

# Replacement Jetty Concept Design

## Information Sheet



The Esperance Tanker Jetty has been an important and well-loved part of the local community for generations since it was built by the State Government in 1935.

After more than 80 years of faithful service, which far exceeded its design life, the Heritage structure began to show signs of old age and deterioration. In 2011 the Esperance Shire Council had to make the tough decision to replace the Jetty and begin work towards a replacement structure that could be used by the entire community. The Jetty remained open to the public until 2015 when it was closed due to safety concerns.

The Shire of Esperance has sought to develop a new recreational jetty for both residents and visitors to enjoy, and to compliment the award-winning redevelopment of the Esperance foreshore.

Since the decision was made to replace the Jetty, the Shire has allocated \$6m in its Long Term Financial Plan towards replacement, conducted extensive consultation and formed the Replacement Jetty Working Group (Working Group) which is made up of members of the Esperance Community.

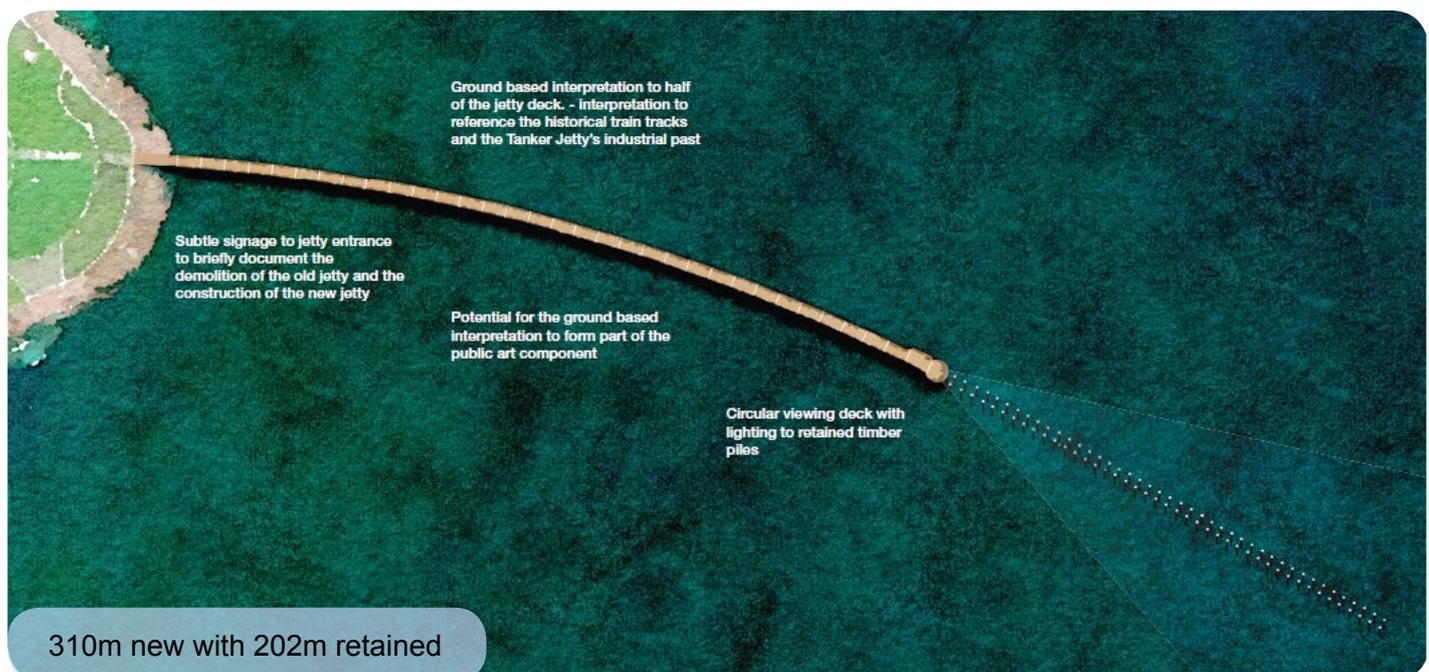
In October 2016, the Shire developed several concept plans, ranging from basic and traditional jetty designs to successively more iconic and innovative designs and asked for community feedback. The majority of the feedback favoured an iconic structure, that would provide a recreational and tourism attraction, while other members of the community supported a restoration of the existing Tanker Jetty.

Restoration of the existing Jetty was considered by Council but at a cost of \$12.9m was not deemed affordable. The alternative solution was to design a new jetty that incorporated elements of the Tanker Jetty and is financially sustainable

The solution is a new jetty designed in consultation with the Working Group and Heritage Council of Western Australia. This will provide an endless source of recreation for the entire community and a distinctive tourist attraction encouraging new business opportunities through fishing and diving.

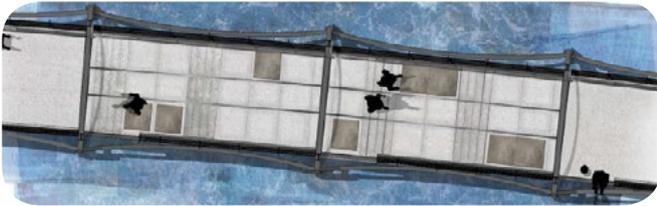
*"We want to build a jetty which benefits everyone in the community. Like the old jetty, it will be a place to create new memories for our community and visitors to our town."*

**Shire President, Cr Victoria Brown**



# Design Features

- A dive platform and ladder – promoting access to an extended dive trail out to the artificial reef
- Architectural lighting (on jetty and potentially beyond, highlighting the Tanker Jetty footprint)
- Qualities of the concept reference the landmark/strong seascape presence
- Existing piles beyond the new structure above sea level
- Opportunity for local public art
- Fish cleaning facility
- Heritage Interpretation
- Same footprint
- Retain curve
- Railing will meet Australian Safety Standards and will not impede fishing
- Minimum width of 3.5m



## Creating a Jetty that

- Completes the waterfront redevelopment and compliments present tourism activities.
- Maintains the visual impact the existing jetty has on the Esperance Seascape .
- Enhances and adds to the current economic development opportunity of an expanded shore based dive trail, without the conflict of recreational fishing.
- Maintains some of the existing environment for unique Esperance aquatic life such as Leafy Sea Dragons.
- Incorporates modern material and construction methods and provides both a day and night statement on the seascape (through innovative lighting)
- Acknowledges the heritage of the area, including maintaining the *Line of Separation*, as referred to by Traditional Owners.
- Is sustainable for the Esperance Community and allows potential expansion depending on funding becoming available.
- **Is a landmark structure celebrating the Esperance Tanker Jetty while providing a modern recreation jetty for the Esperance Community and visitors.**



The images are one possibility of a new jetty that highlights the difference between the old and new.

