



A FORTUNATE LIFE LOCAL AREA EXCURSION SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The following information has been compiled to assist in planning for your excursion:

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Website Address	visitperth.com/boorlooheritagefestival/schools-a-fortunate-life
Program	<i>A Fortunate Life</i> presented by Theatre 180
Venue	Perth Town Hall
Dates	Monday 7 – Friday 11 April 2024

Educational purpose of Excursion

This information is provided as reference only, and schools are responsible for seeking any additional information required and making decisions that best suit them, and their students.

Attending this performance may support access to, delivery of and achievement across a variety of Syllabus areas of the *Western Australian Curriculum* including The Arts (Drama), English and HASS. Please see the Curriculum Guide for specific information to assist in identifying the appropriateness of this program for your students and teaching program.

For specific queries in addition to this information, please contact:

boorloo.schoolsprogram@cityofperth.wa.gov.au

Venue/Site for the Excursion

Perth Town Hall
Cnr Hay and Barrack Street
Perth WA 6000

Located in the centre of the Perth CBD, the Perth Town Hall is located on the corner of Hay and Barrack Street. Built in 1870, Perth Town Hall is Australia's only Gothic-style town hall, and the only town hall built by convicts.

The Perth Town Hall is accessed from street level. The entry to the main door is by ramped if approached via Hay Street. There are steps on the Barrack Street approach.

Access to the Main Hall is via a wooden staircase. There are 25 steps from the Lower Foyer up to the main hall foyer being 15 steps to the landing then another 10 steps to the Main Hall. There is a lift to the Main Hall.

The venue has a disabled toilet with wheelchair access and hearing loop system.

The Main Hall contains 340 seats set on a flat floor. Seats are arranged in 17 rows of 20, separated by an aisle into two sets of 10 seats. There is additional aisle space around the outside of the Hall.

Risk Assessment

In the unexpected event a performance needs to be cancelled by us, schools with confirmed bookings will be contacted (by phone and email) at the earliest possible opportunity.

If a similar situation occurs for your school, please contact the City of Perth by email at:
boorloo.schoolsprogramms@cityofperth.wa.gov.au

Student Capacity

Performance Title: *A Fortunate Life*
Suggested Audience: Year 5 - 12

The performance runs for approximately **105 minutes** without interval.

This is a seated event with schools in allocated areas. A Seating Plan will be provided for your school which includes suggested staff/supervisor seating. This suggestion is based on supporting access/egress should it be required in an emergency response situation.

Please advise if you have any students with additional needs so we can do our utmost to maximise the benefit of their excursion. Further clarification on content and any warnings (including sound, lighting or special effects) will be provided closer to the event.

For any queries, please contact us at boorloo.schoolsprogramms@cityofperth.wa.gov.au

An Education Pack will be provided with Ticket Confirmations sent from the week commencing Monday, 10 February 2025 (Term One, Week Two).

Program Overview: *A Fortunate Life*

Written by A.B. Facey

Adapted for the stage by Jenny Davis & Stuart Halusz

Albert Barnett (A.B.) Facey's award-winning autobiography, **A Fortunate Life**, is an incredible true story of an ordinary man who lived his life with extraordinary courage, compassion, and resilience. A Fortunate Life embraces themes that are intrinsic to our history and culture as modern Australians – resilience, fortitude, hope and integrity.

Adapted by Theatre 180's Jenny Davis and Stuart Halusz, this unique theatrical production is a striking collaboration between stage and screen combining live performance and immersive audiovisual projections.

Facey's iconic story connects us with generations past and present through insights from his experiences as a child, bushman, sportsman, railway ganger, a World War 1 soldier, and a 20th-century family man. Technology and live theatre intersect, inviting audiences to become immersed in modern history and a powerful Australian story.

Not to be missed by Drama, History and English students, this innovative look into our national past has significant relevance to cross-curriculum priorities, adding value to learning outcomes across multiple subject areas.

Supervisory Team

City of Perth and Theatre 180 performers, staff and volunteers do not undertake any role(s) in a supervisory context.

It is the responsibility of the school to develop a supervisory team that meets their specific requirements. Duty of Care remains at all times with the school and the school supervisory team must accompany their students throughout the visit.

School groups will be seated together to assist with supervision, and a Seating Plan will be provided prior to your attendance. On the day, Venue Staff will assist you on arrival, and show you to your seats.

It is recommended that school supervisory team members are seated amongst students to facilitate ease of supervision. It may be helpful to consider using your Seating Plan to pre-allocate student and supervisor seating prior to arrival. This can assist in facilitating a smooth entry to the venue, allow for meeting any requirements in relation to school-specific policies, and to support any specific student needs more easily.

Identification of excursions participants is the responsibility of individual schools. Where possible students should wear school uniforms. Where this is not possible, schools should choose an appropriate method of identifying students.

Briefing Students & Supervisors

To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for your students, it is recommended that teachers communicate all relevant information to their students and supervisory team prior to your visit. Additional information is provided at the end of this document.

Performances will be attended by other schools. It is possible that members of the general public may be in the Foyer space on arrival and departure from the venue.

We appreciate the support and consideration of students, staff and volunteers to ensure an enjoyable experience for all.

Communication Strategy

While attending this performance, it is the responsibility of the school group to ensure appropriate methods of communication amongst the group have been established.

Venue staff will be responsible for communicating with the audience, including school groups, via emergency management systems in the instance of an evacuation.

Transport

Transport arrangements are the responsibility of the school.

Drop off and Pick Up arrangements at the Town Hall will be advised with confirmed school bookings. Bus parking options can be discussed with City of Perth by calling 9461 3333.

For further information about parking including accessible parking and drop off / pick up locations please visit: City of Perth Parking <https://www.cityofperthparking.com.au/>

Schools travelling for educational purposes on Transperth services are encouraged to visit: <https://getonboard.transperth.wa.gov.au/Teachers/Excursions>

Emergency Response Planning

Perth Town Hall has an extensive Emergency Response Plan in place. Please note for security reasons, this document is not publicly available. Please contact boorloo.schoolsprogramms@cityofperth.wa.gov.au for further information if required.

Schools will have their own Emergency Response Plan pertaining to the particular needs of their students. It is suggested that school staff have access to a list of names of participating students, contact telephone numbers, student medical information and relevant health information of supervisors.

In the event of a site emergency, school supervisory teams are responsible for the managing the movement of students under the direction of venue staff. School supervisory teams are strongly recommended to have suitable numbers within this team to further support these procedures. Please note the suggested Supervisory Ratio and Seating Plans which are designed to facilitate this should it be required.

External Provider Information

The City of Perth holds a Public Liability Insurance policy for \$100,000,000. A copy of the Certificate of Currency is attached to this document.

Theatre 180 holds a Public Liability Insurance policy for \$20,000,000. A copy of the Certificate of Currency is attached to this document.

Please note, a Certificates provided may expire prior to the 2025 School Season Performance dates. These are provided for the purposes of confirming PLI when applying for excursion permission. Current documents will be provided to confirmed schools once applicable, and prior to your attendance wherever possible (allowing for receipt of documentation from insurers to both the venue and presenting organisation in relation to the actual performance). For any queries, please contact boorloo.schoolsprogramms@cityofperth.wa.gov.au

OTHER RELEVANT DETAILS

Arrival at Venue and Performance Time

Noting the limited space in the venue, and to avoid inclement weather please arrive at the venue at between 20 - 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the performance. Doors will open approximately 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the performance.

City of Perth will meet schools on arrival. We understand that unexpected circumstances may occur on the day, and in the event you are delayed, please email boorloo.schoolsprogramms@cityofperth.wa.gov.au

Please note a lockout period may apply to performances of *A Fortunate Life* so if your arrival is delayed, your entry to the venue may be held until a suitable time to avoid disruption to both the audience, and Theatre 180 performers and technical crew. Additionally, your seating may be adjusted to allow for a smooth entry to the performance. Your understanding is appreciated.

Additional Information about the venue and enjoying the show!

For safety reasons large bags (school bags) are not permitted in the venue. Storage space in the venue is extremely limited so where possible we kindly ask that school bags remain at school or on the bus. Medical bags are of course exempt from this and are permitted in the venue.

Students are asked to remain in their allocated seating for the duration of the performance. Please consider allowing time for bathroom visits prior to the commencement of the show. However, if this is required during the performance we do understand and appreciate the consideration of students and supervisors for other audience members when exiting and entering the venue (particularly when in darkness).

Owing to technical interference and Occupational Health and Safety requirements for technicians, mobile phones are requested to be turned off or to Flight Mode during performances. This additionally prevents inadvertent disruption of performances, and the impact on artists, performers and other audience members.

Photographs and video are not permitted to be taken during the performance.

Food and drinks (other than bottled water which can be sealed) are not permitted in the venue.

Areas for Morning Tea/Lunches:

The Perth Town Hall is not suitable for hosting morning tea or lunches around your performance attendance.

The venue is surrounded by a number of public parks and gardens which may be suitable for need. Please note:

- These locations will be accessed by the general public and cannot be booked or provided for exclusive use.
- Some of locations contain closed and open water environments of varying depths which may present a hazard.
- Bathroom facilities cannot be guaranteed.

We encourage you to visit potential locations to assess their suitability for your students. Please note, a decision to utilise any location is the discretion of the school and forms a separate component of your Excursion and is not associated with the performance at Town Hall. As such, advice is not provided in this document.

For information on City of Perth Parks and Reserves please visit:

<https://perth.wa.gov.au/community/parks-and-reserves>