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JETTY REPLACEMENT WORKING GROUP ANNOUNCED

The Esperance Shire Council held a Special Council Meeting last night to determine the Jetty Replacement Working Group members.

The role of the working group is to recommend a detailed concept plan for the replacement of the Esperance Tanker Jetty, to the Shire Council for endorsement, taking into account the request by the Minister for Heritage that a replacement jetty demonstrates the retention of part or some of the original fabric of the original structure, in consultation with the Heritage Council of WA.

The Terms of Reference previously endorsed by Council underwent one change prior to discussion on the nominations. A Community Representative deputy will now be appointed in the same capacity as the Council deputy. The deputy can attend the meetings and in the absence of one of the community representatives is able to vote.

Membership for the Jetty Replacement Working Group with voting rights are:

- Council Representatives: Shire President Victoria Brown; Deputy President Natalie Bowman; Councillor Paul Griffiths and Kevin Hall (Deputy Lara McIntyre)
- Southern Ports Authority Mr Alan Byers
- Tourism Esperance Mr Wayne Halliday
- Goldfields Esperance Development Commission Mr Shane Flanagan
- Community Representatives: Ms Tori Castledine; Mr David Dwyer; Mr Roger Ellett and Ms Julie Starcevich (Deputy Graham Gath).

Shire President Victoria Brown said “The diversity of the nominations received has ensured a comprehensive range of thoughts and ideas will be brought into the working group. It is also important to remember that Councillors are elected members from the community and represent different groups giving us a very broad membership. Moving forward we need to meet as a group and elect a Presiding Member. Then the real challenge begins as we work together as a team to determine the best outcome for our community. A recreational jetty that we can use, meets the needs of both locals and tourists and includes a partial retention that reflects the heritage value and historical significance of the original structure.”

“There were 14 nominations for the Community Representative positions, with wide-ranging backgrounds. All have been, and continue to be, actively involved in the Esperance community and should be commended for nominating to be involved in what is a very emotive subject. Now we can concentrate on developing a finalised plan that will attract the funding we need to get Esperance a recreational jetty.”

A copy of the revised Terms of Reference will be available on the Shire website when the minutes are endorsed.

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