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RESULTS FROM THE ESPERANCE TANKER JETTY REPLACEMENT SURVEY

The Esperance Tanker Jetty Replacement Survey was opened on the 19th February and closed on the 21st March. During this time 1770 completed surveys were received, 459 of these were from our students attending local high schools. The overall number was the largest amount of input the Shire has ever received in a survey, however it was disappointing that it was not higher being such a significant community issue.

The survey was widely publicised and made available online, through Facebook, in hard copy at multiple locations including Council Corners at the Grass Patch Yabbie Classic, the Labour Day weekend Museum Village Markets and the Condingup Community Fair. The Esperance Express, Kalgoorlie Miner and local radio stations all supported the survey through promotions and interviews with the Shire President.

Shire President Victoria Brown said "The survey was a fantastic opportunity for the community to have input and provide information to Council that will direct future design concepts. It is quite clear from the results that a replacement at the Headland is the preferred option. The data collected provides a great start and with so many different opinions out there, this type of information allows Council to work towards a solution that will hopefully satisfy the largest portion of our community."

"It is evident that fishing and the provision of fishing infrastructure is very important to our jetty users. All demographic groups also indicated they are keen to see usable elements from the Tanker Jetty incorporated into the design. This is information that will be passed on to the designers. The questions around funding options for a replacement are not as clear cut as some responses and will necessitate some concept designs that take into account differing overall costs. Once these designs are ready, the community will be asked to provide input on their most preferred option which will also feed into how and what funding will be required."

Cr Brown stated "What happens from here? A number of concept designs will be drafted based on the data provided through the survey. These designs will then be taken back to the community who will have a further opportunity to provide input on the most preferred design for Esperance. We need community input on a project this important and it must involve as broad a demographic as possible due to its intergenerational nature."

The results from the survey are available on the Shire website and include a copy of all the comments received. Hard copies will be available at all Shire buildings for review, alternatively copies can be emailed on request.

The survey did show that some community members were unsure as to the reference to the Headland in Question 2. The Tanker Jetty extends from the Headland, which is the manmade structure that was built during the foreshore project. Those responses that indicated they were unsure as to where the Headland was but that wanted a replacement in the same location as the current jetty were altered to reflect the true opinion of the responder.

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Attachments:

Esperance Tanker Jetty Replacement Survey Results.pdf

Esperance Tanker Jetty Replacement Survey - Appendix.pdf