Cockman House
EXCURSION MANAGEMENT PLAN

City of Wanneroo



Wanneroo Heritage Education

Purpose of the excursion

A visit to Cockman House encourages students to examine the history of the house and the three generations that lived there over a span of more than 130 years. It presents a story that began with James and Mary Ann Cockman, free settlers of the Swan River Colony who arrived here in 1829, and progresses alongside the development of the Wanneroo district.

Acquired by the City of Wanneroo in 1987, Cockman House has been open as a museum since April 1989 and provides a unique opportunity for teachers and students to encounter what life was like in the past.

Years 1-3 History Hunters

Students learn about the families who have resided in Cockman House through a simple timeline role play, small group hands-on activities and tour of the house, vintage games, and craft activities including making a peg doll and art sketching to encourage them to think about their own lives and how different they are to those of early immigrants.

Schedule

9.15am - Arrival
9.30-9.50 Intro & timeline
9.50-11.00 4x Rotational activities
11.00-11.20 Morning tea & games
11.20-12.00 Art and craft activities
12.00-12.15 Recap
12.15 Depart or stay for lunch until 12.45pm

Option to visit Wanneroo Regional Museum from 1pm.



Background history

James and Mary Ann Cockman brought their family to settle in Wanneroo's 'Lake District' around 1850. James, with the help of his sons, John and James Samuel, built the house using local materials with its completion in 1860.

The house and grounds are a rare example of rural life once far removed from Perth but now located in the metropolitan area. The house has undergone little change, still containing family furniture, and illustrates the family's story of economic and social progress, as well as the changes in technology and land use in the district.

Cockman House is the oldest surviving house in Wanneroo and was home to members of the Cockman and Backshall families from 1860 to 1987, when it was purchased by the City of Wanneroo to become a museum.

Further information

If you require any further information or would like to discuss program details, please contact:
Heritage Education Phone (08) 9405 5920
Email: museum@wanneroo.wa.gov.au
Post: City of Wanneroo, Locked Bag 1
Wanneroo WA 6946

Pre-excursion preparation

Please organise your class into four groups, with one parent/adult helper per group. Please provide name tags for your students, this supports the presenters and adult helpers.

Some activities and recess are outdoors; please remind children to dress appropriately, especially in the colder months - long sleeves are recommended and a hat/sunscreen for warmer weather. Please also wear enclosed shoes. We encourage students and adults to dress up in period costume to enhance their excursion experience of life in the olden days.

Please discuss behaviour expectations with students before attending the excursion. This includes staying with their group and supervising adults, listening carefully to instructions and walking safely through the house and grounds. Students must only touch objects or displays when City of Wanneroo staff have given permission.

School supervisor team

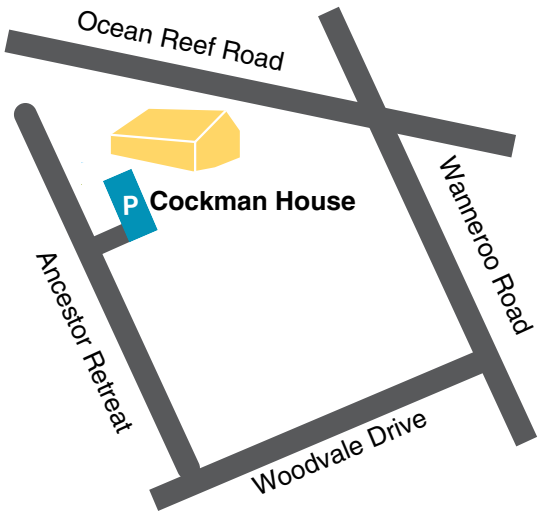
Teacher and parent/adult helpers

Students must be accompanied throughout the excursion. The teacher and parent.adult helpers actively engage with learning, monitor behaviour and intervene as necessary to ensure the safety of the group. City of Wanneroo staff will lead, demonstrate and present activities, but are not responsible for the supervision of students. Parent/adult helpers may be required to supervise an activity station. If this is the case, a briefing will be given.

As space is restricted, the maximum size for a school group booking is 35 students. The City of Wanneroo requires 4-5 adult helpers only per excursion plus the class teacher (any student requiring one-on-one adult support is welcomed in addition to the above).

On the day of the excursion

- Please bring a first aid kit and a mobile phone.
- On arrival, the group will receive a safety briefing and participate in an introduction activity before dividing into smaller groups and starting the heritage activities. Students will then break for recess.
- As there is no drinking water available on site, students should bring pre-filled water bottles.
- We advise that snacks and drink bottles be put in large tubs and placed in the shade until recess.
- Recess is approximately 20 minutes and is supervised by the teacher and parent/adult helpers. Old fashioned games are provided to engage the students during this time.
- After recess, students continue with heritage activities until approximately 12.00pm. A whole group briefing brings the program to an end at 12.15pm.
- Best behaviour and manners are encouraged at all times at Cockman House.



Emergency response plan

Cockman House is a small rural cottage with two external doors. Exit during an emergency is through the nearest external door if safe to do so.

In the event of an emergency, it is essential that all visitors take directions from City of Wanneroo staff. If evacuation is essential, all visitors should assemble at the meeting point in the car park within the property unless otherwise directed by a City of Wanneroo member of staff. .The teacher is expected to carry a roll and must notify City of Wanneroo staff if any students are missing.

While a number of City of Wanneroo staff have First Aid training, it is the responsibility of the school to provide basic first aid to the students. Our staff will assist if possible.

External provider information

Working with Children Check

City of Wanneroo employees and heritage volunteers who work with school groups all possess a current Working With Children Check.

Public liability insurance

The City of Wanneroo is a public entity and is insured by Local Government Insurances. Public liability policy is for $100 million and the policy number is 000149. This amount exceeds the Education Department of Western Australia's public liability requirements. A Certificate of Currency is available from the City's website wanneroo.wa.gov.au
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Accessibility

Environment: Cockman House is located on Ancestor Retreat, Woodvale. The grounds have large grassed areas with several large trees providing shade. Space in the house is limited so belongings should be kept to a minimum.
There is no drinking water available on site.

Toilets: Located next to the house and are wheelchair accessible.

Transport: This is the responsibility of the visiting school. Buses and cars belonging to parent/adult helpers can park in the public carpark within the property.

Drop off area: Buses can drop off beside the main gates on Ancestor Retreat.

Entry/access: The front section of Cockman House is wheelchair accessible from the front entrance via the rear footpath, although larger electric wheelchairs may not fit through the front door. There is a step down from the lounge to the kitchen, and a further set of wooden steps to the back verandah. It is possible to go behind the house via the paths and lawn areas.

Guide or assistance dogs: Visitors accompanied by a guide or assistance dog, or a dog undergoing such training, are welcome at Cockman House.