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BIJOU THEATRE

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CITY/TOWN DESCRIPTION

Esperance is a coastal town located 720 kilometres south east of Perth and about 4.5 hours from Albany. Esperance has approximately 14,500 people in the Shire with approximately 9,500 of those residing in Esperance itself. Esperance is a regional hub servicing the surrounding areas and has on average two flights daily to Perth on Skywest.

Esperance enjoys a moderate Mediterranean-like climate all year round. The average minimum temperature in Esperance in winter is around 8 degrees with an average high of around 26 degrees in summer.

Esperance derives its name from the French ship "L'Esperance" which sheltered in Lucky Bay close to the current town in 1792. The town is nestled on the shores of Esperance Bay with hundreds of islands dotting the coast making up the Recherche Archipelago.

Esperance has beautiful coastal scenery with sparkling white sand and turquoise water. Esperance boasts the cleanest, whitest sand in Australia. This place is so relaxed even the kangaroo's sun bake on the beach. Its coastline is spectacular and unspoilt.

Esperance is a regional port and is a developing district. The town has a complete range of services including all shopping, educational, medical, social and recreational facilities. There is a thriving Arts Centre, Artist Studios and Hellfire Gallery, which is on the way out to the Cape Le Grand National park. This Gallery exhibits local and state artists. It is a popular tourist resort and the area abounds in natural and manmade attractions.

There are 5 national parks around Esperance which focus as one of the region's greatest natural assets. There is the Archipelago of the Recherche, with over 100 islands, protected by the status of an A-class reserve; many of these islands can be viewed from the Great Ocean Drive. Esperance is also a very popular spot for fishing. Between the months of June to October Southern Right whales can be spotted from the bays close to the town where they seek shelter from the coves within the national parks.

EXTERIOR PHOTOS



Main Entry Doors to Venue



3D view of front of Venue



Side of Venue (Load in from Truck)



*Side of Venue
(possible load in through alternate side exit doors)*



*Rear of Venue
(Load In to BOH Green Room)*



On-street parking in front of Bijou Theatre

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This is an interesting venue with a long history and in many ways is very iconic to Esperance. The Bijou Theatre was first opened in 1896 and since then has been a theatrical hive for this community acting as live performance venue for this community in its former years and as a live amateur community theatre complex in its latter years.

The venue comprises an auditorium with stage, an entry foyer/bar, a Supper Room (or function space that acts as a second foyer area), Loading Dock area, Sets Store, OP & PS Wing areas that double as scenery docks also, Props Store, Wardrobe Store, BOH Kitchen & Green Room, office and one large dressing room/make up room.

Whilst a permit under the Heath Act 1911, Health (Public Buildings) Regulations 1992 stating numbers the venue is officially permitted for could not be located, there are 152 fixed theatre seat in the venue in a raked format, hence this should be used as the governing factor for maximum allowable persons in the venue in the interim.

As mentioned above the venue has 152 fixed theatre seats in a traditional raked theatre format. These seats are all in excellent condition and are maroon colour. The first couple of rows are on the flat, i.e. not raked, and could be removed if the space was required in front of the stage.

The venues tiered seating is all sitting on a timber and metal frame raked flooring system, custom made for this venue, with sections of the auditorium carpeted for acoustic dampening. The stage is a Masonite or custom wood floor with a painted surface. (It was hard to deduct what the stage flooring was at the time of inspection due to the surface being painted.) This is in good condition and it appears to be painted often to suit the needs of the amateur theatre production at the time.

The venues acoustics are OK from front to back in the room but could benefit from some side to side acoustic dampening as there is an audible standing wave from left to right, causing a weird echo, when sitting in the audience. As the venue is set up as a traditional theatre a full blackout can be achieved in this venue creating a full theatrical environment.

The venue does have male and female toilets but no separate toilets to service the BOH area specifically. The toilets are located towards the back of the venue however. The toilets are only small and may struggle from time to time during peak periods, like intervals in shows. Whilst one of the female toilets can cater for wheelchair access this venue is not set up to cater for people with a disability specifically as per the BCA.

The venue has a variety of lighting and sound equipment although mostly old and at the amateur or low cost end of the technical production scale. There is enough equipment of a suitable nature though to host small touring theatre with low end technical requirements or expectations.

The venue load in can be achieved from either side of the venue through the double sets of exit doors and into the auditorium on the floor in front of the stage. There are service driveways, both truck accessible, on both sides of this venue. Props, costumes and smaller items could be loaded in to the venue from the rear green room door, although this is a single sized door.

There is entertainment power available in OP corner of the stage area (in the wing). There are 3 x 32amp 5pin 3phase outlets on the wall in OP corner. There is 2 x 10amp double GPO's on the OP wall on stage and 1 x 10amp double GPO on the PS wall on stage. There is also 1 x 10amp double GPO on the front edge of the stage.

TOURING TIPS

- Tour any specialised technical equipment.
- You could potentially source some show crew for load in and out from either the Esperance Theatre Guild or the Esperance Civic Centre.
- The theatre has a low ceiling on stage or low lx bar height and hence this should be taken into account when considering the shows lighting design for this venue.
- Be aware that the toilets adjoin directly to the side/rear of the auditorium.
- Tickets can be sold through the Esperance Civic Centre and can utilise the online ticket sales systems in place.
- The venues entry foyer doubles as a bar and hence can congest the venues entry and slow down venue loading times.

Please note this venue is owned and run by the Esperance Theatre Guild and not the local council and hence all booking enquiries should be made through them.

INTERIOR PHOTO'S



Bijou Theatre - looking towards main entry end of Auditorium (from stage)



Bijou Theatre - looking towards stage (from Bio Box / entry end of Auditorium)



Stage in Bijou Theatre

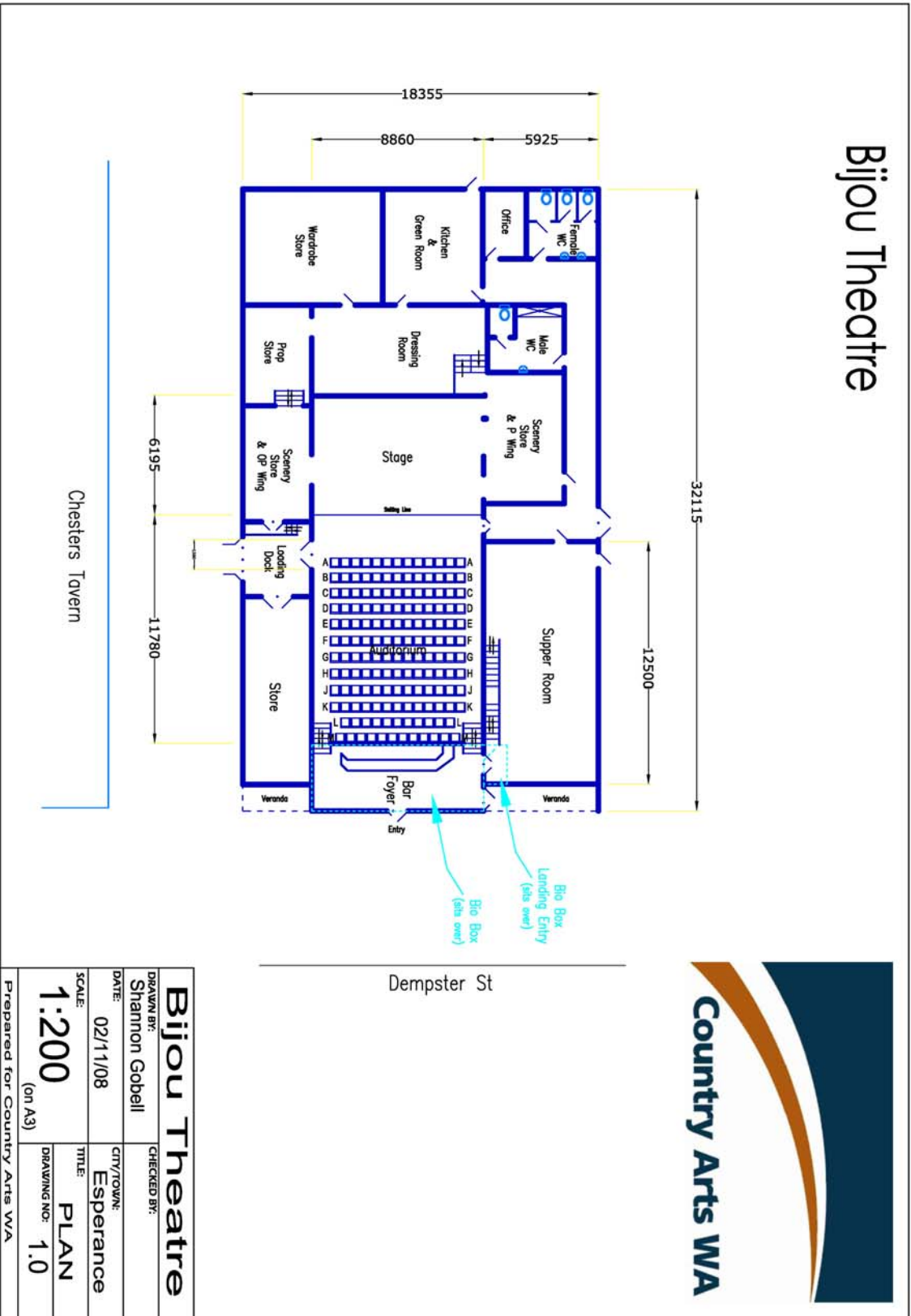


*Supper Room
(door to toilet passage way in background)
(entry foyer & bar on left of staircase)*

DIMENSIONS - All dimensions in mm

STAGE DEPTH (setting line to back wall)	6195
STAGE WIDTH	8860
STAGE WIDTH (inc wings)	16860
STAGE HEIGHT	720
PROMPT WING	4238
OPPOSITE PROMPT WING	3741
STAGE THRUST (setting line to front of thrust stage or apron)	150
STAGE FLOOR TO CEILING	
Downstage Centre	4535
Downstage Outside	3645
Upstage Centre	6600
Upstage Outside	3860
(to steelwork in ceiling)	3520 (downstage)
STAGE FLOOR TO LX BARS (or available rigging points)	LX1 3730 LX2 4568
PROSCENIUM WIDTH	8860
PROSCENIUM HEIGHT	3400
STAGE TO BORDER HEIGHT	3400
AUDITORIUM DEPTH	11780
AUDITORIUM WIDTH	8870
AUD FLOOR TO CEILING	
Front Centre	5290
Front Outsides	4300
Rear Centre	4086
Rear Outsides	3296
(to bottom of vents)	N/A
AUD FLOOR TO FOH LX BARS	FOH1 4300 FOH2 3900

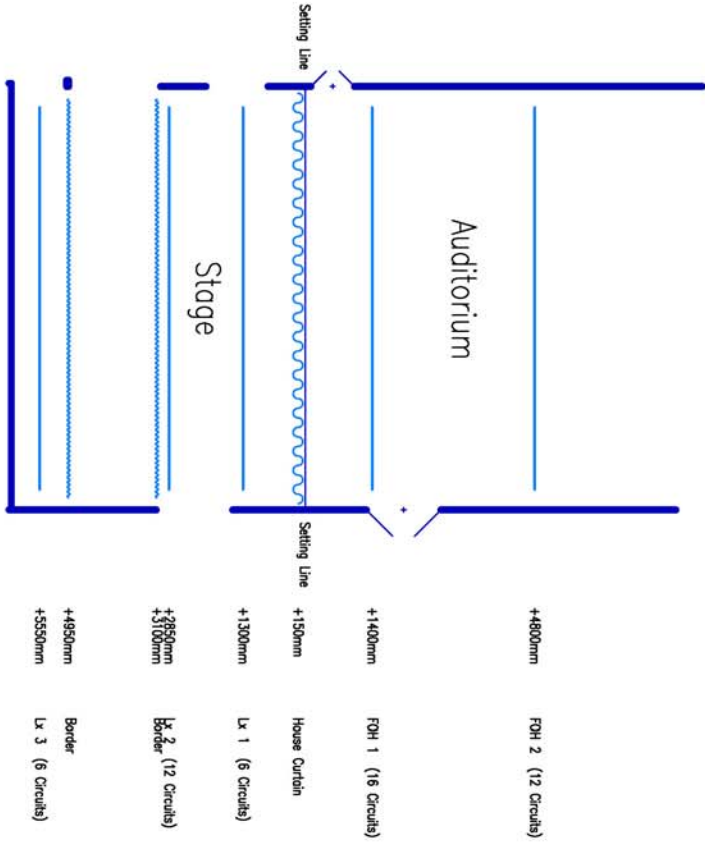
Bijou Theatre



Dempster St

Bijou Theatre	
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Bijou Theatre Stage Plan



*Please Note: All bars are at fixed heights. No flying system is installed.

*Please Note: All measurements are in millimetres and are taken from the setting line.



Bijou Theatre - Stage Plot	
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FLYING FACILITIES & DRAPES

FLYING SYSTEM	No flying system installed
MASKING	None
FOH CURTAIN	1 x Burgundy coloured corduroy curtain in good condition. The House Curtain is hand drawn on a heavy duty domestic track and is operated from PS.
LEGS & BORDERS	No legs fitted at time of measure up. 1 x 6000mm wide x 900mm high black cotton border 1 x 6000mm wide x 1000mm high black woollen border
OTHER DRAPES or CURTAINS	None fitted at time of measure up, although we suspect the Esperance Theatre Guild has other curtain/drape stock.
CYCLORAMA	None (although the rear hard wall is painted white)

LIGHTING FACILITIES

3 PHASE POWER AND LOCATION	Three (3) x 32amp 5pin 3phase outlets are available in the OP corner of the on stage wing.
OPERATING POSITION (S)	Bio Box at the rear of the auditorium.
LIGHTING DESK	1 x 12/24ch Theatrelight analogue lighting desk 1 x 24ch Strand Action24 analogue lighting desk
DIMMERS AND LOCATION	1 x Strand Multiplex Interface (demux) 1 x Jands CCT Multipak 12ch analogue Dimmer Rack 1 x Strand Minipak 12ch analogue Dimmer Rack 1 x Theatrelight 12ch digital Dimmer Rack
WIRED LIGHTING BARS & NUMBER OF CIRCUITS & LOCATIONS	FOH1 Lighting Bar, with 16 circuits (6 labelled & 10 unlabelled). FOH2 Lighting Bar, with 12 circuits (6 labelled & 6 unlabelled). LX1 onstage Lighting Bar, with 6 unlabelled circuits. LX2 onstage Lighting Bar, with 12 unlabelled circuits. LX3 onstage Lighting Bar, with 6 unlabelled circuits. Bio Box roof truss, with 8 unlabelled circuits.
PATCHING FACILITIES	There is a 52 circuit patch bay in the OP wing, near the dimmer racks and mains power.
LAMP STOCK	8 x Patt 23 MkII Profiles in good condition, no colour frames 6 x Patt 123 Fresnels in good condition, no colour frames or barn doors 2 x Patt 743 Fresnels in OK condition, no colour frames 8 x Strand 1Kw Fresnels in OK condition 4 x Selecon 1Kw Zoomspots 4 x 2way cyc units (1250w ??) 4 x 500w single cyc units 1 x Selecon Followspot (8 - 16 degrees), with iris & colour changer. Including follow spot Stand 1 x Selecon Chorus 1200 follow spot with iris 6 x Pin Spots
ALTERNATIVE ONSTAGE LIGHTING POSITIONS	Downstage option of rigging from uni-struts in ceiling, although these appear to be unrated.
ALTERNATIVE FRONT LIGHTING POSITIONS	1 x perch position either side of stage Lx could also be rigged from the roof beams throughout the ceiling and back at the Bio Box.
TYPE OF CEILING/ POSSIBLE FIXING POINTS	Mini orb ceiling with exposed timber trusses. Steel pipes inserted into grid in places.
BLACKOUT	Yes, a good theatrical blackout is available.

LIGHTING FACILITIES continued

LADDERS	2 x 8' Timber 'A' frame ladders 1 x 8' Steel 'A' frame ladder 1 x 8' Aluminium 'A' frame ladder 1 x 3m Aluminium extension ladder 1 x 3m Timber extension ladder
ONSTAGE 10/15AMP GPO OUTLETS	2 x 10amp double GPO's on OP wall 1 x 10amp double GPO on PS wall
FOH 10/15AMP GPO OUTLETS	1 x 10amp double GPO on OP front edge of stage
HOUSELIGHTS	6 x hanging pendants with steel covers dimmed from one of the lighting desks in the Bio Box.
WORKING LIGHTS	Theatrical floods over stage.
HAZER/SMOKE MACHINE	None

SOUND FACILITIES

OPERATING POSITION (S)	Bio Box at the rear of the auditorium.
SOUND DESK	1 x Alto L-16 audio mixing console (10 mono & 6 stereo inputs). 16/4/2
AMPLIFIERS	1 x Scorpion ST3000 1 x Sound Tech PL 602
SPEAKERS	2 x Australian Monitor X1 Speakers (200w) - at FOH (mounted on side walls) 2 x Australian Monitor AM8 Speakers (60w) - at rear (mounted up high on rear timber roof truss)
FOLDBACK	None
FOLDBACK AMPS	None
MICROPHONES	2 x Yoga FX S48 dynamic mics
MIC STANDS	None
CD OR CASSETTE PLAYERS	1 x Yamaha CDC655 5 disc CD Player 1 x Akai CDM315 CD Player 2 x Kenwood KX47C Cassette Decks
SENDS	16 inputs 4 returns

COMMUNICATIONS

TALK-BACK	None (but there are 4 amateur two-way radios available in the venue)
TELEPHONES	There were no phones identified in the venue, during the measure up.
INTERNET	None available to touring parties, but the town has Next G and hence Bigpond wireless modems will work.

ONSTAGE FACILITIES

CROSSOVER	Yes, down the stairs and behind the fixed cyc wall.
WING SPACE	There is reasonable amount of wing space available, but there are some walls and posts that separate the wing space from the stage and hence moving sets or rolling trucks on and off would be difficult. 4238mm on Prompt side. 3741mm on Opposite Prompt side.
TREADS TO FOH	There are treads to the Auditorium on both sides of the stage.
LADDER	Ladders stored in loading dock as per list in lighting section.
ROSTRA	Some custom built risers and rostra are available on request.
BLUE WORKLIGHT	None

FRONT OF HOUSE FACILITIES (FOH)

SEATING	152 maroon coloured fixed theatre seats, in 12 rows, are available in traditional raked theatre style.
BOX OFFICE	No box office facilities are available but tickets could be sold from the bar in the entry foyer.
BAR	There is no dedicated bar in the entry foyer with double sink, hand wash facilities and 2 small fridges. Alternatively there is a dry bar in the Supper Room.
KITCHEN	There is no specific kitchen in this venue however there are some kitchen facilities available in the Green Room at the rear of the venue.
TOILETS	Male, female toilets are available. These can be found in the adjoining passageway leading from the Supper Room
AIR CONDITIONING	None
HEATING	6 x Bar heaters on the side walls of the auditorium. 1 x Bar heater in the foyer.

BACKSTAGE FACILITIES

GREEN ROOM	N/A
DRESSING ROOMS	There is no purpose built dressing room facility but there is a common dressing room & make up area at rear of stage.
TOILETS	None
SHOWERS	None
MIRRORS	Yes, there are mirrors the common dressing room area.
LAUNDRY	No
IRONING	Yes, ironing facilities are available.

BUMP-IN ACCESS

ACCESS DESCRIPTION	Load in is from the driveway either side of the venue through a set of double exit doors and onto the auditorium floor in front of the stage. The doors through the loading/scenery dock area are the larger of the two sets.
LOADING DOOR SIZE	The loading/scenery dock double doors are 2380mm wide and 2790mm high. The exit doors on the other side of the venue are 1545mm wide x 2000mm high.
EXTERIOR LIGHTING	There are minimal lights on the external of the building. There are single compact fluro's over the exit doors.
PARKING	Parking is very tight around the venue with no dedicated car park available. Please note there is no parking available around the ROAB building at the rear of the venue. The best bet for parking is on-street in front of the venue.
STORAGE	There is very limited storage space for touring parties. The set store could be used for some case storage.

EMERGENCY SYSTEMS

SMOKE ALARMS	None
SPRINKLER SYSTEMS	None
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	1 x Fire blanket PS, 2 x water fire extinguishers PS stage rear 1 x Co2 PS 1 x Co2 in Foyer Bar
FIRE HOSES	1 x fire hose in PS hall exit 1 x fire house in foyer 2 x PS
EMERGENCY EXITS	There are four emergency exits from the main auditorium: 1 x PS wall, near stage 1 x OP wall, near stage 1 x PS wall, at rear of auditorium, near foyer 1 x OP wall, at rear of auditorium, near foyer Additionally there are exits from: 1 x Supper Room 1 x Green Room 1 x Entry Foyer/Bar
EXIT SIGNS	Illuminated exit signs are fitted to all emergency exit doors.
MEDICAL CONTACT	There is no nominated medical or first aid contact for the venue. Please see medical contacts below.

PRE-SALES

TICKETING SYSTEM	Tickets can be sold from the Esperance Civic Centre (including online) or check with the Esperance Theatre Guild for further options.
ADVERTISING POSITIONS	The wall areas in the entry foyer/bar could be used to advertise coming events/shows
POSTERS/BANNERS	There are no external locations for banners on the building but posters could be displayed in the foyer of the venue. Contact council for banner positions around Esperance.
LOCAL PUBLICATIONS	The Esperance Express, Goldfields Express, Kalgoorlie Miner all circulate within the Esperance area.
LOCAL RADIO	There are a number of AM and FM radio stations in Esperance including: 6TAB 89.5(AM), ABC Goldfields 92.5 (AM), Hot FM 102.3 (FM), ABC News Radio 103.1(FM), HopeFM 103.9(FM), ABC Classic FM 104.7(FM), Triple J 105.5(FM), Radio National 106.3(FM). For further information on radio stations in the area, please refer to the following websites: http://www.ausradiostations.com/fmwa.html http://www.ausradiostations.com/amwa.html
WORD OF MOUTH	Word of mouth can be a beneficial way to publicise something in Esperance. Providing media releases to Council, The Cannery (local arts centre), The Esperance Civic Centre, the local library and the Tourist Centres within the Shire offers a quick and cost effective solution to spreading the word.

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

HOSPITAL/DOCTOR	Esperance District Hospital is located in Hicks Street, Esperance and can be contacted on 08 9071 0888.
PHARMACY	Terry White Chemist is located on Forrest Rd at the Boulevard Shopping Centre. The Pharmacy can be contacted on 08 9071 2125.
HARDWARE	There is a Bunnings Hardware store at 20 Norseman Road, Chadwick, which can be contacted on 08 9071 1144.
COUNCIL	Local shire office can be located in Windich Street, Esperance WA 6450 and can be contacted on 08 9071 0666.
POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE	For all emergency services contact: 000 Local Police in Esperance are located at 100-102 Dempster Street, Esperance and can be contacted on 08 9071 1900.
TAXI	Esperance Taxi Service can be contacted on 08 9701 1782.
NEWSAGENT	Boulevard Lottery Centre & Newsagency is located at Shop 2 / 7 Forrest Street, Esperance and can be contacted on 08 9071 2844.
VISITOR CENTRE	The Esperance Visitor Centre is located on the corner of Dempster & Kemp St in the Historic Museum Village. The Centre can be contacted on 08 9083 1555 or toll free on 1300 66 44 55.
ACCOMODATION	The Esperance All Seasons (Esplanade Apartments) is located at 73 The Esplanade, Esperance and can be contacted on 08 9071 2257 or emailed at esperance_allseasons@bigpond.com . This accommodation is very close by to the Bijou Theatre and the main street in Esperance. There are a myriad of accommodation options available in Esperance though, given the towns strong tourism focus, and for further options please contact the local visitor centre on 1300 66 44 55 or visit: http://www.visitesperance.com/accommodation.asp