

## Leeming

Named after George Waters Leeming, a Lands Department surveyor responsible for surveying the areas in 1886. He was acting Surveyor General in 1901 but died the following year aged 43. The suburb of Leeming was established in the late 1970s.

Many of the street names were taken from the 1972 Planning Department document on original landowners. Examples are Arvidson Court recognising Jane Arvidson an early landowner in 1896 and Shemels Court for Benjamin Shemels a Pensioner Guard in 1884. Castlemain Heights acknowledges Arthur and Herbert Castlemain who owned one of the biggest poultry farms in Melville located in Myaree off North Lake Road. Noreatt Place is in fact a typing mistake and the name was meant to be Norcott, who was a policeman and later Superintendent who served in the area from 1832. Other street names reflect long serving employees of the Melville Roads Board such as Stainton and Wade.

Although mainly residential, Leeming is also home to the Melville Glades Golf Club and the Leeming Recreational Centre which opened in 1988 and it's future use is currently under review. John Connell Reserve and Ken Hurst Park are named after former Melville Councillors.

Leeming Senior High School opened in 1985 and in 2007 was the only school entrant to build and enter a car in the World Solar Car Challenge from Darwin to Adelaide, competing against universities, and various research groups.

The three state primary schools Leeming (opened 1982), West Leeming (opened 1986) and Banksia Park (opened 1989) offer a range of specialised programs. Courses range from LOTE teaching French (West Leeming) or Japanese (Leeming) to music and performing arts (Banksia Park & West Leeming). Leeming Primary is one of the few schools in the state operating the International Schools program which accepts placements from overseas. The current student intake is mainly from South Korea. Its Science Academy has strong links to Murdoch University. West Leeming is a Wastewise case study school and is acknowledged as a sustainable school.

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