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The Esperance Experience

Esperance hosts an abundance of extraordinary beauty in some of the world's best beaches and pristine coastline. Nowhere else can you savour endless stretches of easily accessible beaches that boast the brightest, whitest sand and crystal clear turquoise waters. Experience utterly breathtaking National Parks, intriguing wildlife, unique attractions, hidden getaways, hot summer days beside the sea, or sample the diverse local arts and produce scene. Discover the true Esperance Experience...

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ROAD TRIP

Often described as “out of the way, out of this world!” Esperance is a 7-8 hour drive from Perth and is located in the Goldfields-Esperance region of WA, on the pristine Southern Ocean coastline. (Drive times next page). Regardless of your reason for wanting to get away, Esperance will provide a tranquil & unforgettable escape.

TRANSWA COACH

TransWA's luxury road coaches arrive in Esperance almost daily and travel from Perth & Kalgoorlie. Bookings at the Esperance Visitor Centre.

www.transwa.wa.gov.au or via telephone 1300 662 205 for timetables, pricing, bookings & discounts.

FLYING TO ESPERANCE

REX (Regional Express) Airlines flies daily between Esperance and Perth. Flight times are approx. 90 minutes. Bookings, dates & times can be found at www.rex.com.au

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VISITOR CENTRE

Museum Village, cnr Dempster & Kemp St,
Esperance, Western Australia, 6450

Ph: 08 9083 1555 or 1300 664 455

(phone to obtain your copy of this Guide).

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IMPORTANT NATIONAL PARK NOTES

Follow the signs & stay on roads. Normal road rules apply. Help to protect our natural environment by staying on marked tracks and avoid spreading mud (dieback fungus), particularly following rain. Strictly no firearms or pets, or unlicensed vehicles. For more information on any of the National Parks including access, road conditions, camping and entry fees etc, visit:

<http://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au>

Alternatively you can contact the area specific DPaW officers, who are always happy to help.

Cape Le Grand NP: (08) 9075 9072

Cape Arid NP: (08) 9075 0055

Stokes NP: (08) 9076 8541

Esperance Office: (08) 9083 2100

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Esperance Taxi Service **(08) 9071 1782**

Dept. of Parks & Wildlife **(08) 9083 2100**

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Shire of Esperance **(08) 9071 0666**

WA Road Conditions **1800 013 314**

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Esperance Police Station **(08) 9079 8999**

Esperance Fire & Rescue **(08) 9071 3911**

Esp. Sea Search & Rescue **(08) 9071 1697**

Esperance Hospital **(08) 9079 8000**

Poisons Information Hotline **13 11 26**

VISITING WITH PETS

Esperance provides many places to stay with your dog whilst on holidays, with a list of pet-friendly accommodation available from the Esperance Visitor Centre. Be sure to double check where your pooch can visit, as Esperance is surrounded by several National Parks where both dogs & cats are prohibited. There are, however, many areas of dog-friendly bushland & beaches

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WHATS ON?

The calendar of local events

JANUARY

Australia Day in the Park
Museum Village Markets & Sunset Markets
Esperance Growers Markets
Cruise Ship Season
Moving Movies (Outdoor Cinema):
Summer Program
Esperance Bay Turf Club Race Season
Esperance Cup Race Day
Esperance Bay Yacht Club Season
Esperance Speedway Season

FEBRUARY

Cruise Ship Season
Museum Village Markets
Sunset Markets
Esperance Growers Markets
Esperance Bay Turf Club Race Season
Esperance Bay Yacht Club Season
Esperance Speedway Season

MARCH

Esperance Deep Sea Angling Classic
Esperance Bay Turf Club - Cup Day
Condingup P&C Fair
Grass Patch Yabby Classic
Esperance Bay Yacht Club Season
Esperance Speedway Season
Museum Village Markets & Sunset Markets
Esperance Growers Markets

APRIL & MAY

ANZAC Day Ceremony
Esperance Bay Yacht Club Season
Museum Village Markets
Sunset Markets
Esperance Growers Markets

JUNE & JULY

Winter Solstice @ Esperance Stonehenge
NAIDOC Week
A French Weekend:
French Film Night, Tour de Esperance,
French Museum Village Markets
Esperance Growers Markets

AUGUST

Esperance Music Festival
Museum Village Markets
Esperance Growers Markets

SEPTEMBER

Esperance Wildflower Festival
Museum Village Markets
Esperance Growers Markets

OCTOBER

Esperance Agricultural Show
Garage Sale Trail
Museum Village Markets
Esperance Growers Markets
Esperance Bay Yacht Club Season

NOVEMBER

Museum Village Markets
Esperance Growers Markets
Esperance Bay Turf Club Race Season
Esperance Bay Yacht Club Season
Esperance Speedway Season

DECEMBER

Edge of the Bay Festival
Community Christmas Pageant
Christmas Carols hosted by Lions Club
Cruise Ship Season
Boxing Day Races
Summer Solstice @ Esperance Stonehenge
Museum Village Markets
Esperance Growers Markets
New Years Eve on the Foreshore
Moving Movies (Outdoor Cinema):
Christmas Event
Esperance Bay Turf Club Race Season
Esperance Bay Yacht Club Season
Esperance Speedway Season

GENERAL EVENT INFO

The local Visitor Centre offers an events guide on their "What's On" page of their website: visitesperance.com
Pick up the latest copy of Esperance Tide, a free local publication for what's on around town. www.esperancetide.com



SUMMER

Perfect warm Summer weather, endless turquoise beaches and pristine picturesque coastline to explore. You're sure to find a beach all to yourself...



AUTUMN

Calmer weather & balmy evenings make Autumn the perfect time for visiting the National Parks & exploring the extensive walk trails.



WINTER

Winter marks the beginning of the Southern Right Whale season, often seen migrating along the coast or playing in the bays with their young...



SPRING

Wildflower season is in full bloom during the Springtime, witness the endless colourful vistas & diverse array of local flora and fauna come to life.

EVENTS

Community spirit and culture

ESPERANCE BAY TURF CLUB SEASON

A day out at the Esperance Races is the perfect event for the whole family. Fortnightly from November through 'til March, you'll discover a country race meet to relax & enjoy, or why not dress up to make a special day of it!?

The annual Esperance Cup takes place on the March long weekend.

Boxing Day Races: 26 December 2020

Esperance Cup Race Day: 1 March 2020

<http://www.ebtc.com.au/> for further info.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The annual Community Christmas Pageant is taking place on Sunday 13 December 2020 and celebrates the festive season in Esperance with an afternoon street parade of floats and vibrant community groups.

The Lions' Christmas Carols will take place on Sunday 20 December 2020 at the Soundshell. Bring your blanket and sing along to your favourite Christmas Carols.

SUMMER & WINTER SOLSTICE

The Esperance Stonehenge (complete replica of Stonehenge in the UK) was built to align with the Summer & Winter Solstices here in Esperance, WA.

On the morning of the Summer Solstice (22nd December) the sun's rays align with the Station Stones and shine through to the altar stone. The sunset of the Winter Solstice (21st June) repeats the same alignment in reverse. Both are an amazing sight to witness. More information on pg 28. www.esperancestonehenge.com.au

ESPERANCE SPEEDWAY

The Esperance Speedway season runs from November through 'til March 2020, and sees sprint cars, supermods and street stocks take to the track. Providing quality family entertainment and first class racing for the Esperance community and beyond.

For details visit the Esperance Holden Speedway website and Facebook page.

ESPERANCE AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Held annually at the Esperance Show Grounds on Black Street (in mid-October), this two day event features machinery exhibits, fireworks display, sideshow alley, Beaute Ute competition, children's shows & activities, Guru Gardener, Celebrity Chefs, art & craft exhibitions, trade hall, equestrian displays, petting zoo, food vans & much more. Along with displays of cattle, sheep, shearing, alpacas & poultry.

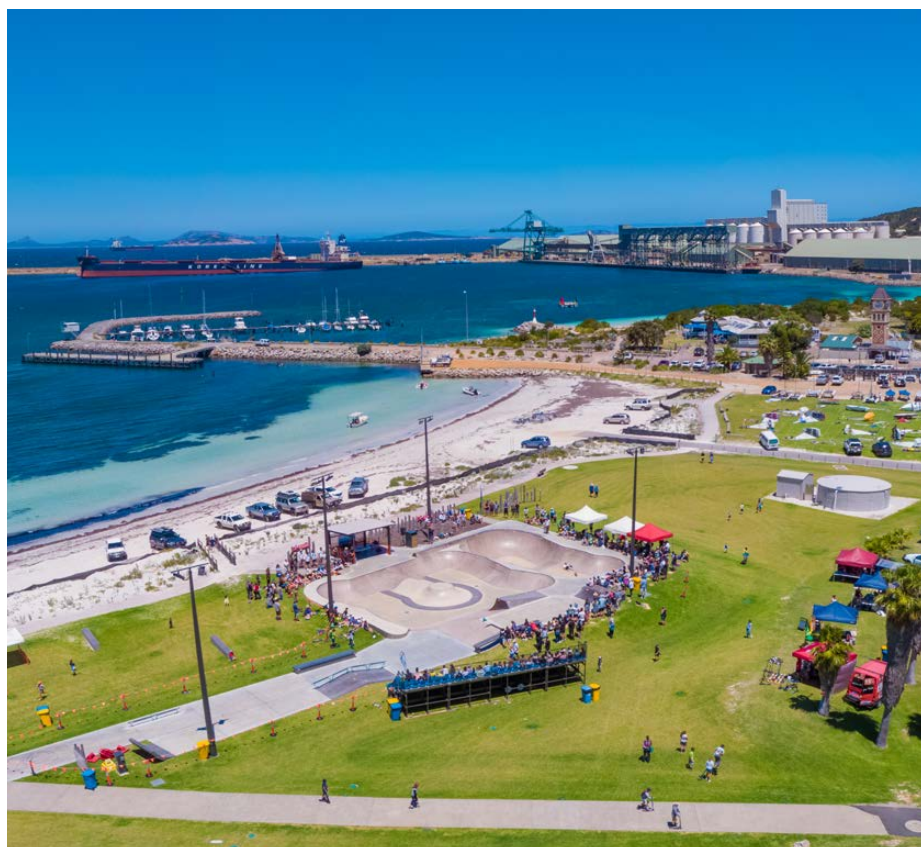
www.esperanceshow.com.au

EDGE OF THE BAY Festival

The Esperance foreshore transforms into a hive of activity over the first weekend in December, during the annual Edge of the Bay Festival. A jam-packed day of Skate, BMX and Scooter competitions, special performing guests, community activities, market stalls & food vendors.

As the sun goes down, the Pop-up Bar & Eatery opens - with divine food and tap beer available in a vibrant, family friendly setting. As the evening's Live Music kicks off, the festival continues till late.

Edge of the Bay is a vibrant and integral community event that takes place annually and sees local & visitors of all ages converge to the iconic foreshore precinct.



CRUISE SHIP SEASON

Running from December through to February, passengers from around Australia and around the globe; USA, UK, Canada, Croatia, New Zealand and Switzerland, disembark from their Cruise Ships at the Esperance Port and flock to the town centre. Passengers spend their day exploring our beaches, visiting attractions, eating at local cafes & restaurants and shopping in our local retail stores.

The largest of the cruise ships to regularly pass through include: the Radiance of the Sea & QE which carry approx. 2500 passengers. During these months you can often witness these mammoth sea vessels sitting pretty in our gorgeous town bay.

ESPERANCE DEEP SEA ANGLING CLASSIC

With over \$20,000 cash up for grabs, keen anglers from around the state converge on Esperance every March, for their chance to take home a share of the prize money for best catch! Participate or simply watch the spectacle of more than 115 boats depart the bay on their day's adventure.

Enjoy all the excitement of the afternoon Weigh-In, held at the Deep Sea Angling Club (Bandy Creek) and observe the best of many local fish species on show. For information or to register contact Murray at Southern Sports & Tackle on 08 9071 3022.

MOVING MOVIES OUTDOOR CINEMA

Truly encompassing the community spirit and embracing our warm balmy evenings, Moving Movies puts on a summer program for the whole family. Bring a picnic & rug to lounge on. Movie snacks & drinks are also available to purchase. Located at the Esperance Soundshell on Dempster Street, opposite the 24hr Caltex. For an up to date program visit: movingmovies.com.au

FORESHORE EVENTS

26 January sees hundreds flock to the Esperance Foreshore to partake in the town's official Australia Day party, whilst New Year's Eve sees a fantastic display of fireworks, stalls, entertainment & food.

LIVE MUSIC SCENE

by our local Kyza Presents

Esperance has a well-established live music scene driven by a growing group of local musicians and a constantly developing audience. The Cannery Arts Centre continues to develop its reputation as one of WA's premier regional Live Music Venues, hosting the likes of Eugene Hideaway Bridges and Perth's hottest act The Southern River Band. Touring acts aside, the Centre has developed as a focal point for the local music scene, with a key goal being the support of local artists.

Open Mics, Workshops and intimate ticketed gigs showcasing primarily local acts feature on the location's calendar, all year round. Drop into The Cannery Arts Centre to check their live music calendar.

The Pier Hotel Esperance provides a classic pub atmosphere and regularly hosts live music on Saturday nights. If you enjoy a good meal & cold beverage with your live tunes, the Pier will certainly not disappoint.

The Esperance Bay Yacht Club provides stunning views across the Esperance Bay, with a glorious rolling front lawn for the kids to spend the afternoon. Over Summer the venue offers occasional Sunday sessions featuring four or more acoustic artists.

If you are visiting Esperance and want to catch an outstanding live experience, check out what's coming up for the local producer at: www.kyzapresents.com
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LOCAL GROWERS MARKET

Fill your basket with goodies

The Esperance Growers Market is a community celebration of local fruit & veg growers, bakers and makers. Esperance has a growing industry of small scale producers of pastured eggs, honey, award winning olives and extra virgin olive oil as well as many home producers who all come together at this fortnightly event to share.

The Growers Market is located at the Esperance Scout Hall on the Esplanade, and takes place every second weeked on Saturday mornings from 9am - 11am rain, hail or shine.

Country kitchens are the source of some of the finest preserves and pickles around both sweet and savoury. Sample beautiful freshly baked goods, pastries, cakes and hot speciality foods or fill your basket with the best seasonal fruits and vegetables grown spray free with love.

This is a family friendly event where you have the opportunity to chat to local gardeners, growers, artisans and cooks, all of whom are keen to share knowledge, swap stories and give hints and tips about our unique area.

GROWERS WORKSHOPS

Workshops are held throughout the year by various stall holders and teach the public anything from bee keeping, mushroom growing, pallet gardens to wicking beds.

Follow the Esperance Growers Market @esperancegrowersmarket on Instagram, or join their Facebook Group – Esperance Growers Market, to stay up to date with current dates and Growers events.



TWILIGHT MARKETS

Kick off the weekend



Located at the Esperance Museum Village, the bustling Friday night "Twilight Markets" run during the summer months and right through 'til April - taking advantage of the balmy evenings & holiday atmosphere.

Featuring a range of local market stalls, food vendors, live music and the occasional pop-up bar - it's the ultimate way to see the sundown...Browse the boutique Museum Village stores who open 'til late, just for the evening!

Stay up to date with Twilight Market information and dates via the Esperance Visitor Centre or on the main Museum Village Markets' instagram page.

MUSEUM VILLAGE MARKETS

Weekend market days

SUNDAY MARKETS

Nestled in the beautifully historic Museum Village shopping precinct & art galleries, the Museum Village Markets operate from 8:30am – 12:30pm (weather dependant), fortnightly on a Sunday, with extra weekends during the Summer Holiday period.

Immerse yourself amongst an array of local artisans, makers & crafts people. Sample & taste the foodie delights on offer, and celebrate the local market culture. For more info contact Amanda on 0415 388 420 or follow on @museumvillagemarkets



FORESHORE



Experience and explore

THERE ARE FEW

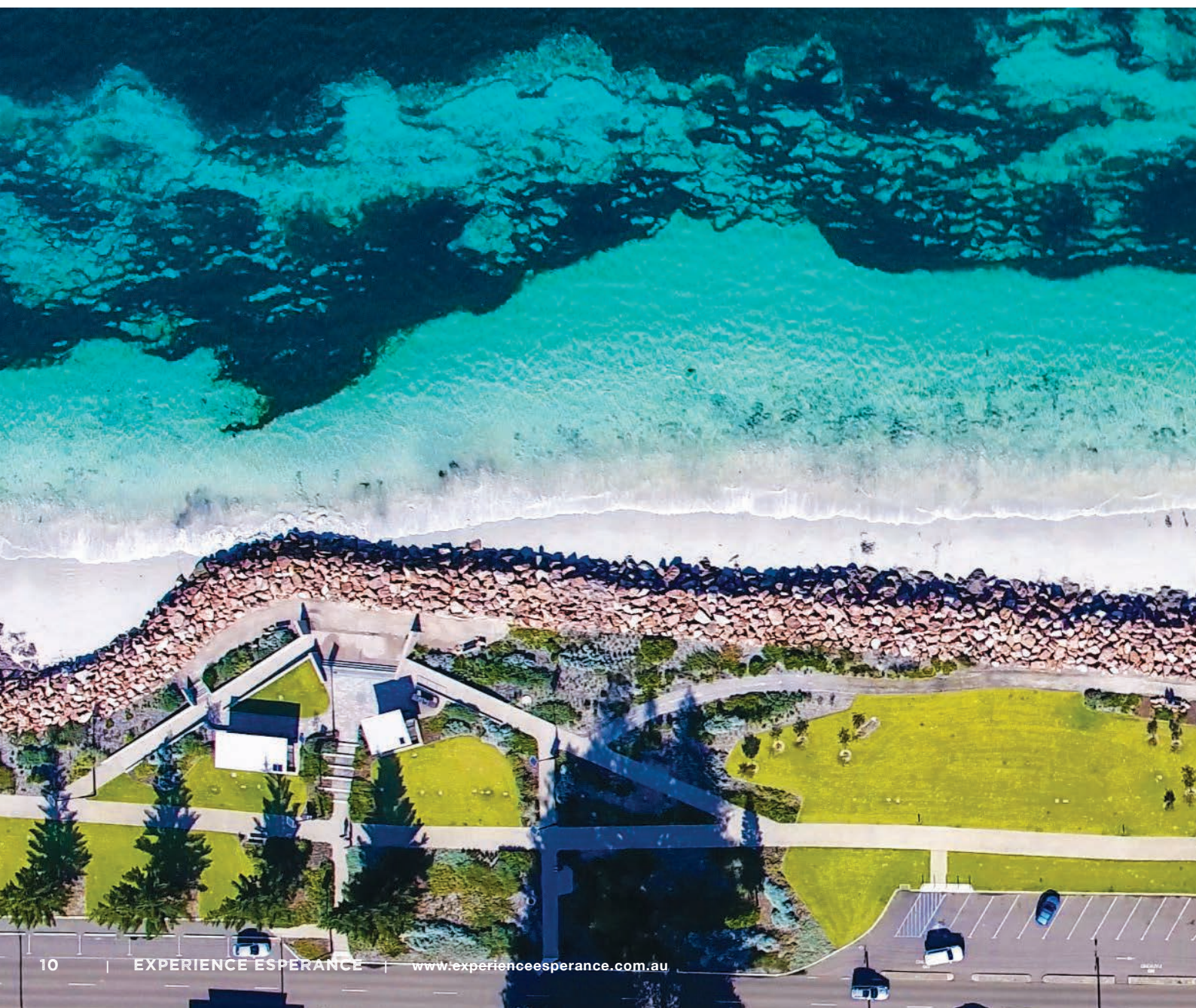
...places in the world where a five-minute walk from the centre of town can bring you to the beach. The Esperance waterfront celebrates our glorious coastline by linking the foreshore to the CBD. Follow paths along the foreshore toward Castletown and the Tanker Jetty Precinct. On the north side of the Tanker Jetty Precinct is a world class discovery based nature playground. Enjoy a coffee, juice or foodie delight from one of the rotating food vans, or utilise the BBQ & picnic areas.

Unique landscaping presents a myriad of native plants whilst historical art installations tell the beautiful tale of our ever evolving beach front. Level with Brazier Street, a smaller head land offers a lower platform from which people can appreciate the stunning Bay of Isles almost at sea level. Picnic shelters & BBQs make this a perfect spot to stop & enjoy the ocean view. Historical information panels and bronze sculptural artworks bring Esperance's pirate history to life!

ADVENTURELAND PARK & MINIATURE RAILWAY

Located on the Esplanade, close to the town centre, the Adventureland Playground is perfect for the kids to run wild, or explore the pathways through tranquil gardens & feed the resident ducks.

Have a hit of Mini Golf or hire a Jolly Jalopy from the Esperance Mini Golf Shed. Kids of all ages can ride the Miniature Railway (open Holidays & Weekends from October through to April and opening at 9am).



JAMES ST. PRECINCT & THE WHALE TAIL

The James Street Precinct is a key part of the waterfront, providing direct beach access close to the town centre, as well as an “all abilities” playground for younger children / toddlers.

Featuring picnic shelters, gas BBQs, large shaded area, seating with ocean views, landscaped lawns, beach access stairs, showers & toilet facilities.

Wander the picturesque pathway to the very tip of James Street headland, or take your own photo in front of the iconic Whale Tail Sculpture (created by local artists Cindy Poole & Jason Wooldridge).

WEEKEND PORT TOURS

Bus site tours of the Port are conducted by the Esperance Apex Club every Saturday at 1:30pm. The cost is by donation, with all proceeds going to local community projects. For more information, contact the Esperance Apex Club on 0407 797 992 or Esperance Ports Sea and Land Reception on (08) 9072 3333

TAYLOR ST. JETTY

Wander the Taylor Street Jetty precinct & admire the vessels penned up at the dock. Take a stroll along the beach in front of the Esperance Bay Yacht Club and view the giant ships loading up at the working port.

SKATE PARK PRECINCT

The newest redevelopment along the foreshore is the Esperance Skate Park, surrounded by an expansive grassed area and situated right on the town waterfront recreational areas.

The Skate Park precinct is utilised by all generations with the design incorporating a number of different skate elements to provide continued progression for beginners through to experienced users.

Local youth groups assisted with the overall design & functionality of the space, with it being built to meet the needs of local youth - featuring enclosed bowl, flow park and street elements.



FREE WIFI AREA

There is free public wifi along the foreshore, between the Whale Tail Sculpture & the Esperance Skatepark.

THE BEACHES

our picks for swimming



BANDY CREEK

A favourite with the locals and located next to Bandy Creek Fishing Boat Harbour, close to town. This beach features a long shallow bank that drops away suddenly to provide access to the harbour for boats and fishing vessels. The perfect location for paddling, swimming, paddle boarding, canoeing & fishing. The beach is accessible by 2WD vehicles & is very sheltered. An ideal family beach. Facilities: toilets at the boat harbour. (Pet Friendly). *Black Jack Charters depart from Bandy Creek Boat Harbour.

CASTLETOWN QUAYS & THE TOWN BEACH

Fringed with pines and visited by whales & dolphins, the calm waters of Esperance's foreshore and pristine town bay are perfect for swimming, paddle boarding, kayaking and young families. The foreshore itself can be accessed all the way along the town's coastline. The James Street Jetty features a waterslide & pontoon and the grassed foreshore area provides hours of fun for families of all ages. The dog / pet friendly beach is located at the end of Castletown Quays through to Bandy Creek. (5-8am & 4-8pm). Facilities: Gas BBQs, shade shelters, toilets & showers.

TEN MILE LAGOON

Fantastic swimming beach 19km from town, particularly for young families. A rocky shore acts as a natural breakwater, forming a long majestic pool that is considerably warmer than the ocean. Suitable for paddling, swimming, boogie boarding and surfing – whilst you'll also spot people fishing off the reef. For naturalists, Esperance's 'free' (nudie) beach is located 200m further down. (Pet Friendly)

BLUE HAVEN BEACH

A hidden treasure at the bottom of a winding staircase, tranquil turquoise waters & extremely still (and protected) conditions make this beach one of the most ideal for sheltered swimming. Take in the spectacular vistas from the viewing platform on your way down and don't forget your snorkel, bathers & towel! (Pet Friendly).

ELEVEN MILE BEACH

With protected bays on both sides of the coast, you are certain to find a picturesque swimming spot. There is a lengthy lagoon perfect for paddling in the calm shallows. For the more adventurous, 4WD access is available to beaches further out west, but always be mindful of patrons on the beach. (Pet Friendly).

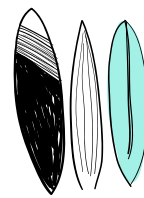
TWILIGHT BEACH

A spectacular family beach that is located only 10km from the town center, Twilight beach is renowned for its crystal clear waters and snow white sand. The beach is patrolled by life savers during the Summer weekends. The beach is very safe and suitable for swimming, paddling, surfing, snorkelling & paddle boarding. Easy to access with few stairs and a large parking area (RV's, Caravans & Coaches). Facilities: outdoor showers & toilets.



THE BEACHES

surf the local breaks



WEST BEACH & CHAPMANS POINT

A favourite with Esperance residents and only 3km from town centre, this extraordinarily beautiful beach features swimming lagoons between the reef and shore, as well as popular surf breaks. Rips can be prevalent here, so the beach should be approached with caution.

Beautiful sweeping shorelines provide the perfect canvas for a stroll, or to simply watch the sun set over the ocean. View the iconic “Dempster Head” headland to the eastern end of the beach as it drops down into the sea, or surf the break off Chapman’s Point and explore this headland at the opposite end. Facilities: showers & toilets. (Pet Friendly)

OBSERVATORY POINT

Sweeping cliffs and an epic sheer drop into the ocean sets apart this hotspot - perfect for wind and kite surfers, promising awesome waves without the crowds, a surfing hot spot and the view from the carpark is remarkable. A sunset here is not to be missed! Facilities: toilets & look out. (Pet Friendly)

FOURTH BEACH

“Fourth’s” offers a sweeping endless beach, very popular for those who are passionate about water sports. Find the perfect spot for a surf, body board, paddle board, or kite surf along this long stretch of coast. Whales can also be spotted during Whale Season (July-Oct). (Pet Friendly)

WYLIE BAY & CAPE LE GRAND BEACH

The first section of Wylie Bay is accessible to 2WD vehicles, featuring a sheltered headland with swimming area and calm waters (no camping allowed). This first section is pet friendly. 4WD vehicles can head further around the beach toward Cape Le Grand, across the white sandy beaches. Check tide / beach conditions.

THE GREAT OCEAN DRIVE

self drive adventure

THE GREAT OCEAN COASTAL DRIVE

The Great Ocean Drive is a 40km coastal self-drive route embracing Esperance's most spectacular coastline, tranquil bays, soaring cliffs and sprawling views over the Recherche Archipelago (otherwise known as the Bay of Isles, a group of 105 islands). The Drive encompasses a number of picturesque lookouts & coastal vantage points.

10 MILE LAGOON WIND FARM

Situated on a coastal ridge 16km west of Esperance on the Great Ocean Drive, the 10 Mile Lagoon Windfarm lies in the northern extremities of the reliable "Roaring Forties" winds, and consists of 9 225kw Vestawind turbines – giving a total generating capacity of just over 2 megawatts. Witness the true power of nature at work, overlooking some of Australia's most spectacular coastline!



TOP LOOKOUT LOCATIONS

ROTARY LOOKOUT

Wireless Hill, 3.1km from town

BLUE HAVEN

6.7 km from town

SALMON BEACH

7.2 km from town

FOURTH BEACH

Multiple pull off bays for photos

TWILIGHT BEACH

11.1 km from town

With vehicle pull bay

OBSERVATORY POINT

15.5 km from town

10 MILE LAGOON & WIND FARM

Wind turbine viewing area

19 km from town

11 MILE BEACH

21 km from town

PINK LAKE LOOKOUT

5 km from town

CANNERY LOOKOUT

Located behind the Cannery Arts Centre in town overlooking the Bay Of Isles.



BEACHES OUT EAST & WEST

venture that little bit further



WHARTON BEACH & DUKE OF ORLEANS BAY

(EAST), “The Duke” is a favourite with the locals just as much as it is with visitors. Nestled between Cape Le Grand National Park and Cape Arid National Park, the Duke offers a variety of small sheltered bays and boasts magnificent coastal scenery.

During wildflower season the area in and around the Duke is brimming with unmissable blooms. 4WDs have access to most beaches and you are sure to find one that is sheltered enough for a swim – no matter the weather! The Duke is ideal for swimming, fishing, boating, paddle boarding, surfing and diving all year round.

The Duke of Orleans Caravan Park offers a range of camping accommodation & chalets and is the perfect base to explore the surrounding areas.

The caravan park offers a shop, mini golf, tennis, playground, water, BBQs, toilets, washing machines, showers, and dogs are allowed! 89km from town.

ISRAELITE BAY

(EAST), For the more adventurous and those seeking a true remote coastal camping getaway, Israelite Bay provides sandy beaches, outstanding coastal scenery and great fishing. Discover the ruins of the old Telegraph Station, which operated from 1877 – 1917. This area can be very difficult to access (last 100km is restricted to 4WD vehicles only) and no facilities are provided, meaning it is the ultimate destination for fully self-sufficient campers & explorers! Visitors should check road conditions before departure & carry their own fuel & water. 200km from town.

THOMAS RIVER & CAPE ARID NP.

(EAST), Offering an array of natural wonders with abundant bird life and great fishing. This popular camping & fishing destination is perfect for families. All beaches have 4WD access – meaning you are sure to find your own section of uninterrupted beach!

Don't miss the sights of Yokinup & Little Tagon Bays, as well as where the Thomas River meets the sea. 122km from town. Facilities: camping grounds (fees apply) BBQs, toilets. Park entry fees apply.

QUAGI BEACH

(WEST), One of the most popular camping sites for visitors to the Esperance area, offering beachside camping in a natural bush environment. 80km from town. Facilities: campground (fees apply) & toilets.

STOKES INLET

(WEST), Stokes Inlet National Park is home to one of the most picturesque and interesting estuaries along WA's south east coast. Long beaches framed by rocky headlands, behind which lie sand dunes & heathland. After heavy winter rain, witness the inlet break through to the beach and fish the Estuary mouth. Follow the many beach tracks and discover the ruins of the Moir Homestead. 90km from town. Facilities: camp ground (fees apply), BBQs & toilets. National Park entry fees apply.

MUNGLINUP BEACH

(WEST), Bordered by natural reef, you can swim, snorkel & experience the local marine life in clear waters. Fish from the beach or canoe on the Oldfield Estuary. 130km from town. Facilities: camping ground (fees apply) & toilets.



LUCKY BAY

(EAST), Cape Le Grand National Park
Voted "The Whitest Beach in Australia"

Located in the Cape Le Grand National Park and home to the iconic 'Kangaroo on the Beach', this unspoilt & spectacular beach features sand so fine and so clean it literally squeaks underfoot. Kangaroos are regularly spotted lazing on the beach, or in the nearby camping / BBQ picnic areas and love to say hello to visitors.

The bay is well protected from the elements and is ideal for swimming, snorkelling, diving, fishing, boating and surfing. The recently upgraded camping facilities offer a fantastic bush setting overlooking the turquoise water.

Lucky Bay is also home to the Lucky Bean Café, one of the only places you can purchase a barista made coffee right on the beach and often in the good company of the local kangaroos.

When you're not soaking up the sun, surf and sand, explore the rest of the park area, which offers bush walking and several hiking trails nearby. 66km from town. Facilities: BBQs, shade shelters, hot showers, toilets, however be sure to bring drinking water. National Park entry fees apply. Le Grand / Lucky Bay camping must be booked online prior to arrival. <https://parkstaybookings.dbca.wa.gov.au>



THE KANGAROOS OF LUCKY BAY

The Cape Le Grand National Park is home to an iconic colony of beach-dwelling Western Greys. These Kangaroos are often spotted meandering across the white sand of Lucky Bay, interacting with visitors, and basking in the sun in the warmer months.

Please remember to not feed the kangaroos or any of the other wildlife.

HELLFIRE BAY

(EAST), Cape Le Grand National Park

Magnificently sheltered, this bay offers beautiful conditions for a dip or boogie board with the kids, as well as enough space for a game of beach cricket. Explore the many walk trails leading to and from the beach, or park at the adjacent picnic area and stop for a BBQ lunch. 56km from town. Facilities: BBQs, toilets. National Park entry fees apply.

ALEXANDER BAY

(EAST), Enjoy sprawling views of the coast and fine white sand. A long sweeping beach and sheltered bay that is fantastic for swimming, fishing, camping & surfing. Beach access is 4WD only. 108km from town. Facilities: camping ground (fees apply) & toilets.

OUR COASTAL NATIONAL PARKS



Did you know...?

ESPERANCE'S COASTAL
NATIONAL PARKS COVER
3,200 SQ. KILOMETRES



CAPE LE GRAND NATIONAL PARK

Possibly the most spectacular of the Southern Coastal National Parks is Cape Le Grand. Located approx. half an hour east of Esperance, the park's rolling heathlands are home to pygmy possums and the western grey kangaroo.

The roos are often spotted lazing on the white sandy beaches, or skipping among the local campsites and socialising with visitors to the park.

Home to many sheltered turquoise bays where the clean white sand literally squeaks underfoot. Swim in a sheltered nook at Hellfire Bay, Lucky Bay or Thistle Cove (home to the Whistling Rocks).

Frenchman Peak (pictured left) was named by surveyor Alexander Forrest during an expedition in search of good country for pasture in 1870. The peak's shape was thought to resemble the hats worn by French troops in the 1800s.

A large cave near the summit is thought to have formed by wave action and underwater currents during a period some 40 million years ago when sea levels were at least 300 metres above their current level and the peaks of Cape Le Grand were largely submerged.

Boats may be launched with caution from Lucky Bay Beach, as well as Le Grand beach. Dunn's Rock on the eastern end of the National Park is also a picturesque & popular fishing spot. 4WD only.

The 20 kilometre 'Le Grand Coastal Track' links many of the park's most spectacular coastal sections and features excellent views. More information can be found on page 31. During wildflower season these trails are brimming with a diverse array of magnificent wildflowers, including dense thickets of showy banksia.

CAMPING HERE

The Le Grand & Lucky Bay Campgrounds both have camp kitchens, gas barbecues, picnic tables, toilets, showers and non-drinking water. No power is available and fires are not permitted. National Park entry fees apply. Le Grand / Lucky Bay camping must be booked online prior to arrival. www.parkstaybookings.dbca.wa.gov.au

Roads: The drive from Esperance to Cape Le Grand National Park is by sealed road. Roads to all recreational sites within the park are also sealed, except for the road to Rossiter Bay, which is graded for 2WD.



CAPE ARID NATIONAL PARK

This exceptionally large National Park covers an area of 2,794 square kilometres and is best known for its stunningly beautiful beaches, clear blue seas and rocky headlands. Approx. 120km east of Esperance and accessible by road, most of the National Park itself is 4WD only.

Cape Arid is a wildly beautiful and biodiverse area. Coastal sand heaths, mallee and low granite hills extend inland to Mount Ragged, after which the vegetation is transformed into woodlands dominated by saltbush and bluebush. The jagged Russell Range, which rises to its highest point at Tower Peak (almost 600 metres), comprises of ancient uplifted quartzite.

This near-pristine wilderness is an important conservation area for 1100 species of plants and more than 160 bird species, several of which are threatened or endangered. Migrating whales pass by close to the headlands in late winter and spring.

Together with Nuytsland Nature Reserve and Eucla National Park to the east, Cape Arid National Park forms an almost continuous nature conservation area to the South Australian border. All areas within the Cape Arid National Park are remote locations and it is crucial to be fully self-sufficient. Take camping gear, ample water, non-perishable food, first aid kit, recovery gear, CB radio and extra fuel.

Camping: Limited camping facilities (pit toilets, BBQs, no power or water) are available at the Thomas River camp ground and also at Thomas Fishery, Jorndee Creek and Mt Ragged. Camping at Seal Creek is also permitted in designated camp areas only. Camping fees apply.

PEAK CHARLES NATIONAL PARK

Located 174km north-west of Esperance, the National Park lies within the Great Western Woodlands, and is internationally significant with great biological richness. Peak Charles towers 500m above the surrounding plain and is visible for more than 50km in all directions, also providing sweeping views over the surrounding heaths and saltlake system. Numerous birds live on and around the peaks. Often several pairs of majestic wedge-tailed eagles can be seen, circling high in the sky.

Camping: The Peak Charles National Park has an area designated for camping, but there are no facilities apart from a bush toilet & walk trail and for most of the year there is no fresh water. Therefore, it is necessary to be fully self-sufficient and to carry adequate water.

Roads: All roads accessing the national park are gravel, and 4WD is highly recommended. Depending on the severity of weather conditions, some roads entering the park can be closed. Contact DPaW for more info.

STOKES INLET NATIONAL PARK

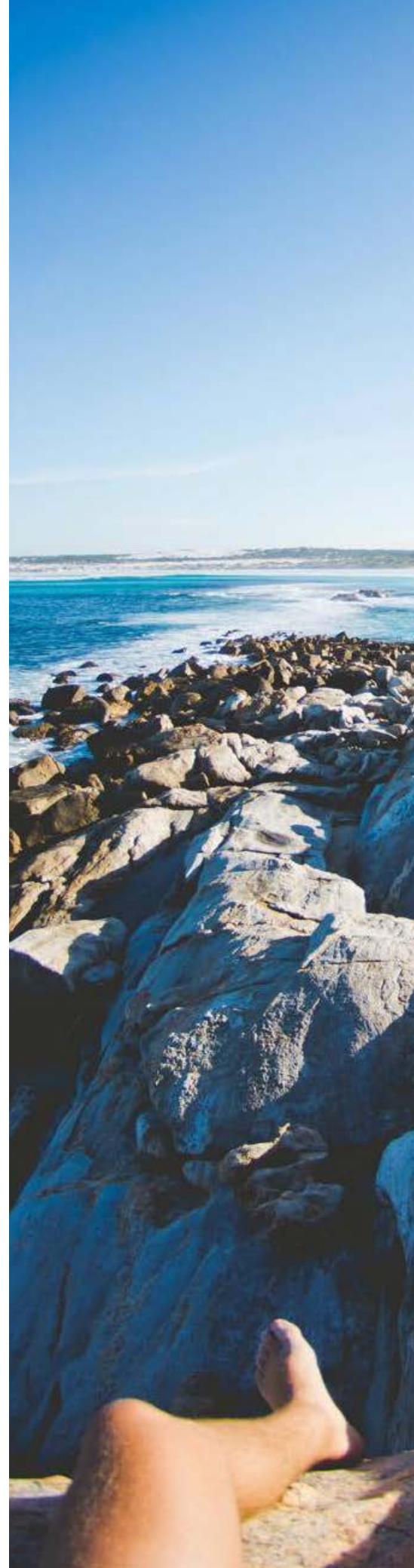
The Stokes National Park is located approx. 80 km west of Esperance. The park features one of the most picturesque estuaries along WA's southern coastal region and is a great place for fishing, camping, bushwalking and birdwatching.

The 14 square kilometre inlet features long beaches and rocky headlands backed by sand dunes. Dense bush and shady paperbark trees fringe the water's edge and is teeming with abundant birdlife. Stokes Inlet is the largest of a number of estuaries around Esperance, and the only one with reasonably deep water. Visitors can walk to the Estuary Mouth if water levels allow.

The inlet is also popular for fishing and canoeing and it is possible to launch small boats from the campsites. Be aware, however, that although the area of water looks large there are extensive areas of shallows and rocks. Normal fisheries regulations apply in national parks. Species caught include black bream, Australian salmon, King George whiting and mullet.

Camping: Visitors can camp at Stokes Inlet (2WD), or Skippy Rock and Fanny Cove (4WD only). The Skippy Rock campground provides toilets & BBQs and both entry & camp fees apply. Camping at Fanny Cove & Shoal Cape requires park entry fee only. Bring enough drinking water for your needs as there is none available in the park. All rubbish must be taken, as there are no bins.

Roads: Main entrance is from Stokes Inlet Road, which is gravel & provides easy access for 2WD vehicles & large caravans. The remainder of the park is 4WD only.





BEACH FISHING

Esperance & the entire southern coastline offers an abundance of exceptional beach fishing locations to choose from, each with their own magnificent views from some of Australia's most breathtaking coastline.

FRESHWATER FISHING

There are bountiful amounts of Black Bream in the fresh water lakes around the Esperance region. Lake Windabout has a plentiful supply, as does Bandy Creek - or for somewhere further out of town try Stokes Inlet.

FISHING FROM A BOAT

Fishing in Esperance is not just limited to the beach, offshore fishing provides anglers with a superior selection of deep sea fish species; Nannygai (Pink Snapper), Swallowtail, Queen Snapper (Blue Morwong), Samson fish, Break Sea Cod, Harlequin Fish, Groper, Tuna, Sargeant Baker, Snook, Herring, Whiting, Skippy, Sweep & Wrasse are all commonly caught. Boat fishing licence is required.



BOAT LAUNCHING

Boat launching facilities and ramps are located at Bandy Creek Boat Harbour and on the Esplanade in town (next to the Scout Hall & Yacht Club). Boats can also be launched with care from Lucky Bay Beach, Duke of Orleans Beach and Stokes Inlet.

For specific local advice on locations, rigs & bait - speak to one of our friendly local tackle shops.

DIVING

The many islands of Esperance's Recherche Archipelago are bound by crystal clear turquoise water and provide large caves, boulders and swim-throughs for divers to explore. There are many breathtaking shore dive sites to choose from, as well as wreck diving at the Sanko Harvest (174m Japanese bulk carrier & second largest wreck dive in the world) and the Lapwing (32ft wooden hulled fishing vessel).

Esperance is rated as one of the ten best dive locations in Australia and is one of the few locations in the world that is home to the Leafy Sea Dragon.

LOCAL BEACH FISHING GUIDE:

| | Accessibility | | | Fish Species | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|---------|----------|-------------|
| | 2WD Access | 4WD onto beach | 4WD Access ONLY | Herring | Skippy | Salmon | Tailor | Flathead | Whiting | Mulloway | Gummy Shark |
| Munglinup Beach | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Margaret Cove | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stokes Inlet | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fanny Cove | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shoal Cape | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Quagi Beach | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Warrenup Beach | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Roses Beach | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Buttys Head | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 & 14 Mile Beach | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 & 10 Mile Beach | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fourth Beach | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salmon Beach | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bandy Creek | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wylie Bay | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Le Grand | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rositer Bay | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunn's Rock | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wharton Beach | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duke of Orleans Bay | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alexander Bay | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kennedys | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thomas River | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Israelite Bay | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Poison Creek | | | | | | | | | | | |

CHARTER AN OCEANIC EXPERIENCE

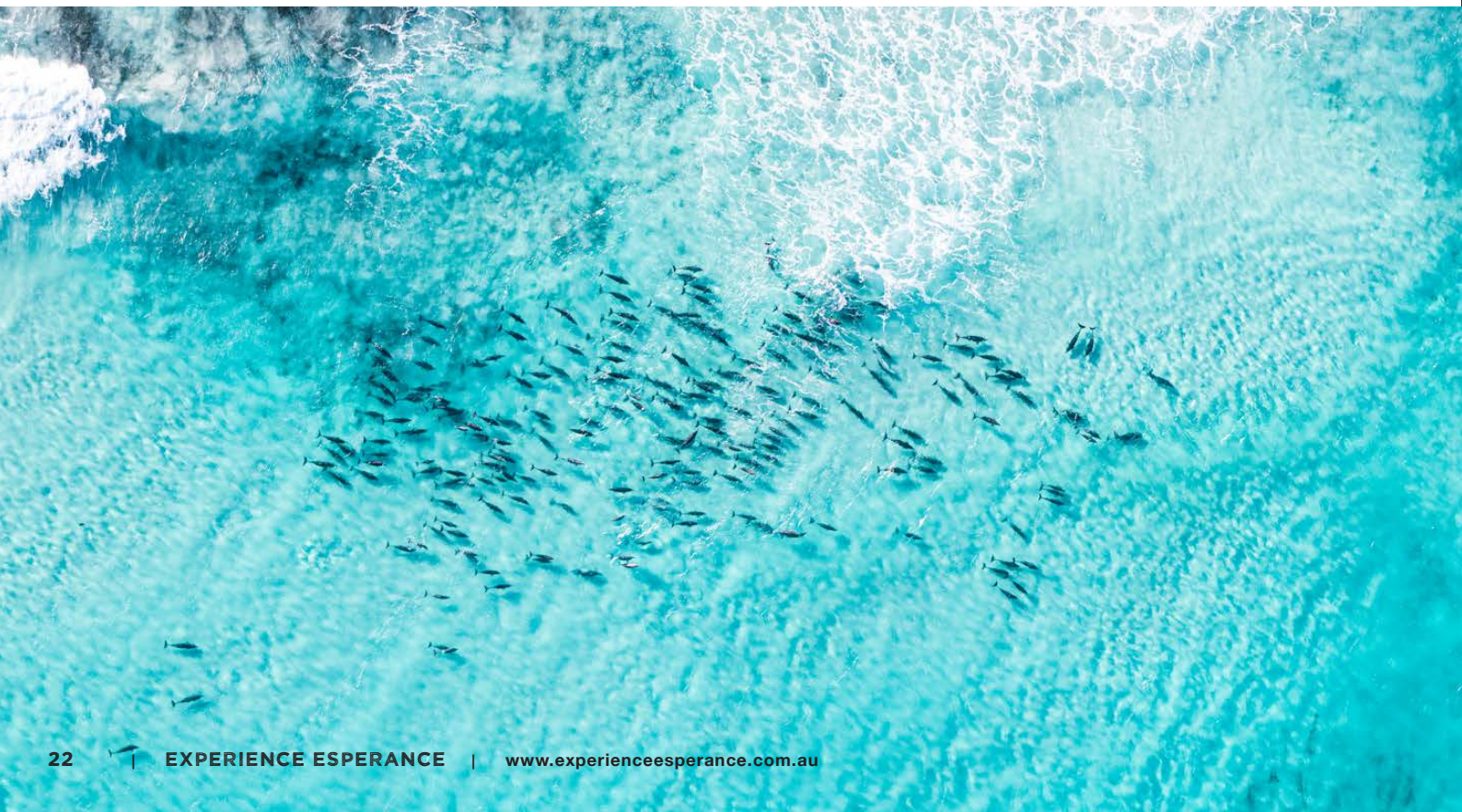
Wildlife on the high seas



Take an Island Cruise through Esperance's iconic 'Bay of Isles', embarking first past the Esperance foreshore & Port Authority. The vessel then makes its way around Lovers Cove, West Beach & Blue Haven before heading out to various islands in the Recherche Archipelago. The crew are passionate about local history & wildlife and

their knowledge throughout the cruise's full commentary truly adds to the experience. A diverse array of marine, bird and land wildlife can be seen, up so close you could almost reach out and touch them... Regular sightings include: New Zealand Fur Seals, Australian Sea Lions, Cape Barren Geese, Common & Bottlenose Dolphins,

White-bellied Sea Eagles (including feeding) and Southern Right Whales (season dependent). Enjoy complimentary morning tea in the protected bay of Thomas Island. Snorkeling equipment is provided for those keen to enjoy the water. Cruise the remaining islands before returning to town. www.esperancecruises.com.au



SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALE SEASON

The Southern Right Whale migrates along the Esperance coast from June to October and can be seen frolicking in the water, or sheltering with their young in one of our many protected bays.

Visit one of the many spectacular vantage points to witness their size & display: Israelite Bay (4WD only), Cape Arid / Thomas River, Cape Le Grand beaches, the Esperance town bay, or one of the many lookouts on the Great Ocean Drive. Esperance Island Cruises offers an oceanic journey through the Recherche Archipelago where the Southern Rights can be spotted from the deck (seasonally dependant).

SEA LIONS & THE NEW ZEALAND FUR SEAL

Australian Sea Lions are found on many rocky outcrops throughout the Recherche Archipelago. The male sea lions represent only approx 10% of the population and stand proud with a distinctive lion's mane marking running down their back.

The New Zealand Fur Seal can be spotted offshore and enjoy putting on a display of impressive diving and synchronized swimming.

DOLPHINS

Both the 'common' and the Bottlenose dolphins can be spotted playing off the Esperance coastline. Graceful & lively, these mammals can often be spotted from the shore, share the bay with swimmers, ride a wave with fellow surfers, or cruise the water with boats & vessels.



LAKE HILLIER, MIDDLE ISLAND

See the colour in person

THE LAKE & ISLAND

Visit the world famous (and incredibly pink) Lake Hillier, set on Middle Island - which is located 70 nautical miles from Esperance and is part of the magnificent Bay of Isles.

The island is an A Class Nature Reserve vested with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), and is in fact, the largest island in the Recherche Archipelago. Local legend has it that Black Jack Anderson, Australia's only known resident pirate, once inhabited Middle Island for ten years.

EXPLORE ON FOOT

Tours over to Middle Island are operated periodically in the peak season through the lovely folk at Esperance Island Cruises.

Upon arrival at the island (via vessel), surrounded by stunningly clear turquoise waters, passengers make their way along the walkway to Lake Hillier and also have the opportunity to view early settler's ruins and Australia's only recorded pirate Black Jack Anderson's camp ground. For peak season tour information and departure dates: www.esperancecruises.com.au



A SCENIC FLYOVER

Goldfields Air Services offer sensational scenic flights over the Esperance township, Esperance Bay & the picturesque coastline. Fly out to the famously pink Lake Hillier on Middle Island and enjoy the view over the Recherche Archipelago (over 100 islands) whilst your pilot points out all of the best coastal highlights, southern right whales (seasonally dependant) & interesting facts about each site.

Circling several times over Lake Hillier and all sides of Middle Island, allowing for endless photo / video opportunities, before heading back to town via the turquoise coastline and stunning white beaches. Goldfields Air Service's flights can be booked via 1800 359 427 and depart from the Esperance Airport, Coolgardie-Esperance Hwy.



STONEHENGE

Full sized replica Stonehenge



A full-size replica of the original (Salisbury UK 3000BC), this Stonehenge appears as the original would have looked around 1950BC. Built from 137 stones of Esperance Pink Granite which were all quarried locally, less than 1km from the Stonehenge's final resting place.

Located 18km from the town centre on Merivale Road (along the way to Cape Le Grand National Park) this homage to the original UK Stonehenge towers almost eight metres into the sky and overlooks the expansive farming vistas of the local area, with panoramic ocean views in the distance.

Esperance Stonehenge was built to align with both the Summer (22nd December) and Winter (21st June) Solstices here in Western Australia. Both are an amazing sight to witness, and a must do if visiting during these times of year!

BEACH TOURING & DAY TRIPS

Be driven along Australia's best beaches in total comfort, and discover a land of untamed beauty combining breathtaking beach drives, exhilarating coastal walks and hidden bush land. Discover a selection of Esperance's most iconic and spectacular locations: Cape Le Grand National Park, Duke of Orleans Bay, the Great Ocean Drive

and meet the Kangaroo's of Lucky Bay. Offering complete flexibility, small intimate groups and a seriously personalised experience, our expert guides have specialist knowledge of the local area and provide a fun and informative interpretation of the history, flora and fauna. You can customise your own adventure to

suit your requirements or special charters are available for large groups. For the more adventurous, bring your own 4WD along on a 'Tag-Along' Tour - a unique opportunity to navigate your way through spectacular, mostly unseen beaches, tracks and sand dunes driving your own vehicle!

Bookings: esperancetours.com.au



WOODY ISLAND

Discover this unique gem



Rich in history, Woody Island is one of the 105 islands in the Recherche Archipelago located just 15km off the coast of Esperance. The island is ideally situated to provide you and your family/friends/colleagues a daytrip adventure out of Esperance.

Offering a delicious vista of flora, fauna & marine life, it's remoteness in the Southern Ocean makes it a pristine haven for all kinds of wildlife, much of which can't be seen on the mainland - Fur Seals, Sea Lions, Dolphins, various marsupials, Grey Kangaroos and a range of exquisite birdlife including the rare Sea Eagle.

GETTING THERE

Woody Island Eco Tours is the official operator of the Island's facilities, and offer the opportunity to access, explore and discover this unique gem on the Western Australian South Coast, during a half day tour (including 40min ferry ride, morning tea and guided walk).

STAYING ON THE ISLAND

Woody Island Eco Tours provide tents and safari huts for island guests, as well as a Visitor Centre / kiosk with food, drinks, equipment for hire & Lisensed Bar facilities.

'Glamp' in style in one of their Safari Huts, step out onto your private balcony and take in the stunning views of Shearwater Bay. Alternatively, take the hassle out of your camping trip with a pre-set up tent. Available in 2 or 4 person size, these are pre-made with beds & linen. BYO camping equipment & utilise basic tent or swag sites.

Camp kitchen facilities are available to all overnight guests. Equipped with BBQ's, gas burners, fridge, microwave, kettle and limited plates, cutlery, pots and pans. All accommodation must be booked with Woody Island Eco Tours.



WILDFLOWER SEASON

Wildflower hot spot checklist

Esperance is blessed with an endless variety of extraordinary flora and from July to November an incredible display of both inland and Coastal Heath wildflowers takes place. The best way to truly experience the wildflowers is to park your car and explore on foot! The local visitor centre can provide the most up to date wildflower locations (can vary between seasons). Treat yourself to one, or all of the wildflower hot spots...

ROTARY LOOK OUT / DEMPSTER HEAD

360 degree views of the land and seascapes and various coastal walk trails. Featuring several species of flowering Eucalypts, Dryandras, Twining Clematis, Australian Bluebell, Fringe Lilies in early summer, Pimelea, Agonis, and Hakea.

GREAT OCEAN WALK

See over page for more information.

KEPWARI TRAILS

See over page for more information.

LAKE MONJINGUP

See over page for more information.

DUKE OF ORLEANS BAY

A local favourite for wildflower spotting, a beautiful & diverse array of colour & variety.

HELMS ARBORETUM

A mammoth reserve where large expanses of natural bushland are accessible by gravel roads. There are hundreds of named plantations containing Western Australian trees, as well as Australian species from other states and exotic pine species. These all flower at the specific time of year for their species. Red Flowering Gum and Tallerack in summer, Silver Princess late winter, Showy Banksia in spring and the glorious Royal Hakea is on show all year round.

Helms Arboretum is located 17kms north of Esperance on the Coolgardie / Esperance Hwy. Dogs are not permitted to enter Helms Arboretum.

STOKES NATIONAL PARK

80km west of Esperance
(information pg 20 & walks pg 28)

ESPERANCE'S WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL

The Esperance Wildflower Festival has been running for nearly 30 years and takes place in September. It is an annual showcase of around 500 local species of wildflowers which are picked under licence and put on display for all to appreciate.

Wildflower enthusiasts will also delight in the photographic exhibition highlighting the local environment and student art exhibition. Located at the Anglican Parish Centre (cnr Andrew & Windich St). Entry via gold coin donation, school groups free.

FITZGERALD BIOSPHERE

Approx. 190 km west of Esperance, near Ravensthorpe, and home to the "Fitzgerald River National Park", the largest single national park in the south-west of Western Australia, home to 12 threatened fauna and 39 threatened flora species, and contains about 20 per cent of WA's described plant species, many of which are found nowhere else in the world.

CAPE LE GRAND NATIONAL PARK

56km east of Esperance
(information pg 19 & walks pg 29)



Known locally as the "Christmas tree" the Nuytsia floribunda is a hemiparasitic plant found only in Western Australia, and displays bright orange flowers during Summer & Christmas time.

WALKS & HIKES

Explore on foot

THE KEPWARI WETLAND TRAILS

Difficulty: EASY

Lake Warden Wetland System
(Kepwari is the local aboriginal word for 'place of moving water')

3.6km interpretive trail winding through fringing Sedge lands, Melaleuca thickets, heathlands, under Banksia canopies and over dune ridges, with views of the internationally recognised wetland system and surrounding catchment. The wetland trail features two bird hides which provide an opportunity to quietly observe waterbirds in their tranquil environment.

A self-guided canoe trail also winds through the lakes, with optimal canoeing conditions being towards the end of winter and into early summer – when water levels are at their highest. Rich in both flora and fauna and only 5 minutes from town, access to the trail is via Windabout Way, or Lakes Road, both adjacent to Fisheries Road.

GREAT OCEAN WALK

Difficulty: EASY - MEDIUM

Take on the entire coastal trail via the Great Ocean Walk and after reaching Twilight Beach (from town), wind through stunning native bushland to the Pink Lake Lookout.

Elevated limestone headlands, sheltered dunes and exposed heaths provide wonderful vistas of seasonal natural flora. Stop for a while along the way and take a closer look for intricate coastal wildflowers.

ESPERANCE BAY TO TWILIGHT BEACH

Difficulty: EASY - MEDIUM

12km from Esperance Bay- Twilight Beach, this sealed track is utilised by runners, walkers & cyclists and could be described as one of the most stunning walk trails in WA! Whale watching between June - November. Take in the iconic Twilight panorama upon completing this section of the walk.

LAKE MONJINGUP

Difficulty: EASY

Recently re-opened Lake Monjingup is a stunning nature trail! Located just 10km out of Esperance, Lake Monjingup boasts new walkways, trails, signage, picnic areas, immense regrowth and flourishing vegetation, as well as a birdwatching shelter & information right on the Lake's edge. Add this to your "must-explore" list when visiting Esperance!

MOUNT RIDLEY (NORTH)

Difficulty: EASY

1hr North of Esperance, on Dempster Rd (off Fisheries Rd). On route, the sides of the road are brimming with wildflowers – be sure to use the designated pull over bays if stopping to take photos! Mount Ridley itself features a picnic area & Esperance's very own "Wave Rock", as well as a glorious array of wildflowers. 4WD access is required during the winter months.

MOUNT RAGGED WALK TRAIL (CAPE ARID NP, EAST)

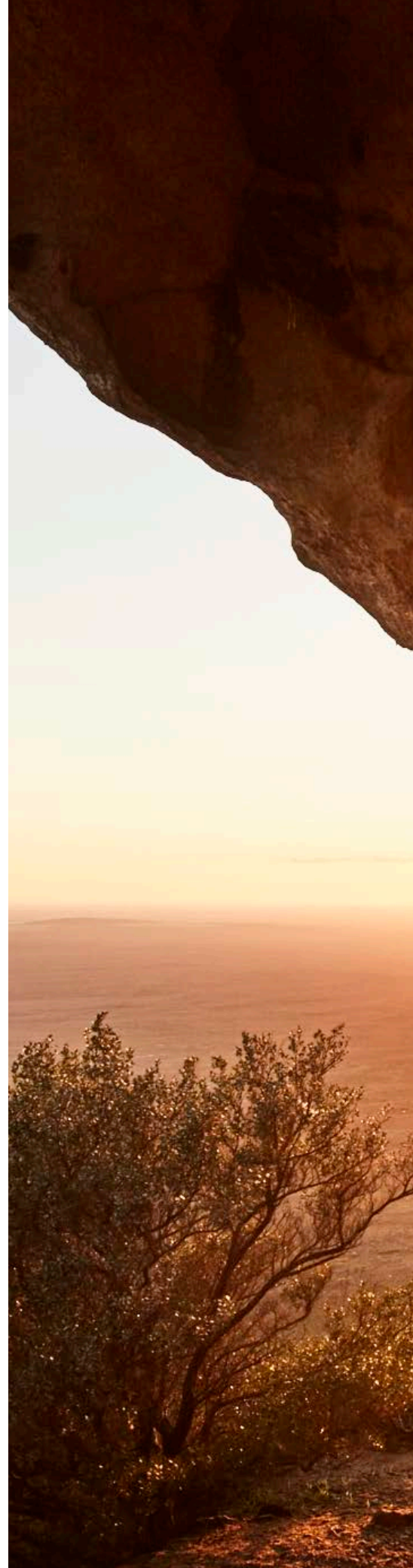
Difficulty: HARD

3km (3 hour) return journey. This trail includes a hike to the top of Tower Peak (585m). Mount Ragged is a steep-sided pre-cambrian ridge surrounded by a wave cut platform at about one-third of its height. Additional info on the Cape Arid National Park, pg 20.

STOKES INLET WALK TRAIL + MOIR HOMESTEAD RUINS (WEST)

Difficulty: EASY-MEDIUM

Walk the Heritage Trail, a 4.3km (1.5 hour) return walk that includes on-site plaques describing changes that have occurred to the inlet environment. The path provides magnificent views of the inlet and its surrounds. Explore the beautiful "Moir Homestead" Ruins, built over 140 years ago. Day visitors and bushwalkers can also enjoy Stokes Inlet, Skippy Rock, Shoal Cape, and Fanny Cove.



LEN OTTE NATURE TRAIL (CAPE ARID NP, EAST)

Difficulty: EASY

1km (1 hour) walk.

With views over the national park, offering a close look at the varied plant & animal life in the area. Perfect for wildflower season.

TAGON COASTAL WALK (CAPE ARID NP, EAST)

Difficulty: MEDIUM

7km (4 hour) return journey. Offering views over the wild coastline. Spot a Southern Right Whale, which often swim close to shore in the sheltered bays in winter. The Dolphin Cove lookout is also a perfect whale watching location.

PEAK CHARLES (NORTH)

Difficulty: MEDIUM - HARD

The walk to the Peak Charles Lookout is a 1hr (2km) climb. This magnificent hill has attracted the attention of many experienced rock climbers, as its steep eastern face offers high quality climbs of up to 300m in length. During wildflower season, numerous species of orchids grow along the slopes and is renowned for being a wildflower hotspot. For the more adventurous, take the Peak Charles Summit 3hr (3.4km) climb. Numerous birds live on the peaks, an early morning walk around the apron proving very rewarding for bird watching.

Several pairs of majestic wedge-tailed eagles can often be seen circling in the sky, whilst the surrounding thickets, woodlands and flowering scrub are inhabited by more than 40 small bird species.

LE GRAND COASTAL TRACK (EAST)

Difficulty: HARD

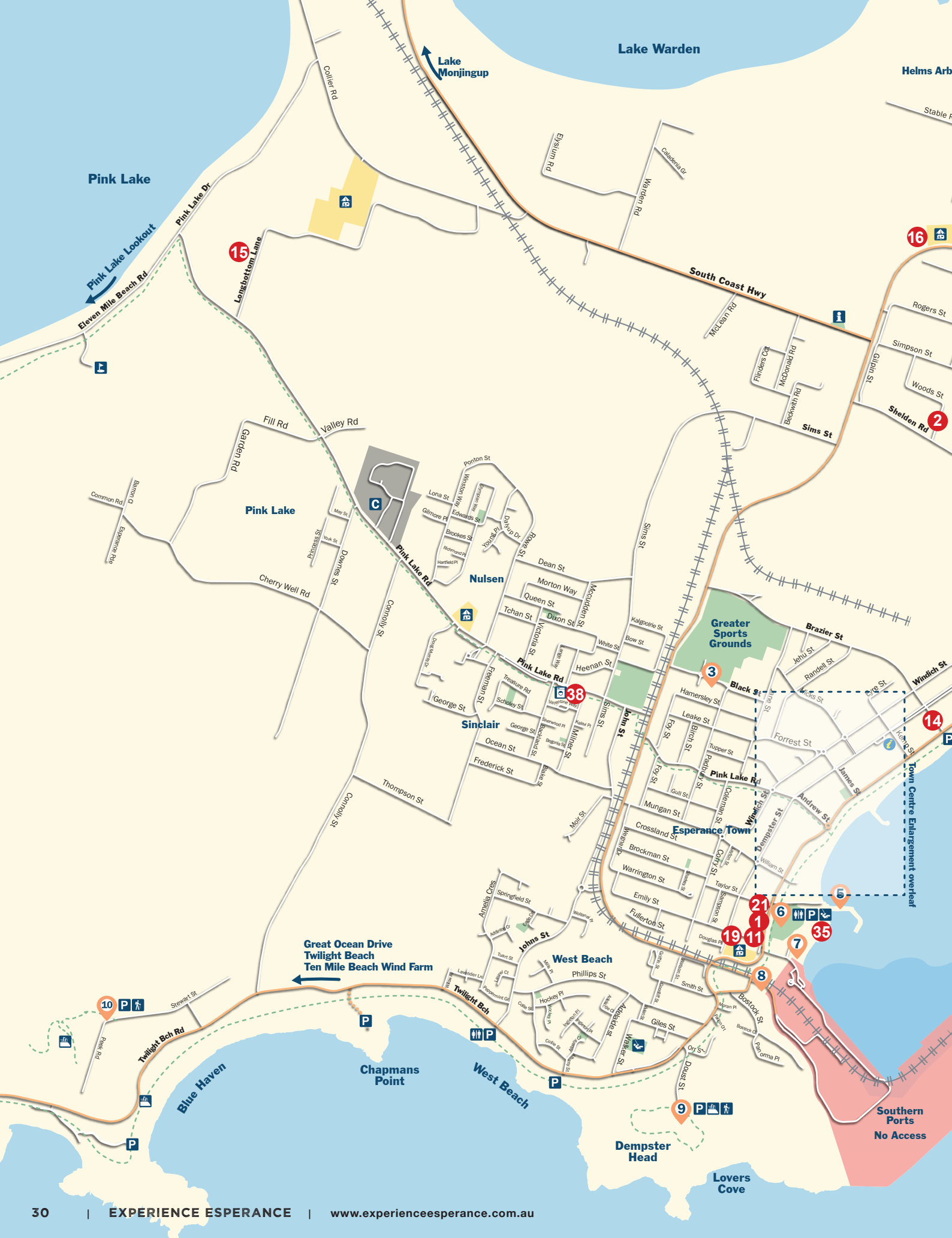
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FRENCHMAN PEAK HIKE (EAST)

Difficulty: MEDIUM

A climb up Frenchman's Peak (262m) will be rewarded with panoramic views of the park's bushland, ocean, and islands that make up the Recherche Archipelago. The 3km trail leads from the carpark up the slope to the east of the summit, allow 1.5hrs to complete.

This Image: At the top of Frenchman's Peak





PLACES OF INTEREST

1. Woody Lake Nature Reserve
2. Castletown Jetty Ruins
3. Bay of Isles Leisure Centre (Pool)
4. Jetty Headland
5. Taylor Street Jetty
6. Adventureland Park
7. Port Tours Starting Point
8. Tommy Windich Cultural Precinct
9. Rotary Lookout
10. Salmon Beach Wind Farm

Approximate Distance from Esperance (km)

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Lake Monjigup | 10 |
| Helms Arboretum | 17 |
| Gibson | 25 |
| Cape Le Grand National Park | 49 |
| Condungup | 68 |
| Mt Ridley | 73 |
| Stokes National Park | 85 |
| Duke of Orleans Bay | 90 |
| Munglinup | 107 |
| Cape Arid National Park | 156 |
| Peak Charles | 175 |

Legend

- Sealed Roads
- Unsealed Roads
- Walk & Cycle Way
- Railway
- Visitor Centre
- Information Bay
- Petrol Station
- Auto. Teller Machine
- Laundromat

Advertisement Listings (back of book)

- Point of Interest
- Public Parks
- Supermarkets
- Cemetery
- Dump Point
- Boat Ramp
- Golf Course
- Parking
- Public Rest Room
- Lookout
- Caravan Park
- Playgrounds
- Public Barbeque
- Picnic Bench
- Sheltered Picnic Bench
- Canoeing Trail
- Walking Trail
- Recycling Station

TOWN CENTRE ENLARGEMENT



Legend

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| — Roads | # Advertisement Listings |
| - - - Walk & Cycle Way | ● Point of Interest |
| 🏠 Visitor Centre | P Public Parking |
| 🏥 Hospital | P Long Vehicle Parking |
| 👮 Police Station | ATM Auto. Teller Machine |
| 🏛 War Memorial | 🚤 Boat Ramp |
| 📮 Post Office | 🎡 Playground |
| 🧺 Laundromat | 🪑 Picnic Bench |
| 🛹 Skate Park | 🌳 Sheltered Picnic Bench |
| 🛒 Supermarket | 🔥 Public Barbeque |
| ⛽ Petrol Station | 🚌 TransWA Bus Station |
| ♻ Recycling Station | ☀ Solar Charging Bench |
| | 📶 Free Town Centre WIFI |

TOWN CENTRE ENLARGEMENT

1. Esperance Public Library
2. Museum Village
3. Esperance Civic Centre
4. Shire Administration Office
5. Sound Shell
6. Parks & Wildlife Services Office
7. Esperance Museum
8. James Street Precinct
9. James Street Jetty & Pontoon
10. Esperance Youth Precinct

GREAT OCEAN DRIVE (RIGHT) >

1. Cannery Arts Centre
2. Jetty Headland
3. James Street Precinct
4. Taylor Street Jetty
5. Southern Ports Tours APEX
6. Rotary Lookout & Walk Trail
7. Lovers Cove
8. West Beach
9. Chapmans Point
10. Salmon Beach Windfarm
11. Blue Haven
12. Salmon Beach
13. Fourth Beach
14. Twilight Cove
15. Dolphin Cove
16. Observatory Point
17. Observatory Beach
18. Nine Mile Beach
19. Ten Mile Windfarm
20. Ten Mile Lagoon
21. Eleven Mile Beach
22. Pink Lake Lookout

SERVICES & RETAIL

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AVIS Car Hire Esperance

63 The Esplanade Ph: (08) 9071 3998

Dan Paris Photography

www.danparis.com.au

Dwyer & Co. Accountancy

57 The Esplanade Ph: (08) 90712511

Esperance Camping & Workwear

88 Dempster St Ph: (08) 9071 2142

Esperance Smash Repairs

71 Norseman Rd Ph: (08) 9071 1916

Esp Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corp.

18 Andrew St Ph: (08) 9072 0094

Luna & Sage Boutique

Suite 10, 75-79 Dempster St

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Pink Lake IGA

72 Pink Lake Road Ph: (08) 9071 1733 Main Map pg 30

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REX Airlines Coolgardie - Esp. Hwy, Gibson

Ph: 13 17 17 Map below pg 32

Southern Sports & Tackle

Shop 16, The Boulevard Ph: (08) 9071 3022

Southern Suspension & 4x4

53 Norseman Rd Ph: (08) 9072 0917

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TransWA

Esperance Visitor Centre Ph: 1300 662 205

COASTAL MAP





ATTRACTIONS

4U We Do Side Car Tours

Ph: 0458 021 841

32 Black Jack Charters

Ph: 0429 106 960 *Main Map pg 31*

15 Cindy Poole, Glass Gallery & Cafe

Lot 5, Longbottom Lane Ph: (08) 9071 4059
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ENAC Aboriginal Art Gallery

4 Wood St Ph: (08) 9071 5823

Esperance Eco Discovery Tours (4WD)

Ph: 0407 737 261

Esperance Diving & Fishing

Ph: (08) 9071 5111

Esperance Island Cruises

72 The Esplanade Ph: (08) 9071 5757
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6 Esperance Stonehenge

Merivale Road Ph: 9075 9003 *(Map below pg 33)*

Fenwick 3 Cinemas

105 Dempster Street Ph: 9072 1344

24 Goldfields Air Services @ Esperance Airport

Coolgardie – Esp. Hwy, Gibson *(Map below pg 32)*
Ph: 1800 359 427

48 Lucky Bean Café @ Lucky Bay Beach

Cape Le Grand NP *(Map below pg 32)*

29 Lucky Bay Brewing

Bandy Creek Road Ph: 0447 631 115
(Main Map pg 31)

2 Mermaid Leather

6 Wood Street Ph: 9071 5248
(Main Map pg 30)

39 Woody Island Eco Tours

(Booking office @ Comfort Inn)
Ph: 0484 327 580 *(Town Centre pg 32)*

36 White Sands Gallery

Shop 8, Museum Village Mob: 0419258 036
(Town Centre pg 32)

Yirri Grove Olive Farm & Restaurant

1544 Fisheries Road Ph: 0407 257 255



ACCOMMODATION

A place to sleep for any length of stay

A PLACE TO CALL YOUR OWN

There's a huge choice of self-catering accommodation sure to suit any sized travelling party, many within just a stone's throw away from the beach. Whether you're on a romantic getaway for two, or a group holiday, be sure to check out Esperance's range of fully self-contained accommodation options:

Yot Spot Apartments, Esperance Central Accommodation, Driftwood Apartments, Esperance Seafront Holiday Units, Goldies Place or JJs Holiday Cottages. The Comfort Inn Bay of Isles, Hospitality Motel and Bayview Motel also provide a great quality home away from home.

BED & BREAKFAST

Nothing symbolises 'relaxing holiday' quite like lengthy sleep ins and having brekkie cooked for you – this paired with invaluable local knowledge makes Esperance's range of comfortable and luxurious Bed & Breakfasts the complete lodging experience. Try out A Tranquil Retreat B&B for the ultimate Bed & Breakfast experience.

TENT, SWAG AND MOTORHOME

Travelling carefree with just a few belongings and a tent doesn't mean you are restricted to where you can stay! Esperance offers a range of lush, shaded & grassy sites where you can pop up (or pull up) your temporary home & comfortably base yourself for endless adventures. Powered & unpowered sites are available and are small or large enough to suit all sizes of self-sufficient travellers.

Book at Bathers Paradise, Esperance Bay Holiday Park, RAC Esperance Caravan Park, Pine Grove Holiday Park or Pink Lake Tourist Park. Venture out of town & stay beachside at the Orleans Bay Caravan Park.

BUSHLAND SETTING

Book to stay on one of Esperance's semi-rural properties, such as La Cabane Retreat, A Tranquil Retreat B&B or Esperance Chalet Village and you'll wake to nature surrounding you! If you've got a spare few hours, start the day by exploring the property, spot the birdlife, hunt for wildflowers & discover the natural surrounds.

LUXURY STAYS

Choose a stunning & intimate holiday home or luxury apartment by the sea for your next indulgent getaway. Rent an executive style house or resort style unit providing first class service & amenities and lavish sleeping spaces. Spa suites & balcony views are sure to turn up the romance, as does the close proximity to a range of fine dining restaurants, or a sunset walk by the ocean. Check out the Jetty Resort, or Esperance Island View Apartments.

HOSTEL

The Esperance YHA is the only hostel in town and is conveniently located at 299 Goldfields Road, Phone: 9071 1040

ICON KEY



= MAP MARKER
(location marker)



= PET FRIENDLY
(mention at time
of booking)



HOTELS & MOTELS

- 5 Bayview Motel**
31 Dempster St Ph: 9071 1533
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- 22 Hospitality Motel Esperance**
The Esplanade Ph: 9071 1999
Town Centre pg 32
- Captain Huon
5 The Esplanade Ph: 9071 2383
- 8 Comfort Inn Bay of Isles**
32 The Esplanade Ph: 9071 9000
Free Call: 1800 095 563
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- 7 The Jetty Resort**
1 The Esplanade Ph: 9071 3333
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- Travellers Inn
Goldfields Rd Ph: 9071 1677

CARAVAN PARKS

- 3 Bathers Paradise Caravan Park**
Westmacott St Ph: 9071 1014
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- Bushlands Caravan Park
Collier Rd
Ph: 9071 1346
- 19 Esperance Bay Holiday Park**
162 Dempster St Ph: 9071 2237
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- 25 RAC Esperance Holiday Park**
Goldfields Rd Ph: 9071 1251
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- 16 Pine Grove Holiday Park**
817 Harbour Rd Ph: 9071 4100
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- Pink Lake Tourist Park**
Pink Lake Rd Ph: 9071 2424
- Munglinup Beach Caravan Park
Munglinup Beach Rd Ph: 9075 1155
(106km west)
- 37 Orleans Bay Caravan Park**
Orleans Bay Rd Ph: 9075 0033
(80kms east, *Map pg 33*)
- Salmon Gums Community Caravan Park
Nulsen Street, Salmon Gums
Caretaker: 0467 880 443
(106km west)

BED & BREAKFAST

- 10 A Tranquil Retreat B&B**
Lot 115 Tranquil Drive Ph: 9071 5392
Mob: 0427 448 608
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- Alexander Drive B&B
Alexander Drive Mob: 0418 938 350
- Nakuru Farmstay B&B
Stockyard Rd, Merivale Mob: 0458 759 004

HOUSES & COTTAGES

- '8 Taylor Street'**
8 Taylor Street Mob: 0415 388 420
- At the Windmills Beach House
12 Windich St Mob: 0487 871 135
- Airyhemming Farmstay
Lot 1 Old Smokey Rd Mob: 0432 871 290
- Blue Haven Shell Studio
215 Twilight Beach Rd Mob: 0432 902 804
- Chestnut Cottage**
1 Chestnut St Mob: 0439 825 707
- Cottage on Mitchell
21 Mitchell St Mob: 0408 918 221
- Dempster Charm Cottage
12 Dempster St
Ph Visitor Centre: 9083 1555
- 13 Esperance Beach House Apartments**
20 The Esplanade Mob: 0427 774 287
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- Esperance Eagle View**
33 Collie St Mob: 0417 949 359
- Esperance Esplanade Beach House
70 The Esplanade Mob: 0427 714 059
- High Tide
17 Goldfields Rd Mob: 0458 416 506
- 17 JJ's Cottage**
49 Mitchell St Mob: 0402 459 915
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- JJ's House**
67A Westmacott St
Mob: 0402 459 915
- Layton St Apartments
2 Layton St Mob: 0418 919 045
- The Lilypad Esperance
Lot 32, Orana Drive Mob: 0418 556 463
- Nutcrackers Lodge
85 Orana Drive, Myrup Ph: 0428 038 790
- Osprey Holiday House
16 Warrington St
Ph Visitor Centre: 9083 1555
- Pine Court Holiday Cottage
11 Emily St Mob: 0415 356 846
- Quays Escape
4 Castletown Quays Mob: 0409 829 211
- Rustic Retreat
25 Daphne St Mob: 0400 226 272
- Seascape Beach House
11 Cornell St
Mob: 0427 383 751 or 0429 920 226
- Stowaway Beachside Apartment
109 Twilight Beach Rd
Mob: 0429 301 066
- Urchin Cottage**
18 Goldfields Rd Mob: 0427 383 751
- West Beach Holiday House
16 Ingleton Place Mob: 0427 767 063

SELF CONTAINED APARTMENTS & UNITS

- Archipelago Apartments
24 Goldfields Rd
Ph: 9071 7100 Mob: 0427 608 097
- BJTs by the Sea
87 Goldfields Rd
Mob: 0433 498 008
- Clearwater Motel Apartments
1A William St Ph: 9071 3587
- CWA Holiday Units
The Esplanade Mob: 0419 096 039
- Driftwood Apartments**
69 The Esplanade
Ph: 9071 6677 Mob: 0428 716 677
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- Eco Valley Retreat
Lot 1, Valley Road Mob: 0418 935 169
- Esperance Island View Apartments**
14-15 The Esplanade Ph: 9072 0044
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- Esperance Central Accommodation**
73 The Esplanade Ph: 9071 2257
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- Esperance Beachfront Resort
19 The Esplanade Ph: 9071 2513
- Esperance Bird & Animal Park Cabins
Norseman Coolgardie Hwy Ph: 9076 1067
(13kms north)
- Esperance Chalet Village**
Frank Freeman Drive
Ph: 9071 1861 Mob: 0400 457 398
- Esperance Coastal Retreat
561 Fisheries Rd Ph: 9071 3222
- Esperance Seafront Holiday Units**
Norseman Rd Ph: 0408 903 004
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- Goldies Place**
51 Goldfields Rd Ph: 9071 2879
- Grass Tree Hill
25 Warden Rd Mob: 0447 908 311
- JJ's Butler Street Units**
23A & 23B Butler St Mob: 0402 459 915
- La Cabane Retreat**
Lot 5 Downes St
Ph: 9071 4106 Mob: 0412 936 916
- Le Grand Chateau
6A Watson St
Mob: 0427 720 182 or 0437 902 203
- Ocean Beach Holiday Units
4 Dempster St Ph: 9071 5942
- The Doo Drop Inn
3 Norseman Rd
Ph: 9071 5043 or Mob: 0408 881 862
- 1 Yot Spot Apartments**
72 The Esplanade
Ph: 9071 5111 or Mob: 0417 707 345
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FOOD & DRINK

the guide to Dining Out

Anywhere Cafe

51a The Esplanade Ph: 0436 440 588

Aurelia's Ice Creamery & Café

84-85 The Esplanade Ph: (08) 9072 0002

Bay of Isles Lunch Bar

21 Norseman Road Ph: (08) 9071 1084

Big Bob's Kitchen

81 Pink Lake Rd Ph: (08) 9097 0146

Breakaway Cafe

105 Dempster Street Ph: (08) 9055 3006

Brown Sugar Cafe

94 Dempster Street Ph: (08) 9072 1805

Brumby's Bakery (Shop 6)

Boulevard Forrest St Ph: (08) 90714 222

Castletown Fish & Chips

67 Goldfields Road Ph: (08) 9071 3261

15 Cindy Poole: Gallery & Café (Map pg 30)

Lot 5, Longbottom Lane Ph: (08) 9071 4059

Condingup Tavern

12 Cnr Eyre & Parish Street Ph: (08) 9076 6024

Condingup (Map pg 33)

Curry Palace Indian Restaurant

1 Mills Place West Beach Ph: (08) 9071 4622

47 Dome (Town Map pg 32)

19 Andrew Street Ph: (08) 9071 6160

Domino's Pizza Esperance

Forrest Street, Boulevard Ph: (08) 9076 3220

Downtown Espresso Bar

94c Dempster Street Ph: 0438 920 971

9 Eljays Bar & Restaurant (Town Map pg 32)

32 The Esplanade Ph: (08) 9071 9000

Emperor's Garden Chinese

123 Dempster Street Ph: (08) 9071 2866

Esperance Bay Yacht Club (Friday night only)

72 The Esplanade Ph: (08) 9071 3323

Esperance Bird & Animal Park

549 Coolgardie-Esperance Hwy

Ph: (08) 9076 1067

Esperance French Hot Bread Shop Bakery

85 Dempster Street Ph: (08) 9071 7705

Esperance Kebab & Turkish Bakery

5 Andrew Street Ph: (08) 9071 7704

Esperance Dempster Street IGA Sandwich Bar

97 Dempster Street

Esperance Travellers Inn

5 Goldfields Road Ph: (08) 9071 1677

Witches Brew Drive Thru Coffee

7 Forrest Street Ph: (08) 9071 6131

Fish Face Restaurant & Takeaway

1 Jane Street Ph: (08) 9071 1601

Galore Fish & Chips

40 Norseman Road Ph: (08) 90717550

Gibson Soak Hotel Ph: (08) 9075 4020

Coolgardie – Esp Hwy, Gibson

Golden Orient Chinese Restaurant

49 Dempster Street Ph: (08) 9071 3744

Xing's Sushi & Noodle Bar

6 Andrew Street Ph: (08) 9071 5826

Loose Goose Bar & Restaurant

9a Andrew Street Ph: (08) 9071 2320

29 Lucky Bay Brewing

Bandy Creek Rd, Bandy Creek

Ph: 0447 631 115 (Map pg 31)

Lucky Roe Snack Bar

80 Norseman Road Ph: (08) 9071 2005

McDonalds Esperance

117 Dempster Street Ph: (08) 9071 6005

Museum Village Cafe, Museum Village

Dempster St Ph: (08) 90721091

Ocean Blue Restaurant (BYO)

19 The Esplanade Ph: (08) 9071 7107

Pink Lake Country Club

(Friday Night Dinner only)

Nicholson Road, Pink Lake

Ph: (08) 9071 1000

Red Rooster

1 Forrest Street (08) 9071 3825

Redz Pies Esperance Bakery

74 Pink Lake Road

Ricardo's Pizza

51 The Esplanade Ph: (08) 9072 1244

Salmon Gums Hotel / Motel

Ph: (08) 9078 5040

23 Seasons Restaurant

44-46 The Esplanade Ph: (08) 9071 1999

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Sheldon Lunch Box

23 Sheldon Road Ph: 0408 912 997

Subway

80 Dempster Street Ph: (08) 9072 1936

35 Taylor Street Quarters (Map pg 30)

Taylor Street Jetty Ph: 0457 232 039

The Pier Hotel

47 The Esplanade Ph: (08) 9071 1777

Top End Take-Away

119 Dempster Street Ph: (08) 9071 2000

Yirri Grove

1544 Fisheries Road Myrup

Ph: 0407 257 255

 = DELIVERY AVAILABLE





TAYLOR STREET QUARTERS

Located beachside and overlooking the Esperance Bay, Taylor Street Quarters is perched on one of the most scenic locations in town. "The Quarters" as it's casually known to the locals, offers a Bar & Grill style atmosphere, sensational food, coffee, wine, cocktails and tap beer (including locally produced Lucky Bay brews).

Long tables are perfect for groups, happy hour and Sunday Sessions, or if a classy dinner for two is more your scene then choose from one of the multiple dining areas or grab a nook on the verandah.

Taylor Street Quarters is super family friendly with a grassy outdoor area for the kids, and a walk path to the beach. Live music sessions take place in the warmer months over the weekends, and certainly lend themselves to an all-arvo experience with friends.

YIRRI GROVE OLIVE FARM

Overlooking the sprawling farm land and the Recherche Archipelago beyond, Yirri Grove comprises of 12 acres of lush Olive trees, nestled among a remaining 48 acres of working property and farmland.

On location you'll discover a commercially producing Olive & Olive Oil Farm, as well as a sustainable, wholesome and nationally award winning business.

The Yirri Grove Restaurant and Farm Shop offers olive tastings, a range of local gifts & great coffee, cakes and lunches. Yirri Grove Restaurant offers a real paddock to plate experience.



THE FOODIE VANS

There's something quintessentially "laid back" about purchasing your meal from a chatty vendor sitting high up in a brightly coloured mobile food van. Set against Esperance's picturesque backdrop and the fresh air, our diverse range of foodie vans offer food, drink, and a taste of local atmosphere, as well as that essential "holiday" experience.

COFFEE CAT

Situated on the foreshore, and overlooking the glorious bay at the Tanker Jetty precinct, the bright red van churns out coffees, teas, chai lattes & a whole bunch of locally baked goodies from 7am – 2pm weekdays (and some public holidays). A must-visit for all coffee lovers – the complete experience!

S'JUICE JUICE BAR

Also parked at the Tanker Jetty precinct, S'juice offers fantastic quality fresh fruit juices made to order, refreshing smoothies packed with fruit & veg, and healthy vegetarian winter soups. Sip your way through the seasons with Mario's marvellously delicious treats & look out for the bright green van – it's hard to miss!

BEAN BREAK

Located out front of the RAC Esperance Caravan Park (Goldfields Rd), Bean Break coffee van is another of Esperance's coffee hot spots. Spot the iconic white deck chairs along the foreshore and stop in to sample their extensive range of coffees, teas and iced drinks. Within moments of pulling up on location, coffees will be served!

LUCKY BEAN CAFE

Located in the heart of the Cape Le grand National Park, Lucky Bean Cafe is one of the only places you can purchase a barista made coffee right on the beach (and often in good company of the local Kangaroos!) Closed during winter, EFTPOS available. Follow on Facebook or Instagram for opening hours.

SPUDLICIOUS

What could be more iconic from a foodie van than a "baked spud"?! Spudlicious offers a supersized range of gourmet baked potato combos - and you'll need to try them all. Head down to the Tanker Jetty Precinct to hook yourself up some lunch!



LUCKY BAY BREWING

local beers on tap

Few breweries can claim to keep it as 'local' as Lucky Bay Brewing in Esperance. Owners Nigel Metz & Robyn Cail have an impressive process that ensures home-grown barley comes straight from local farmers, directly to their brew house...

Nigel & Robyn have been creating beautiful handcrafted beers since 2015 yet the foundations go back way further than that! The pair have been working with local farmers for over a decade in their fields of agricultural research and natural resource management. A combination of this technical work with grain quality linking into the brewing industry, plus a love of craft beer and an interest in flavour - led to the formation of Lucky Bay Brewing.



Using local barley directly into the brew house is something quite unique to the brewing industry, as normally the barley is malted at a malting factory before coming to the brewery. Each and every one of the Lucky Bay Brewing beers uses local barley to showcase the region's grain production and are aptly named after interesting & unique Esperance locations or stories. You'll notice the likes of: Thistle Cove, Skippy Rock, Sandy Hook, The Tanker, The Homestead, Cyclops, and Black Jack.

Their beers are available throughout many local pubs and restaurants in Esperance and the Goldfields region, alternatively get your hands on it at their exciting new brew house location on Bandy Creek Road.

CONDINGUP TAVERN, AKA: "THE CONDY TAV"

good old fashioned country pub charm

Located 65kms out of Esperance and set between the stunning Cape Le Grand and Cape Arid National Parks, the "Condy Tav" is the ultimate pit stop for any coastal trip along our eastern coastline. Open for lunch & dinner 7 days a week, the Condy Tavern is home to the famous "Condy Burger" and freshly caught local Snapper, plus a range of other superb pub grub, beer on tap,

coffee & cake. Chill outside in the shaded beer garden after a big day at the beach, or drink & dine inside to soak up the old school pub styling. The main bar is constructed from stone, wood, iron & granite tiling whilst the restaurant areas offer several tables to relax & eat by the open fire place. A range of interesting coastal & local history adorns the walls, adding to the authenticity.

Adjoining the Tavern is a general store providing bait, ice, takeaway food & coffee, drinks, basic groceries as well as fuel. Condingup is also the gateway to a range of wildflower hotspots, making the Condy Tav the perfect base to explore from after a hearty pub lunch.



LOCAL RETAIL

treat yourself

Delve into the range of gorgeous local stores that make up the popular shopping precincts within the town of Esperance. There's a whole manner of goodies you might just have to take home!

BOULEVARD SHOPPING CENTRE

Set just back from the main strip of town, the Boulevard houses a range of retail stores, as well as the local Woolworths. A two-minute stroll from the post office and offering all of life's essential stores in one easy location. Clothing, groceries, giftwares, fishing tackle, bottle-shop, vanilla slice & even the local paper.



TOWN CENTRE SHOPPING

There's a range of fashion, lifestyle & swanky boutique stores lining the main streets of town. Don't be afraid to check in with the local shop owners, who are more than happy to point out shopping hot spots and assist with navigating the main strip. The local surf shop keeps the surf & sea culture alive, the homewares shops offer up some beautiful lifestyle accessories, whilst the range of clothing stores provide plenty while your partner is off doing whatever it is they do...

LUNA & SAGE BOUTIQUE

An eclectic mix of stylish Bohemian to inspire the wanderer at heart. Luna & Sage is best known for its trademark boho inspired clothing, complimentary basics, dreamy jewellery and treasured accessories... all sourced for the wanderlust women at heart. Think flowing feminine dresses, florals, lace, washed denim, leather, colour, beauty and freedom all with a subtle boho edge. Bring to life your inner wild and free – wherever you may be! (Image inset)

MUSEUM VILLAGE SHOPPING PRECINCT

Tucked away in the historical Museum Village is a plethora of artisans & crafts people that are represented within the different stores & galleries of the Museum Village shopping precinct. Meet the talented and home grown artists who comprise part of a strong and emerging arts culture in the region. Browse the popular shops and discover an eclectic mix of unique gift wares, wellbeing luxuries and even an abundant stash of on trend shoes, bags & accessories.



THE GALLERIES

local artisan treasures

CINDY POOLE GALLERY & STUDIO

Home to prominent and awarded glass artist, Cindy Poole, her studio & café space encompasses a diverse range of kiln-fired glasswork including bespoke and conceptual artworks & sculpture, contemporary designer glass jewellery, functional & decorative glass objects, unique giftware and Australian souvenirs.

Cindy is well-known for being one of the artists behind the iconic Esperance Whale Tail and also the interactive 'Direction' sculpture located at the Tanker Jetty precinct. Her commissioned work includes a diverse body of architectural, sculptural and public artwork. The gallery itself has an in-depth display of the "behind the scenes" of the iconic Esperance Whale Tail sculpture and a unique new range of recycled glass homewares - all delicately handcrafted in her Esperance studio.

Her creativity & craftsmanship has been recognized at local, state and international level with her artwork being represented by a number of galleries throughout Australia. Whilst perusing the art space, grab a barista made coffee & delicious treat from the cafe. Meet the artist herself, and get a sneak peek into her working studio. Check for up to date opening days / hours on her website. Closed Good Fri & Xmas.

www.cindypoole.com.au



WHITE SANDS GALLERY

White Sands Gallery is a premier photo gallery & gift shop featuring stunning landscape works by Sally Nevin & Gary Alan plus other local wood, glass and sculptural artists. Nestled in the Museum Village Shopping Precinct, you can find White Sands Gallery occupying the historical 'Police Sergeants Quarters' building, where owner and photographer Sally opens Monday - Saturday and every market day.

All photographs are printed & framed locally by Gary and each one is hand signed. In fact, most of the items at White Sands Gallery is either handmade right here in Esperance by local artists, produced here or sourced from a local supplier. White Sands Gallery is also the local stockist of EMU Australia sheepskin ugg boots, slippers and other woolen wares. Pick up a unique, locally produced souvenir to remember your stay!



MERMAID LEATHER STUDIO & GALLERY

Australia's only specialist fish, shark and sting ray leather tannery, born from humble beginnings back in 1989, after being inspired by professional fishermen, R.W. Bubb and Andrew MacDermott - who saw a need to use wasted skins from the fish processing industry.

This environmentally friendly philosophy and sustainable outlook is the anchor behind this family fun business, who pride themselves on exclusive handcrafted fish & shark leather and browse an exclusive range of quality handbags, wallets and leather accessories, as well as fish leather gifts & souvenirs. For the discerning traveller looking for a unique experience, tour through the Mermaid Leather Studio between 2:00 - 5:00pm Tuesday to Sunday.

THE LOCAL ARTS SCENE

experience the arts culture

Image: Cannery Arts Centre
Jonty Scoble

ESPERANCE COMMUNITY ARTS

ECA is a local collective advocacy for arts. They also partner on local arts projects with individuals, community groups, agencies and businesses to encourage cultural prosperity, diversity and access for all. Window display space at Esperance Community Arts Space at 67 Dempster Street (in the heart of town) is used to promote arts events and activities, while the gift shop features work by local artists and crafts people. The workshop space is used as a community meeting space by a range of local groups for drumming circles, dance classes, and craft activities. Opening hours are 10am - 2pm Tuesdays - Fridays and by appointment. www.esperancecommunityarts.org.au

ESPERANCE ARTS & CULTURE TRAIL

The Esperance Arts & Culture Trail is a self-guided tour of arts & culture in the region. The trail provides a snapshot of the significant contribution that arts and cultural activities make to the life of our community!

The Guide Book & Map can be collected from various locations around town or downloaded from the website, and features over 100 local arts & culture listings!

The Esperance Arts & Culture Trail is designed to link in with the bigger Goldfields-Esperance Arts and Culture Trail. Info & extra arts listings can also be found on their website:

www.esperanceartsandculturetrail.com.au

CANNERY ARTS CENTRE

The Cannery Arts Centre is Esperance's premier arts hub. Located on the stunning foreshore, its historic building (originally built as a fish cannery) and natural surrounds offer the ideal location to experience all that the Esperance arts scene has to offer. The Cannery delivers a diverse program of exhibitions, arts based workshops across several disciplines for children and adults, and a variety of events such as documentary films, open mics, and large scale music events. The centre is comprised of the region's main exhibition space, art, print, pottery & music rooms, as well as a shop selling unique wares. The Cannery's garden and lookout are ideal spots to relax after taking in all the best of rural WA's arts scene. www.canneryartscentre.com.au



OUR HISTORY & CULTURE

from past to present



A SNAPSHOT IN TIME

French navigator Antoine Raymond Joseph de Bruni d'Entrecasteaux is credited with making the first arrival in Esperance, whilst his two ships took shelter near Observatory Island during a wild storm back in 1792. The town was named after a French ship, L'Esperance, which is French for "hope". In 1802 British navigator Matthew Flinders sailed through the Bay of Isles and named several significant Esperance locations, including Lucky Bay & Thistle Cove. In 1841 Edward John Eyre, along with his Aboriginal guide Wylie, met Captain Rossiter on their epic journey from Adelaide aboard the French Whaler "Mississippi", in Rossiter Bay. Wylie Bay was named by Edward Eyre to honour his local guide.

Settlement in Esperance did not occur until 1864, when the pioneering Dempster Brothers made the lengthy journey from Northam to Esperance on foot. Along with their Aboriginal guides they arrived to the town with over 3000 head of stock including sheep, cattle and horses, to establish the Esperance Bay Pastoral Station.

The Esperance townsite was formally gazetted in 1893 after the discovery of gold in the Eastern Goldfields. Seemingly overnight, the little town experienced an incredible transformation as fortune seekers from all over Australia and around the world flooded the once sleepy little port on their way to the Goldfields.

In September of 1895 Esperance was declared a municipality, however, in the years following, the district saw great population fluctuations as it endured both good and hard times. It wasn't until the 1960's when the Esperance sand-plain began to emerge as a major agricultural region. Farming and agriculture were key industries for the town, which continues to flourish as a farming community today and in 1962 work commenced on the Esperance Port Authority, which saw the local economy diversify.

The town of Esperance now has a population of approx. 15,000 people, boasting key industries such as tourism, agriculture, mining and fishing.



OUR 'MUST-VISIT' HERITAGE SITE CHECKLIST:

tick them off as you go



ESPERANCE MUSEUM

The Esperance Museum is located near the Museum Park Period Village in the centre of town on James Street. Esperance has a rich maritime history and many of the exhibits feature this key part of the town's past, including the Esperance Museum building itself which was once an integral part of the local shipping industry.

Among the displays are artefacts from nearby shipwrecks, famously including the Sanko Harvest, and relics from the transient whaling and sealing industries that predated European settlement.

Our early settlers left behind many reminders of their lives and livelihoods, and the Esperance Museum proudly showcases an impressive collection of vintage vehicles and machinery, early agricultural implements, furnishings, glassware and other invaluable memorabilia. Relive the charm of Esperance in the 19th century in the Pioneers Display and experience a glimpse into life as a settler.

Discover the Esperance Railway and 'W919' which steamed along the line between Kalgoorlie and Esperance from 1951 to 1969 and clocked up a massive 559,076 kilometres over her lifetime. After her retirement the Esperance Bay Historical Society raised the funds to buy W919 from Westrail. She now rests peacefully in the Esperance Museum.

Among many crowning jewels in the Esperance Museum collection are displays showing NASA's space station 'Skylab' which crashed to earth nearby in 1979, an extensive collection of stunning local art pieces, a former pilot boat that once served the Esperance Port and countless more treasures waiting for you to discover.

DEMPSTER HOMESTEAD

Built in 1867, Dempster Homestead was built by the first landholders in the Esperance region, the Dempster Brothers. Blocks of limestone were quarried for the thick walls, and shells were burnt for the mortar and plaster.

"Esperance homestead, built on the site of Andrew's choice, with its white walls set on the slope rising from the beach, commanded enchanting views of the Bay and its magnificent expanse of bright water dotted with islands. On the west it was protected from the cold winter winds by Dempster Head, and from it could be seen far to the east the blue lines of a bold headland known as Frenchman's Cap. The surrounding bush was bright with wildflowers and alive with birds. There by the blue and green waters of Esperance Bay Andrew and his wife were to spend most of their lives together."

Dempster Homestead has been a number of different dwellings: a pastoral homestead, a hospital, miner's accommodation and is now a private residence.

RSL BUILDING & WAR MEMORIAL

The Returned and Services League (RSL) Esperance Branch comprises a single storey Federation style, granite building surrounded by Norfolk Island Pines and includes the Esperance War Memorial.

The RSL building was the first purpose built school at Esperance (1896) and then served as Roads Board Offices/ Municipal Chambers from 1897 to 1966, and library from 1966 to 1970; the Norfolk Island Pines were planted in 1896-97; the War Memorial was erected c.1922 and relocated to a different site within the same reserve in 1974.

Esperance RSL is also home to a decommissioned Leopard Tank, which can be viewed outside the building. It is nine metres long, five metres wide, 1.8 metres high and weighs approx. 42 tonnes.

HISTORIC MUSEUM VILLAGE

A fascinating collection of historical buildings located on Dempster Street, which nowadays house craft shops, local artist's galleries, retail stores, wellbeing centres and the Esperance Visitor Centre.

The group of buildings date back to as early as 1895 and include the old Salmon Gums School, Hospital Matron's Quarters, Police Sergeants Quarters, the School Masters House, Sinclair House, the Old Courthouse, Esperance's very first Chemist building, Doctors Surgery, Old Hospital (1896) and the Old Methodist Church (originally built in 1895). Wander the historical pathway through the Museum Village & immerse yourself in the heritage of these structures, all of which have been completely restored.

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In the following days & years many pieces of Skylab debris were found scattered over Esperance's farming areas. Also visit the exhibition inside the Esperance Museum.

ABORIGINAL CULTURE & HERITAGE

Did you know?

Kepa Kurl (name for Esperance)
(Kepa meaning Water & Kurl meaning Boomerang)

- “Where the water lies like a boomerang.”

Kepa Kurl has been home for the local Noongar people
“since time immemorial”.

The culture is embedded in the land, caring for the land means caring for our people, our culture, and our heritage. Nyungar people continue to hunt & gather food according to the six seasons, with traditional bushfoods consisting of kangaroo, emu, various seafood, roots and seeds. Tourists can observe these six seasons (listed below) when they visit Esperance.

Birak – December and January the first summer
Bunuru – February and March the second summer
Djeran – April and May, autumn
Makuru – June and July, the first rains
Djilba – August and September the second rains
Kambarang – October and November the wildflower season



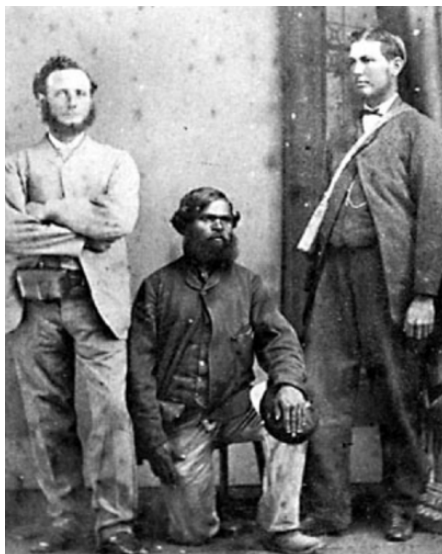
TOMMY WINDICH A BRIEF HISTORY

In 1869 Tommy Windich accompanied John Forrest on an expedition to survey a land route along the Great Australian Bight, to help plan a possible telegraph link between the colonies of South Australia and Western Australia.

The expedition party was also to assess whether land along the route was suitable for pasture. This expedition team included Forrest's brother Alexander, Tommy Windich and another tracker Billy Noongale, plus 16 horses.

In 1874, Forrest lead another expedition from Geraldton to the Murchison River, then east through the uncharted centre of WA to the overland telegraph line from Darwin to Adelaide. Forrest's team included Tommy Windich and another Aboriginal tracker, Tommy Pierre. After leaving Perth on 18 March, the party often relied for it's survival on Tommy's skills to source water and trap food. He was also able to communicate with the many different Aboriginal groups the party encountered along the expedition.

Early in 1876 Tommy Windich assisted the party constructing the overland telegraph line from Perth to Adelaide. He caught a chill which later developed into pneumonia, during which he was nursed at Dempster Homestead. He died in Esperance on 20 February 1876 and was buried at the site where the 1870 expedition party had camped. John Forrest said of Tommy that "his name is almost a household word in this colony ... I feel that I have lost an old and well tried companion and friend."



TOMMY WINDICH CULTURAL PRECINCT

The Tommy Windich Cultural Precinct is a recently completed memorial at the gravesite of Tommy Windich, expert horseman, marksman and aboriginal tracker who passed away in Esperance in 1876.

The Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation worked with the support of the Southern Ports Authority – Esperance to complete this project.

Through the use of an old photograph of the original grave in the 1950s in conjunction with the anomaly, they have been able to confirm the final resting place of Mr Windich.

The Tommy Windich Cultural Precinct is located at the entrance of the Southern Ports Authority Esperance, with limited parking available for cars at the site.

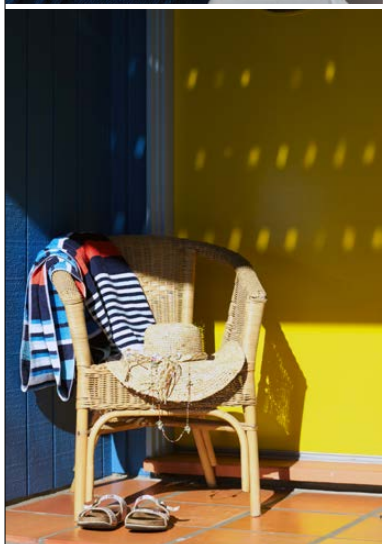
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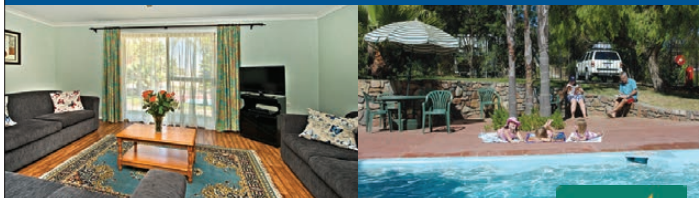
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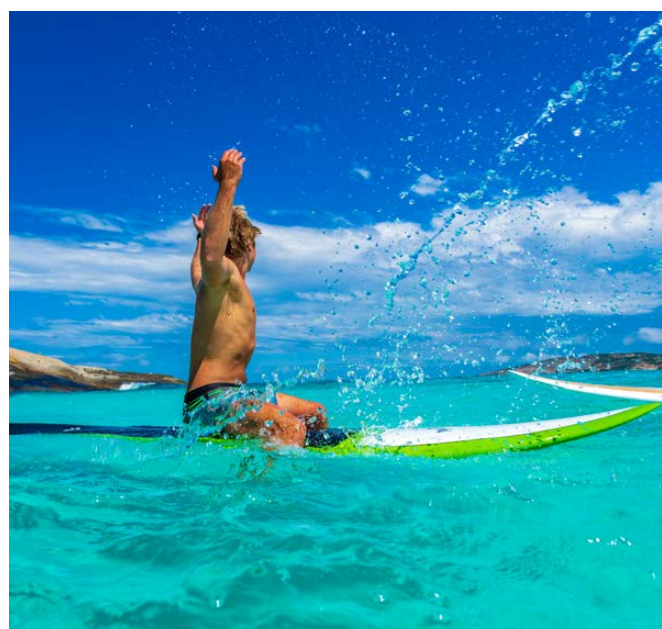
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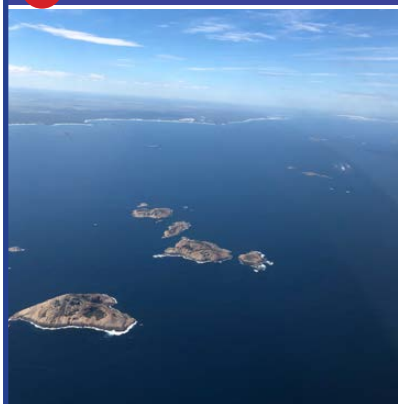
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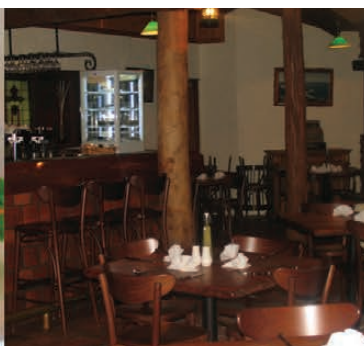
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