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LOTTERYWEST PERFORMING ARTS GRANT

The Shire of Esperance has been successful in securing funding of \$156,000 from Lotterywest for Regional Performing Arts.

The grant is allocated over the next two years and goes towards different shows at the Esperance Civic Centre, and other events around Esperance. This funding is an increase on the previous Lotterywest grant for Regional Performing Arts which was \$64,000.

Funding like this helps to bring shows to Esperance such as Always Patsy Cline, Elixir, Death in Bowengabbie and The Listies. Regional Performing Arts funding is designed to give regional communities access to shows and performers in locations outside of Perth.

Community input during previous Strategic Community Engagement identified the arts as a priority. Arts and culture in the Esperance region add a range of entertainment to the community. The Shire is constantly looking for productions to satisfy different groups in Esperance which include mainstream and alternative types of shows. Grant funding is vital to provide this service to the community who may not have the opportunity to travel.

CEO Matthew Scott said, "The announcement of this grant is great news for performing arts in Esperance. This ongoing funding is greatly appreciated; it will allow a range of high calibre shows to continue to be showcased in Esperance. It would be fantastic to see the community support these shows when they come to town."

Visit the Shire of Esperance website for upcoming Civic Centre events which include Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow.

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