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## **PROPOSED JETTY DESIGN BLEND OF OLD AND NEW**

The Shire of Esperance has today released a new concept design for the replacement of the Esperance Tanker Jetty which encompasses historical and modern elements.

The dynamic jetty design was developed using criteria endorsed by the Jetty Replacement Working Group, which is a representative body of the Esperance community, and consultation with the Heritage Council of Western Australia.

Shire President Victoria Brown said the contemporary design includes important features identified by the community during extensive consultations and a detailed survey conducted in 2016.

“This design represents the best of both worlds when it comes to blending the old with the new and providing the community with a jetty that everyone can enjoy for generations.

“The new elements of Esperance’s jetty will complement the existing stretch of revitalised foreshore and create visual impact on the bay whilst resolving the marine and public safety issues,” Cr Brown said.

Cr Brown said the heritage of the Esperance Tanker Jetty will be recognised with lighting illuminating the footprint of the old jetty where piles rise above the waterline and extend beyond the new structure.

“The new design includes utilising as much of the original fabric from the Esperance Tanker Jetty for historical interpretation as possible and preserving existing structures below the waterline which will reduce the environmental impact,” Cr Brown said.

The Shire of Esperance’s Jetty Replacement Working Group met today and after robust discussions decided to lay the item on the table until Friday 21 July at 4pm to allow members more time to discuss with their respective groups.

Committee Chair Natalie Bowman said, “This is an important decision and while we would like to move forward and on to the next stage it is imperative the Working Group has time to make an informed decision. I look forward to meeting again on Friday and hearing the thoughts of Working Group members.”

The Agenda and Concept Design is available on the Shire’s website.

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