

Replacement preferred: council

By Tari Jeffers

THE Esperance Shire council has accepted that the Esperance Tanker Jetty is reaching the end of its useful life in its current condition.

In addition to that decision made at the August 23 Ordinary Council Meeting, the shire has decided that refurbishment of the jetty is an economically unviable solution.

As a result, it has become the shire's preferred option to replace the jetty with a new one.

Manager of engineering administration Scott McKenzie said the next step is to acquire funding for the project, and then plans for demolition and reconstruction can begin.

"It is not envisaged that the current Tanker Jetty would be demolished without the new Jetty being built immediately after or during the same process," he said.

Mr McKenzie also said that it was too early to say when a new jetty would be completed.

"We would like to have the flexibility of consulting with the State Government with regard to ensuring that any design



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would meet funding criteria and consulting with the community with regard to their wants and needs."

Certain criteria have to be met in regard to the design of a new jetty before the State Government can allocate funding.

Part of the council's decision was also to place safety restrictions on the current jetty, as a recent report on the condition of the structure found it to be deficient.

"The shire has a duty of care to ensure users are safe," Mr McKenzie said.

These new restrictions include not allowing events to be held on the current jetty that would draw a large crowd, closing the jetty during storm warnings and not allowing vehicles on the jetty.

The Heritage Council will be consulted to find out the best ways to make sure the current jetty is remembered and its history maintained.

Esperance man barred

AN Esperance man has been the fourth recipient of a Barring Notice this year according to Esperance police senior constable Murray Pownall.

"The 35-year-old is now banned for 12 months from attending any licensed premises in Western Australia and has only himself to blame," Snr Const Pownall said.

"Police use these notices to reinforce the zero tolerance towards drunken violence and anti-social behavior. Any individual who gets involved in a fight in or near licensed premises, or assaults someone (as with this last case), will be restricted via the restraints imposed by these notices."

Win an opera pack

ESPERANCE is set to host some of Australia's finest emerging opera stars next week when Opera Australia's Oz Opera performs La Traviata. The opera will play on Wednesday, 21 September at the Esperance Civic Centre as part of an eight-week tour of remote and regional Australia, sponsored by Australia Post.

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Local organisations benefit from royalties

By Lauren Vardy

FIFTEEN successful projects in the Goldfields-Esperance region are to benefit from the latest round of Royalties for Regions Regional Grant Scheme funding, announced on Friday.

The Goldfields-Esperance grants are part of the total 128 new projects to receive approval by the nine development commissions across the state.

Minister for Regional Development, Brendon Grylls spoke at Esperance Senior High School on the importance of the grants to the local community and said local decision making is vital for regional communities like Esperance to identify the projects that

will help improve the quality of life in each region. Esperance Senior High School principal Cathy Bamblett thanked Mr Grylls for his visit as well as the Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission and local MPs for the passion they have in sharing their love of Esperance and the whole region and helping local communities groups achieve their vision and goals.

"As a community - and I speak on behalf of everyone here and beyond, the whole Royalties for Regions support program for regional Western Australia is absolutely incredible, valuable and inspirational."

Ms Bamblett thanked everyone for their attendance and wished them luck with their projects.

Successful 2010-2011 projects for Esperance

Esperance Bowling Club Inc: \$20,000 towards beach volleyball flood lights.

Esperance Men in Sheds Inc: \$15,000 towards solar energy installation.

Esperance Motorcycle Club Inc: \$37,889 towards an amenities upgrade.

Esperance Senior High School P&C: \$69,597 towards the Girls Academy Program - A Pathway to Future Success.

Grass Patch Community Development Association: \$40,000 towards the Grass Patch Store Restoration.

Hopetoun Community Child Care Centre Inc: \$28,647 towards start-up costs for Hopetoun Community Childcare Centre.

Hopetoun Volunteer Marine and Rescue Group Inc: \$22,924 towards the purchase of a truck to tow a rescue vessel.

Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show Inc: \$6,250 towards display shelving for wildflower exhibition.



A NUMBER of the recipients of the latest round of Royalties for Regions funding present at the announcement on Friday: Volunteer Marine and Rescue Group Inc's Keith Dunlop, Esperance Senior High School principal Cathy Bamblett, Member for Eyre Graham Jacobs, Men in Sheds' John Middleton, Member for Mining and Pastoral Wendy Duncan, Minister for Regional Development Brendon Grylls, Esperance Bowling Club's Charlie Osmetti, Grass Patch Community Development Association's John Crawley, Hopetoun Community Child Care Centre's Kristin Lanham with baby Maddelyn, Hopetoun Community Childcare Centre's Delsa Mack with baby Josh and Grass Patch Community Development Association's Aneka Marshman.

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