



## Esperance Tanker Jetty

We have seen comments on social media and would like to address some of the concerns.

### Why isn't the Shire doing anything?

Right now the Shire can only do inspections on the Tanker Jetty while the Heritage Order is in place. The Shire consults with the State Heritage Office to do work where public safety is of immediate risk .

The Jetty has far outlived its 50 year design life. No amount of maintenance can realistically stop 80 year old timbers rotting and 80 year old bolts corroding. The Shire has been consulting with the community and providing information on the Jetty since July 2011 to work towards replacing the jetty. Public safety is the Shire's priority.



### Does the Shire even have a plan for a future jetty?

The Jetty is included in the Shire's Long Term Financial Plan as a Priority Project. The Jetty Project is also identified in the Corporate Business Plan (which is a four year plan reviewed yearly) as stage three of the Esperance Waterfront Project. Council endorsed recommendations put forward by the Jetty Replacement Working Group which have been forwarded to State Heritage Council for consideration.

### Why can't we do the same as Busselton?

Busselton completely replaced the infrastructure of the Busselton Jetty in the same location. \$24 million was funded by the WA State Government which included obligations to commercialise large sections of the waterfront with long term leases. \$2.1 million was funded by the then Shire of Busselton and \$1 million from Busselton Jetty Environment and Conservation Association. In addition Busselton has more than double the population of Esperance and significantly more visitors. The Shire has spoken with representatives from the City of Busselton in the past to learn from their experiences.

### Did the Shire decline government funding for the jetty?

The Shire has not declined any government funding for the Tanker Jetty. Election promises for funding were made in the lead up to the election however these were not actual commitments of funding.



### Shouldn't the Jetty be covered by insurance?

The structure itself is covered by Property Insurance, in a similar way to how you would insure a house, this does not apply for replacement of the structure due to age and normal wear and tear. The Jetty is covered by Public Liability Insurance, however we still have an obligation to keep the area safe which is why the Jetty is closed and loose pieces must be removed before they become a risk and cause damage to people and property. Being on the Jetty is illegal due to trespass and insurance may be voided.

### What about all the signatures on the petition?

The document submitted as the petition is publicly available on our website. A total of 6939 names were recorded, however removing duplicates and other discrepancies within the document which makes further signatures invalid, this number is reduced to under 6000. Over 2500 names were from outside the Shire of Esperance, including 20 from overseas, and have a limited financial input on Esperance. Council noted the petition in November 2016 and resolved:

*That Council notes that the petition presented to Council does not meet the requirements outlined in the Shire of Esperance Standing Orders 2015, but will receive the document as presented by The Jetty Group Inc and acknowledge the expression of community and regional interest in the Esperance Tanker Jetty.*

## Upcoming Meetings

**Agenda Briefing:** 1pm, 18 April, Council Chambers

**Ordinary Council Meeting:** 4pm, Wednesday 26 April, Council Chambers

## From the Ordinary Council Meeting

Ordinary Council Meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity for Public Question Time at the start and before the meeting concludes. Last month's Ordinary Council Meeting took place on Tuesday 28 March with council resolving to:

- Relinquish Management Orders over Reserve 36365 in favour of Horizon Power allowing them to expand
- Support a 3 year agreement for a fixed head tax with REX on the condition they continue to provide a Community Fare based on \$128.91
- Set the Sporting Association Ground Fees
- Adopt the 2016 Shire of Esperance Compliance Audit Return pursuant to Regulation 14(3) of the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996
- List lots 861 and 862 Hockey Place for sale after no submissions were received for the tender

To read the full agenda and minutes please go to the Shire [website](#)

## For Lease

The Shire of Esperance is looking for people interested in operating a Mobile Food Van on the Jetty Headland.

For further information please contact Manager Corporate Support on 9071 0614.

## Shire Vacancies

The Shire offers a diverse range of career options and we aim to provide the community with quality facilities and services. The Shire is currently looking for enthusiastic people to fill the following positions.

Please visit our [website](#) for more information.

- **Casual Swim School Instructors:** We are looking for suitably qualified and experienced swimming instructors to join the BOILC team
- **Town Construction Supervisor:** We are looking for an experienced supervisor with extensive experience in civil works and/or construction, excellent leadership and supervisory skills, well-developed communication skills as well as strong public relations skills.

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Esperance Roadwise Blessing of the Roads

The Shire of Esperance Committee invites you to attend the

Blessing of the Roads

The Blessing of the Roads ceremony aims to raise community awareness about the importance of driving safely over the Easter long weekend.

As well as providing a blessing for the safety of all road users, the ceremony will recognise our police, emergency services personnel and volunteers who work to provide services intended to save lives and help make our roads safer.

**Date:** Thursday April 13, 2017  
**Time:** 7.00am – 8.00am  
**Location:** Jetty Headland








