

Jetty future to be decided

By REX DRABIK

THE future of Esperance's iconic Tanker Jetty may be decided by the findings of a report by coastal engineers due to be presented to Esperance Shire Council.

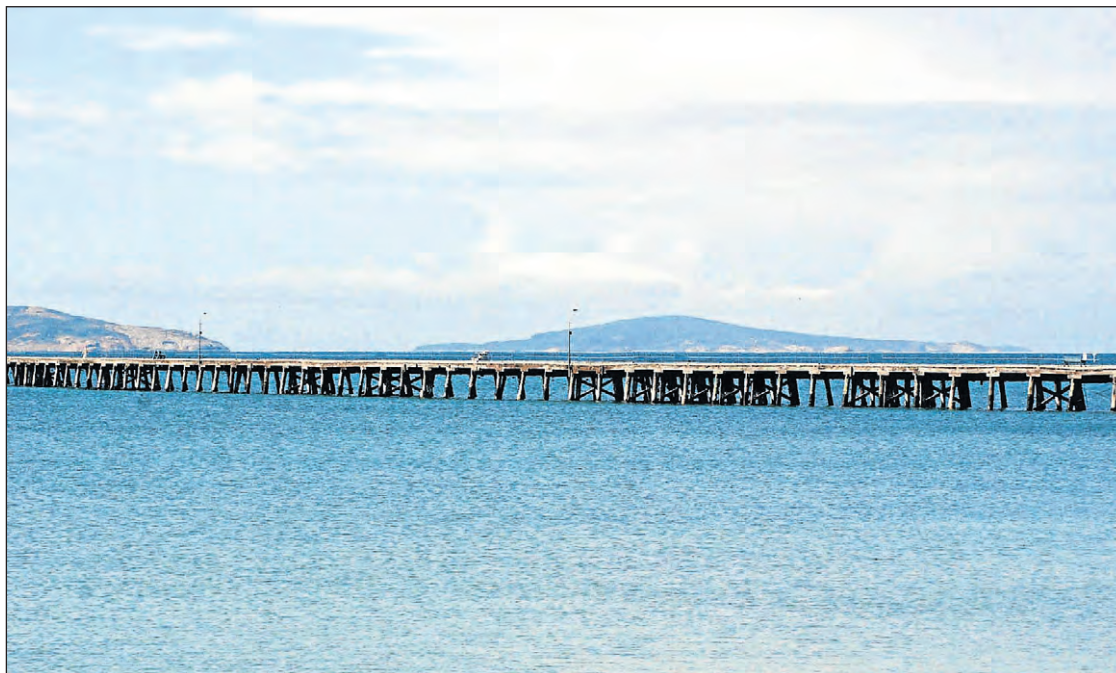
The report will provide a detailed portrait of the structural condition of the Tanker Jetty, including the condition of fixings, the amount of rot in the superstructure timber and whether there is any presence of borer damage in the jetty's underwater piles.

Earlier this month, Shire of Esperance president Malcolm Heasman said the shire would have to evaluate whether the jetty had reached the end of its feasible life.

A 2011 report commissioned by the shire indicated the jetty could face closure in the absence of a major refurbishment.

Shire of Esperance chief executive officer Matthew Scott said council would be fully briefed on the coastal engineering consulting firm's findings once the final report was received.

Mr Scott said the Esperance public would be given the opportunity to be involved in discus-



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sions about the jetty's future.

"Council has already given a commitment to consult with the community on the future of the Tanker Jetty," he said.

Esperance Bay Historical Society member and former shire president Merv Andre said all efforts needed to be made to preserve the Tanker Jetty due to its historical and touristic significance.

"It's an icon that has

served thousands of people for over 78 years," he said.

Mr Andre said he believed nearly all Esperance residents would agree that the town needed a jetty.

"I am strongly of the opinion that the shire should either find funds to refurbish the jetty to make it safe and prolong its life or otherwise find money to have it demolished and replaced with a new structure," he said.



On display: Esperance Museum volunteer Jan Davis and Esperance Museum curator Wendy Plunkett with the Millie Kerr collection.

Revamped collection shows history of town

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AFTER much work by volunteers, the Esperance Museum has put the finishing touches on a revamped collection from late local artist Millie Kerr.

The collection of 14 oil paintings was originally completed by Mrs Kerr and displayed during the Western Australian 150th anniversary celebrations in January, 1979.

The collection was first hung at the Old Cannery Art Gallery.

A public subscription fund was subsequently initiated by then-shire president Merv Andre.

The generosity of Esperance residents resulted in the entire collection being purchased and presented to the Shire of Esperance.

Born in Boulder in 1908, Mrs Kerr spent time in Melbourne and

Kalgoorlie before retiring to Esperance where she would capture the town's landscape through her artwork.

She won a number of awards for her artwork and was a member of the prestigious Perth Society of Artists.

Esperance Museum curator Wendy Plunkett said Mrs Kerr's colourful collection painted a vivid portrait of Esperance in previous times.

"Millie Kerr and her husband literally built their home on a sandhill overlooking Dempster Street. Her kitchen window became a vantage point for some of her historic Esperance paintings," she said.

"The collection provides a historical reference of many of the old buildings that are no longer standing. It's a great record that gives us an opportunity to remember some of our town's built history through paintings."

Correction

A REPORT (Guilty plea to assault charge, *Esperance Express*, July 31) concerning a court appearance by Damian Rodney Dellaca stated that police had found a shotgun on

Dellaca's property for which he was not appropriately licensed. This was incorrect. No shotgun was found and Dellaca does hold a current firearms licence. The *Express* regrets the error.

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