The Cyber72 Computer
Delivered to UWA in August 1972

This computer was manufactured by Control data Corporation of Minneapolis, USA, and bought by The University of Western Australia in August 1972. It heralded the inauguration of the WA Regional Computing Centre (WARCC), whereby CSIRO, other educational institutions, and government departments in WA shared the use of a very large computer. The Cyber72 was the successor to the CDC6600, considered a supercomputer in its day. The Cyber72 was later upgraded to a Cyber73, then a Cyber720, and others in the range were added to serve the needs of this community, as well as of the WA Health Department.

Photo (above) of Cyber 72 at its commissioning, with Dennis Moore (WARCC Director), and David Haycraft (CDC Engineer).

Photo (above) of the Cyber 72 in use, operating 24x7.

Photo (above) of the Cyber72 console now in storage at UWA.

Photo (above) of the entrance to the WA Regional Computing Centre.

Sources:  
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