

The Australian city of Perth

Perth, (1) capital of the state of Western Australia, has been described as one of the most remote cities (2) Earth. Founded in 1829 and named after Perth in Scotland, it grew rapidly in the late nineteenth century (3) a result of the discovery of gold in the state. Nowadays it has a population of around two million people, and many of (4) were born outside Australia. This has led (5) Perth becoming a culturally diverse city, in (6) of the fact that the nearest large town is over 2,000 kilometers away, with well-established communities from southern Europe and South-East Asia (7) particular. The city's five universities have also attracted students from (8) over the world. Young people find much to enjoy in and around Perth on (9) of its outdoor lifestyle, which offers a wide range of activities including swimming at its many beaches, cycling both in town and countryside, and visiting nearby nature reserves.