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## **Jetty Tender to be Released 27 July**

The Esperance Community's new Jetty, located on the footprint of the existing Tanker Jetty is one step closer with the release of the tender to build the Replacement Jetty being advertised tomorrow. The Tender will be open for just over five weeks and is expected to draw interest nationally as a project of great significance to the Esperance community.

The new design has been developed and finalised by a team of designers and engineers, led by H+H Architect's Heritage Architect, Julie De Jong. The final design has been approved by the Heritage Council of WA and meets the requirements of the Section 64 Permit issued by the State Minister for Heritage. The design has also received local support through a community survey in October 2018 achieving a +80% support in favour of the initial concept design.

The full Tender package, including specifications is available via the Shire of Esperance tenderlink page, accessible on the Shire's website.

The \$7.5m Jetty Replacement Project is the third stage of the Esperance Foreshore Redevelopment, consisting of \$1.5m to remove the currently closed Esperance Tanker Jetty and \$6m for the new replacement. Funding for this project has been greatly assisted by \$4 million from the Building Better Regions Fund from the Federal Government. The remainder will be funded by Shire Reserves funds.

The Tender closes at 12 noon on Monday 2 September 2019. All tenders will be evaluated after the closure period and taken to Council for consideration and selection.

Though recognising the heritage and social values of the old jetty, via a 75m historical section and several interpretation nodes, much of the jetty has been designed for recreational fishing and diving enthusiasts. The new jetty will also be all accessible, so any visitor, regardless of ability, will be able to enjoy and utilise the jetty. Incorporation of local indigenous values will also be included with design features developed with the assistance of Local Nyungar Elders and Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation.

Comments attributed to Shire President, Cr Victoria Brown.

"This is very significant step, one most of the community has been looking forward to for a very long time."

"The Design is absolutely fantastic, and I think Julie from H+H Architects and their various supporting contractors have done a magnificent job."

“This will be a great tourism asset and one that is completely unique to Esperance. This will be a place where new memories and stories will be created by our community as well as visitors to our town.”

“This jetty is likely to be longest purpose built fishing jetty in WA. What a great claim to fame. I cannot wait to see everyone fishing on it and enjoying themselves.”

“I sincerely hope this new jetty will help unite our community, as the design meets so many different needs. Everybody, including the Council, would have loved to see the old jetty restored, however this has been proven time and time again to be unfeasible, by the Shire and other Agencies. We cannot continue to argue and achieve nothing. It’s time to move forward.”

Comments attributed to Shire CEO, Mr Matthew Scott.

“Though there are still other matters regarding the project that still need resolving, this is a massive step forward. The Shire certainly appreciates all the work done by our staff, H+H Architects and their team, the various State Agencies, a both the State and Federal Government to help get us to this point.”

“I would hope any prospective tenderer seriously considers incorporating local subcontractors in their tender submissions. Many of our major projects have benefited from local content, and it would be great to see some of these project funds remain within our local economy.”

“The design covers so many aspects of what a recreational jetty can be used for. Obviously there is the heritage aspect, but it will be great for fishing and diving and it will complement our thriving tourism industry, while being completely unique.”

“The job is now up to the tenderers. I look forward to seeing what we receive when the tender closes.”

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