

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATALPA ESCAPE: COMMEMORATION EVENTS



FREMANTLE PRISON
The Convict Establishment

FLIGHT OF THE FENIANS: 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATALPA RESCUE || OUTDOOR EXHIBITION

19 MARCH - 1 NOVEMBER 2026

TERRACE GARDENS, FRONT OF FREMANTLE PRISON

FREE

Join us at Fremantle Prison to commemorate one of convict history's boldest escapes, as the Fenian story is told in the free exhibition Flight of the Fenians: 150th anniversary of the Catalpa rescue.



REBEL HEARTS: ESCAPE FROM FREMANTLE || SPECIAL TOUR

21 MARCH | 18 APRIL | 2 MAY | 16 MAY 2026

FREMANTLE PRISON

\$24.00

Join one of Fremantle Prison's experienced guides as they lead you through the gripping story of the Fenians and their daring flight to freedom. Discover the resilience, defiance, and remarkable courage at the heart of this extraordinary tale, and uncover the people, places and pivotal moments that shaped one of the most audacious escapes in history.



CATALPA: FLIGHT TO FREEDOM || LIVE SHOW

19 - 22 MARCH 2026

EAST WORKSHOPS, FREMANTLE PRISON

TICKETS SOLD OUT

Courage...tenacity...daring and a shipload of adventure! The incredible true story of the most audacious prison break in Australia's history. Presented by Theatre 180 in collaboration with WA Museum and Fremantle Prison.
youtube.com/watch/flighttofreedom



FENIANS FESTIVAL 2026 || VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

23 - 31 MARCH 2026

NUMEROUS LOCATIONS AROUND FREMANTLE & PERTH

EVENTS CAN BE BOOKED VIA [TRYBOOKING](#)

The Fremantle Fenians and Freedom Inc. team have developed a full program of activities to mark the 150th anniversary of the Catalpa Escape. There will be Live Irish Music, Book launch, History Symposium, Oral History in the Pub, Family Fun Day and more.

[2026 Festival Programme](#)



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