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Joondalup Partners
Western Australian Police Academy
West Coast College of TAFE
City of Joondalup
ECU is a proud partner in the world’s only educational facility to incorporate a university, a police academy and a college of technical and further education - the Joondalup Learning Precinct.

Participation in this unique learning precinct goes to the heart of the University’s commitment to being an active partner with and contributor to its surrounding communities.

The three institutions - ECU, the Western Australian Police Academy and the West Coast College of TAFE - have borderless adjoining campuses, with open pathways between them. These reflect the educational pathways they have developed to provide students at one organisation the opportunity to gain credits for studies at another, progressing through their education from Certificate to PhD level in a range of common disciplines.

With the Learning Precinct’s location in the heart of the City of Joondalup, the partners provide the local business community with access to research and development, joint venture opportunities, education and training programs and consultancy services aimed to help businesses grow.

Through bringing students and staff to the region, and by investing significantly in local infrastructure, the Joondalup Learning Precinct partners are making a major economic, social and cultural contribution to the City of Joondalup and Perth’s northern suburbs.
"Having the WA Police Academy located within the Joondalup Learning Precinct means our officers have quality education at their fingertips. It means our staff can take up study at these institutions at any time during their careers. All police personnel need to be up-to-date with the latest information about the judicial system, legal matters, society and ethics, so the relationship between the WA Police and these valuable resources is imperative to the future of the agency. This ensures we have a highly skilled team of people who are well equipped to provide the public with the highest standard of policing."

KARL O'CALLAGHAN, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
"For the individual, one of the major benefits of the Joondalup Learning Precinct is the sharing of resources. This means a wider range of industry-relevant courses that have strong employment prospects. The cost-effectiveness of sharing classrooms, training rooms and the many other fantastic facilities available makes good business sense. But it is more than that - each of the three partners has developed best-practice programs and is a leader in the field in specialised areas, so we find the sharing of expertise particularly invaluable."

SUE SLAVIN, MANAGING DIRECTOR, WEST COAST COLLEGE OF TAFE
"I am honoured to have the unique Joondalup Learning Precinct established here. The partnership the City of Joondalup has formed with ECU and the other JLP members is an integral part of the bold vision for the City of Joondalup's future. Joondalup is a remarkable story, sprung from the bush in just 25 years, with a look and feel of its own - classical and adventurous in its architecture - complementing wonderful natural surroundings."

JOHN PATERSO
CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF JOONDALUP
Designed to “look like a travel agency”, the purpose-built Joondalup Call Centre dramatically departs from the appearance and atmosphere of most call centres. Maximising internal visual interest, the brightly coloured, undulating ceilings were created to resemble ocean waves and, in keeping with the travel agency look, the staff kitchen resembles a café.

The single-level building, currently leased to Westpac, has a number of distinctive features. It comprises two wings, separated by gardens, with one housing the call centre and the other a training centre. Design essentials included external views from each workstation, maximum natural lighting and glare-free computer screens.

Environmental engineers and the architects combined to devise a system which met all three stipulations – clerestory glazing allows natural light into floor area spaces, and special fins were created for the windows to reduce glare while maintaining views to the exterior gardens.

The Call Centre, while not an academic building, is a joint development between ECU and the Western Australian Government, and was built as the result of a strategic decision to create employment and business opportunities in the City of Joondalup.

Its construction meets the State Government’s objective to encourage universities to seek commercial and industrial partners, and dovetails with ECU’s policy of forming links with its local communities which contribute to their social and economic development.

Already housing around 150 people, the centre, on completion of a second stage, will ultimately provide employment for 450 staff.

Officially opened: 2 July 2003
"The Call Centre will ultimately employ more people in higher paid and more technically advanced and demanding jobs. We are creating a stronger economy."

THE HONOURABLE CLIVE BROWN
FORMER WA STATE DEVELOPMENT MINISTER
Mount Lawley Sport and Fitness Centre
In a major partnership with the neighbouring Mount Lawley Senior High School, the ultra modern Sport and Fitness Centre was designed around the concept of creating a “street” connecting ECU and the High School.

Linking both campuses through form and colour, the Sport and Fitness Centre is also open to staff and the general public, creating a wider connection beyond the education campuses and opening up to the surrounding community.

The latest in gymnasium and fitness equipment was incorporated into the multi-coloured, vibrant building.

As part of the gym’s thoughtful design, specific research was undertaken into its flooring. Based on the research, the traditional timber floor was replaced by a new rubber flooring, now becoming the international standard. The material provides greater cushioning for limbs and joints - particularly developing ones - as they strike the floor in specific exercises.

The building incorporates the teaching requirements of both ECU and the High School and is part of a major initiative to develop a joint campus that encourages best practice in education.

*Officially opened: 9 September 2005*
"In a unique partnership, Mount Lawley Senior High School and Edith Cowan University have established an interconnected educational precinct. Commitment to resource sharing has seen the development of the impressive Sport and Fitness Centre and joint program development in music, arts, theatre productions and information and communications technology. The co-location enables both institutions to maximise student educational opportunities and staff professional development."

TERRY BOLAND, PRINCIPAL, MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL