



Uncertain future: The planned re-opening of the Esperance Tanker Jetty has been delayed due to safety concerns, says the Shire of Esperance.

Safety concerns delay jetty opening

By REX DRABIK

THE planned re-opening of the Esperance Tanker Jetty has been delayed due to safety concerns, says the Shire of Esperance.

The Shire said a draft report on the structural integrity of the Esperance Tanker Jetty detailed several structural issues that needed to be addressed before the iconic jetty could be re-opened to the public.

Shire staff were currently seeking more detailed information and cost estimates to assist the Esperance Shire Council in discussions with the community.

Shire of Esperance president Malcolm Heasman said council recognised the significance of the

Tanker Jetty to the local community but that public safety was the main priority.

“Together with shire officers, council is working towards making the Tanker Jetty accessible to the community at the soonest possible opportunity.

“Cost estimates for the necessary works and the time frames required to complete the work are currently being investigated.”

Mr Heasman said the re-opening date was unknown at this stage as it depended on the availability of contractors needed to complete the work necessary to make the jetty safe and secure for the public.

He said the draft report on the jetty’s condition would not YET

be made public as the coastal engineering consultants were still working towards ensuring all structural and engineering aspects were researched fully and works required scoped.

However, Mr Heasman said there were some significant issues surrounding the structural condition of the jetty.

“The condition of the jetty below the waterline is worse than the engineers thought. There are some significant issues below the waterline, some pylons are just moving about without being anchored at all,” he said.

“We don’t want to frighten the public, but structurally the jetty is just not sound and has come to the end of its life.”

Council offers plan on aged care homes

By REX DRABIK

ESPERANCE Shire Council last week voted to begin negotiations with the Western Australian Department of Housing and the Recherche Aged Welfare Committee to amalgamate Alchera Homes and Brazier Villas.

At the meeting the council said it would consider transferring ownership of both Alchera Homes and Lot 893 to achieve an amalgamation of Alchera Homes and Brazier Villas on the conditions that Lot 893 would continue to be used for aged housing and that the welfare committee would continue to serve as the property management company.

An additional condition would require the self-supporting loan used to fund upgrades to Alchera

to be secured.

In his report to the council, director corporate services Shane Burge said the not-for-profit welfare committee managed both Alchera Homes and Brazier Villas but, due to a joint-venture agreement with the Department of Housing, the committee had to maintain two separate sets of financial statements for the complexes.

According to Mr Burge, a financial amalgamation of the two complexes would allow for improvements to be carried out on Alchera Homes.

“The Recherche Aged Welfare Committee is keen to access the maintainance fund that has been established and built up from rents on the Brazier Villas for improvements on the Alchera Homes,” he said in his report to council.

“This is not possible under the current joint-venture agreement which restricts spending on maintenance to the Brazier Villas only.”

“Essentially, the Department of Housing funded the construction of the Brazier Villas and the maintenance fund as a share of rent collected is to maintain the quality of the Brazier Villas only.”

With an approaching lease expiry date, the need for the welfare committee to access maintenance funds and the Department of Housing’s “more relaxed” policy on community-based facility managers, Mr Burge said it was an opportune time to begin negotiations between for the council to consider its future formal involvement in Alchera Homes and Brazier Villas.

Barbecue at health heart

By ELIZABETH LANGDALE

WESTERN Australia Country Health Service Esperance Population Health diabetes educator and community nurse Kate Nell received a \$2000 donation on Thursday.

A regular charity barbecue held on site by local Esperance Port Access Project staff, workforce and sub-contractors raised \$1000.

John Holland also contributed another \$1000.

John Holland senior project manager Matthew Dinnison said the meat for the barbecue was donated by Lynden McGregor from ThinkSpatial Surveyors Group.

“Lynden chose to donate the barbecue funds to the Diabetes Education Service to help raise awareness of diabetes, as a popular member of the

workforce has recently been diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes,” Mr Dinnison said.

Ms Nell addressed the crowd after receiving the donation.

She said diabetes affected more than 600 people in the district and the money raised would be used to buy equipment.

“Firstly, it will allow the purchase of a printer for the Afinion Analyser, which will allow clients to take records of their HbA1c results directly to their GPs,” Ms Nell said.

“Secondly, it will be used to buy continuous glucose sensors which are also required by many local clients with diabetes.”

Ms Nell thanked staff and sub-contractors on behalf of the local health service.



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