at Elizabeth Quay.

The Swan River will start to reach its potential as a provider of alternative traffic.

A commuter ferry service will link Fishmarket Reserve in Guildford to Elizabeth Quay and onwards down towards Fremantle.

This service will also become a driver of tourism growth in the inner-city suburbs.

Privately built toll traffic bridges with parallel pedestrian bridges will cross Melville Water and provide north-south links across the Swan River.

Heritage building retention laws will be strongly enforced and the general practice of developers pushing for demolition without adequate heritage assessment will be a thing of the past.

The intangible value of heritage diversity will begin to overrule the monetary value of developments.

Fremantle will be gradually phased out as a working port by this time and C.Y. O'Connor's great vision of the outer harbour in Cockburn Sound will be under way.

The current port will have started to be transformed into a thriving mix of residential, commercial and retail, providing the critical boost Fremantle requires to recapture its mantle as a tourism mecca.

■ Ryan Zaknich is manager of Two Feet and a Heartbeat walking tours

**EVAN HALL**

Perth has a bright future as a global city that will draw not only visitors from around the world but also people who want to live in an economically and socially diverse society.

Tourism will be a central part of this by creating diverse jobs and great Perth experiences.

Tourism has the potential to emerge as the leading economic

driver and job creator in WA by 2029, by which time the industry could inject more than \$17 billion a year into the State economy and create more than 180,000 jobs.

Perth is on its way to becoming a fantastic and appealing destination by 2029. Our cultural appeal will be well-established with a year-round calendar of events at venues such as Perth Stadium and a new museum in the city.

A plethora of international direct

flights will transform Perth into Australia's European gateway, and more direct interstate flights to Perth and our regional destinations will make WA's offerings more accessible to all.

Thousands more hotel rooms will have been constructed, helping Perth to shrug its tag as an unaffordable destination.

We must have the courage to embrace new experiences that share the great natural and cultural values of our city, experiences such

as a cable car, hot springs, wave parks, helipads and Segway tours.

As our city grows and we embrace its development as a more youthful and vibrant city, we should promote it proudly around the world as a place to work and play for major event attendees, business travellers, international students and everyone in between.

■ Evan Hall is Tourism Council chief executive

# Our visions for Perth in 2029

To conclude our series on Perth in 2029 — when the capital celebrates its 200th birthday — we have asked six West Australians to share their vision, hopes and aspirations for the city.



Marion Fulker



Peter Newman



Bradley Woods



Evan Hall



Ryan Zaknich



Emma De Jager

**PETER NEWMAN**

In 1979, I celebrated the city's 150th birthday as a Fremantle councillor leading the campaign to save the Fremantle railway.

I knew it was wrong to close down train lines even if the plan suggested that Perth was going to be a "car town".

We won that and I started on the journey to try to win back the city for more sustainable transport.

I didn't expect we would win much, but we did — electrifying the trains, extending to the north, then to the south and now we have Metronet and light rail about to give us a semi-decent network

sometime soon after 2019 — 40 years of rebuilding differently to the way the plan was suggesting.

I write books about how to build trains back into car dependent suburbs — now up to 20 — and I am always proud of what we have been doing on any world stage.

But by 2029 we will have done much more and we will be able to show how to not only be less car dependent but also to be far less fossil fuel dependent.

Every rooftop will be covered in solar panels and throughout the city there will be batteries storing energy for use when needed.

There will be fast electric trains down every corridor with a network of light rail linking across the city

and joining up the fast trains at major stations. Each of the stations will have medium-density developments with local services, shopping and child care within walking distance, so that those who don't want a car won't need one.

Others between the train corridors will get to the network by electric bus, bike or autonomous cars. Most cars will be electric.

All the trains, buses and cars will be run on solar energy.

In 2029, on the 50th anniversary of closing the Fremantle railway, we will wonder what could possibly have got into those planners.

■ Peter Newman is professor of sustainability at Curtin University

**BRADLEY WOODS**

Hospitality offerings around the Swan River and Indian Ocean beachfront will be enhanced by 2029.

We will see a balance between the preservation of our beautiful natural environment and the development of accommodation and hospitality, with low-impact eco-developments and progressive thinking creating hubs that the public are drawn to — City Beach and Elizabeth Quay are good examples.

Managing tourism and our environment together over the next decade is crucial.

Perth is well-positioned as a hub for international conferences and events because it is a gateway between Asia, Europe and the east coast of Australia.

The potential for growth in the conference and events industry is huge, with direct flights from Europe and Britain to position us at the geographic apex for travel.

Perth's future will be focused on positioning itself as a world-class destination for hotel and hospitality management training.

Perth is geographically positioned to capture students from Asia.

An international school focused on hotel and hospitality excellence could serve our export sector and focus on the development of West Australians to go into careers in the hotel and hospitality industry.

■ Bradley Woods is Australian Hotels Association (WA) chief executive

**MARION FULKER**

Perth in 2029 will celebrate its official "birthday" but does so in a way that celebrates its relationship with the landscape and the thousands of generations of Aboriginal people who have inhabited it.

It will have shrugged off the facade of being a new city and instead acknowledge and

respect its long, deep history.

The region will have tightened its metaphorical belt and instead of continuing to sprawl, pockets of urbanity where people live, work and play will be dotted throughout the metropolis like a jewelled necklace.

The Perth of the future will have a comprehensive public and active transport network which is quick and frequent,

day and night, and will rival the car as the way of commuting.

It will be a place where its country town roots shine and its citizens are welcoming and tolerant of others.

Perth's natural and physical beauty will continue to impress. Its waterways will be healthy, brimming with marine life and ringed by indigenous trees at the river's edge — a place where families and

friends gather. Perth residents will be among the healthiest in the country and people of all ages and stages will have active and meaningful lives.

Perth in 2029 will no longer have a crick in its neck from gazing east for validation.

Its creativity, innovation and entrepreneurial nature will help the region lead the country in new thinking and know-how. Our best and

brightest will be leading a new era of engaged citizenry.

Perth will be the envy of the nation's capitals because we would have grown and adapted in a sustainable way. Our coming of age was not a party with a bad hangover, it was a celebration of what we are and who we have become.

■ Marion Fulker is chief executive of the Committee for Perth