



WORK EXPERIENCE: TV PLACEMENTS IN AUSTRALIA

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Welcome to the land 'Down Under...'

Australia is a must see destination – the sheer size, amazing natural wealth, awesome scenery and huge variety of plant and animal life make this unique destination one of the most incredible places on earth!

Our programmes are located in Western Australia (WA), in and around the laid-back sunshine city of Perth.

Why Perth?

To get an experience of *real Australia*, head for Perth! WA is much less touristy, there's more left to be discovered and you will have lots more opportunities to mix with the locals.

PERTH

Perth was settled on the banks of the Swan River in the 1800s and leaves a lasting impression on all of its visitors. Perth's brilliant blue skies and warm sunny climate must be experienced to be believed. Perth is said to have the most days of sunshine of any capital city in Australia.

Western Australia (WA) is much less touristy than the east coast - it has earned its reputation as the '**State of Excitement**' – and you'll soon see why! WA is also home to some of the best and largest surfing waves in the world, white sandy beaches and a virtually untouched coral reef stretching for 260km!

TELEVISION WORK EXPERIENCE

Television is an exciting medium to work in, whether you are going out on site with a film crew, playing a role in interviewing, helping to write and edit a story or even helping in administration.

The community television project is located in Perth's (Western Australia's capital) city centre.

Important up-date! A community television trial license for Perth was issued by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) to our Community Television project because they could best provide the proposed service and meet the future needs of the broader community. This means that over the coming months a brand new community television station will be broadcasting from its offices. So although it is good news long term, during the change over period the project is presently experiencing major disruptions!



BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY TELEVISION:

Community television produces and broadcasts locally-produced programs that are relevant to the community, including educational institutions, independent film makers, ethnic and specialist interest groups and local businesses. Local news, entertainment and information are presented as a way of addressing issues and presenting information that commercial or government-funded stations do not cover.

The principal aim is to encourage participation and provide access to the airwaves for all of the metropolitan community, as well as special interest, ethnic and minority groups. Community television stations are non-profit organisations. This means that they do not make money from the services they provide. Instead these stations use sponsorship arrangements to cover their day-to-day running costs.

Almost all of the people who work in community television - writers, presenters, producers, editors, and camera operators - are volunteers. People, like you, who volunteer because they want to develop the skills associated with television production and to gain important industry experience or simply for the sheer enjoyment and thrill of working in television. Volunteers can learn about producing and presenting television programs, and how a television station operates.

YOUR WORK AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The service provided by community television reflects a diverse range of expressions and views; cultivates a sense of community; encourages participation, learning, innovation and promotes competence in audio-visual skills. As a result, community television produces television programmes with the community and for the community which reflect Australia’s rich multicultural diversity and heritage.

This project offers work experience to volunteers interested in a career in television. Volunteers will work in areas such as camera and sound, script writing, research, presenting, business administration (doing administration work is a great way to get to know the organisation) and marketing. If you have a specialised interest, for example, marketing or editing, we will do our best to allocate you more time in that area.



Generally, though, volunteers maybe asked to help with in the areas of:

- Administration
- Production
- Editing
- Scriptwriting
- Research
- Public Relations
- Fundraising;
- and have the opportunity to be a member of a support crew on location.

You will be required to assist with all areas of work and will need to capable of mucking in to do whatever is required of you.

Hours of duty and Work Schedule: You will be asked to work 5 days a week (days may include weekends but you will always have 2 days off each week).

ACCOMMODATION:

You'll be accommodated in a centrally located lodge that is friendly and relaxing, making it ideal for long term stays. Your accommodation is located in the CBD (Central Business District) of Perth, Western Australia. Therefore you are very central, close to the main train station and shopping district. You'll have your own room, but will share a bathroom with others on your floor.



There is an excellent kitchen and storage area for cooking meals and plenty of space to relax.

Entertainment at your accommodation includes a pool table, cheap internet access, arcade machines and cable TV (Foxtel), to name a few. But with all the sunshine Perth has – you'll be out and about enjoying the many outdoor activities! You are literally a stroll from the Swan River and free CBD transport. The best thing of all is that you are only about a 10 minute walk to your work experience project!

Perth was built on the banks of the magnificent Swan River over 150 years ago and is now a city rich in culture and filled with theatres, art galleries and museums. The city is modern and vibrant - a fun, friendly and 'laid back' place, with clear skies and a sunny climate. Some of its more famous attractions include Kings Park, Scarborough Beach, Fremantle and the Swan River. Fremantle (or as the local's call it, 'Freo') is the city's port and is rich in history.

At weekends you will find markets, entertainment and plenty of alfresco style cafes to laze in. Perth has restaurants to suit all tastes - the most popular cuisine is of course the great Australian BBQ. Barbeque facilities are abundant in local parks - take your own food and cook up a feast, Australian style!

ARRIVAL: YOUR INDUCTION INTO THE COUNTRY

When you arrive you will be welcomed at the airport by our Australian Manager, who will take you to your accommodation. During your first few days you will be given an induction so that you can learn about Perth and its culture, as well as useful information like how to use the transport system etc.

During the first few days of your stay you will also receive an induction at the community television offices. This will include an overview of current and up coming projects, and a chance to familiarise yourself with the office location and aims of community television.

NOTES ABOUT THE COMMUNITY TELEVISION PROJECT:

- You will require a good command of the English language to work on this project.
- Prices include food, accommodation, and transport to and from the airport. Prices do not include airfares.



BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO AUSTRALIA

Australia is a must see destination – the sheer size, amazing natural wealth, awesome scenery and huge variety of plant and animal life make this unique destination one of the most incredible places on earth! Australia's most striking feature is it's variety of landscapes, with endless miles of unspoilt beaches (over 7,000 beaches - more than any other nation), tropical rainforests, mountain ranges and huge areas of desert - the famous 'outback'. The natural scenery is unbeatable.

Australians are known for their love of life and enjoyment of the great outdoors. While Australians have a relatively short history they have quickly developed their own unique culture - with their love of the humble meat pie, the arts and music, sport (Australian Rules Football is the national game), the beach and BBQs.

Visitors may be confused when first arriving in Australia. While it's common knowledge that Australians speak English, you may hear a unique colloquial language. You'll hear words such as 'G'day', 'fair dinkum', and 'cobber'. Don't worry, you'll get the hang of it and will be talking like an Aussie in no time!

Currency: Australian Dollar (\$)

Perth's Weather and Climate is best described as Mediterranean, with long dry summers and mild rainy winters. It is because of these long hot summers that many Perth activities revolve around the water. So if you enjoy swimming, surfing, watersports, or lazing on clean sandy beaches, Perth is the perfect destination.

The hottest months are January and February, and temperatures can frequently reach the mid to high 30's Celsius (95-100F). Occasionally the weather can reach 38 degrees Celsius or more (100+ Fahrenheit), and when it does, it is colloquially referred to as "a scorcher".



The mild Perth winter begins at the start of June and finishes in September. It is generally a rainy season, interspersed with chilly yet sunny days. A typical Perth winter day may fall between 16-18 degrees Celsius (60-65 degrees Fahrenheit). There are however, occasionally storms, characterised by thunder, lightning and heavy downpours of rain.

THE NEXT STEP

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