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COUNCIL DECIDES FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF SEAFRONT CARAVAN PARK

At a Special Council Meeting held this afternoon, Council confirmed Paul and Lee-Anne Grant are the preferred Contract Managers for operations of the Seafront Caravan Park. Paul and Lee-Anne are Esperance locals who submitted a positive and innovative proposal.

In June 2015 Council resolved to see the Seafront Caravan Park operated via a management contract. Negotiations have been undertaken with interested parties over the past few months to finalise a proposal acceptable to Council. The Grants submitted a proposed operating budget for the Seafront Caravan Park which will be incorporated into the 2016/2017 budget prior to its adoption.

Authority was delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the management contract with the Grants including negotiating any minor amendments to enable the contract to begin in July. Authority was also delegated to the CEO to negotiate to purchase items as having value to the ongoing operation of the Park from the current lessees, to ensure a smooth transition.

Shire President Victoria Brown said "The Grants' proposal demonstrated a well thought out plan utilising their skillsets and management experience. Their insight into the industry and enthusiasm for the role the Park plays in promoting tourism in Esperance impressed Council. They clearly undertook considerable research and consultation in formulating their proposal."

"Council would also like to recognise and thank the D'Emdens who have managed the Park for the past 21 years. We wish them all the best on their future endeavours."

"The Seafront Caravan Park is in such a beautiful and unique location, and we look forward to seeing its potential develop under the new management."

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