

Susan joins U.G.L.Y. brigade

Kambalda bartender Susan Tagliaferri has joined the 165-strong team of U.G.L.Y. bartenders in WA raising funds for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Ms Tagliaferri was chosen by the Kambalda Club to participate in the Foundation's annual U.G.L.Y. (Understanding, Generous, Likeable, You) Bartender of the Year fundraising event, which raises money for accommodation for West Australians who need to relocate to Perth for blood cancer treatment.

Ms Tagliaferri said she is proud to be helping raise much-needed funds. "I was inspired to be involved with the U.G.L.Y. bartender campaign as it is fundraising for the Leukaemia Foundation," she said.

"So many different types of cancers

have affected the families at the club and I know that every little bit helps.

"We also just love to fundraise here at the Club. It is really good to know our fundraising is helping West Australians with blood cancer.

"Every bit of money we raise we add it up against how many nights of accommodation we have covered for a family. We know \$80 covers a family for the night."

The Kambalda Club is holding three fundraising events over the next few weeks, kicking off with a Melbourne Cup luncheon for a gold coin donation on Tuesday followed by a Family Bowling Fun Day on November 16 and a Smurfalicious Finale Party on November 23. For more details phone the club on 9027 1411.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN!

The City is seeking expressions of interest from not for profit community groups who are interested in fundraising at City events in 2014.

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Expressions of interest close: 2nd December 2013



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Ratepayers could be hit with levy

■ Tim Slater



Esperance ratepayers could be asked to pay a special levy or rate to help fund the cost of a new jetty, ranging from an extra \$10 to \$250 a year over a 10-year period.

Funding options for the new structure were discussed during two community workshops held this week, which were attended by about 120 people.

Shire of Esperance staff and facilitator Bevan Bessen outlined the options for the replacement jetty, depending on desired length, width and materials used in construction.

There was an indication of majority support to contribute \$100 a year, for 10 years, to repay a \$6 million loan at the second workshop on Wednesday night, which was attended by about 50 people.

Mr Bessen said it had been estimated that it would cost \$16m to replace the old jetty to its existing length, including \$2 million demolition costs, not including the detached head of the structure.

He said the workshops were held to enable the shire to "feel the pulse of the community" and get its views about the future of the jetty.

Shire chief executive Matthew Scott said it was important the local community contributed to the project and "put some skin in the game" to attract funding from external sources.

"We are not saying the Esperance community has to fund the whole thing," he said.

"What we are trying to do here is simply provide an idea of what sort of contribution may be required depending on what the community is prepared to contribute.

"But we are still going to have to have some skin in the game for when we approach funding bodies."

He said the first thing they would want to know is what was the community prepared to put on the table.

Mr Scott said the council had \$806,972 in a tanker jetty reserve fund and \$43,244 in a tanker jetty donation reserve fund.

Shire of Esperance engineering services director Gavin Harris said it was likely any proposed special levy would be in addition to a levy introduced this year to help pay for a new waste disposal facility, for several years at least.

But he said it was up to the council to make the final decisions on whether a levy or special area rate for the tanker jetty would be implemented.

Mr Harris said early indications

NEW JETTY FUNDING OPTIONS

100M - \$4.7 MILLION
200M - \$7.4 MILLION
300M - \$10.1 MILLION
400M - \$12.8 MILLION
500M - \$15.5 MILLION
520M - \$16.04 MILLION

had revealed funding for a recreational jetty was not high on the list of priorities of Federal or State governments funding sources.

He said projects likely to receive funding needed to show they could provide an economic return or benefit.

But he said the shire would "exhaust every possible avenue of funding sources".

There was also support from workshop participants to seek funding from commercial and corporate sources, as well as an entry fee to access the jetty, like there is for the Busseton jetty.

Mr Harris said the jetty would be designed for a life expectancy of 50 years and operating expenses to maintain the jetty would also have to be factored into a business case for its construction.

Mr Scott said the workshops were the first stage of the journey to replace the tanker jetty.

Jetty for cruise ships

■ Tim Slater

Cruise ships could provide vital revenue for a new jetty, according to Tourism Esperance cruise ship visit co-ordinator Milton Valli.

Mr Valli said more ships would also be attracted to Esperance if they could berth at the jetty.

"If we can get cruise ships to come to the jetty it will generate revenue for the jetty, so over 50 years with the continued growth of the cruise ship industry there will be significant dollars," he said.

Let's put the jetty where it will best service the town for the next 50 years.

MILTON VALLI

"Vanuatu used to get five or six cruise ships a year.

"They decided to put a jetty in and are now getting 17 ships this year, so that was the significance of a jetty.

"The other fact is if you have people coming aboard to a jetty more people get off the ship and come ashore than what they will if they have to be tendered ashore."

Mr Valli said he estimated between \$20,000 and \$40,000 could be generated in mooring fees by each visit.

"It's a no-brainer as far as the amount of revenue that can be generated from the cruise ships," he said. Mr Valli also advocated



Vital revenue: Celebrity Solstice passengers in Esperance earlier this year. Photo: TIM SLATER

moving the jetty closer to the town, either at James Street or Taylor Street.

He said Esperance had a golden opportunity to develop a jetty that could accommodate cruise ships and called for the jetty to be funded on a user-pays model.

"Let's put the jetty where it will best service the town for the next 50 years," he said.

"But it should be paid for by the users, not by the ratepayers who have got enough on their plate as it is.

"A model needs to be developed that produces revenue that will fund the jetty over 50 years and put reserves aside to replace it."

He said the lack of berthing facilities for the larger cruise ships was already contributing to fewer ships visiting Esperance.

This season only six ships will

be coming, starting next week with the Radiance of the Seas on November 11, followed by the Volendam the next day.

There will be four other ships visiting Esperance over the summer, two in January, one in February and one in March, despite more cruise ships visiting Western Australia.

"One of the issues in my opinion is the fact our seas can be windy and rough and passenger comfort is a priority," he said.

"Some of the cruise ships have decided that maybe we'll just sail past Esperance.

"The fact of the matter is if we can get a jetty it will be more comfortable for passengers to come ashore and we will attract more cruise ships."

Mr Valli called on businesses and residents to welcome the visitors and volunteers to help.