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Evolving Jetty Design

H & H Architects have been busy working on the Final Concept Design of the Replacement Jetty to present to the Heritage Council for approval. This evolving Design takes on board many ideas that were forwarded during the consultation undertaken in September last year.

H & H Architects Director, Julie de Jong, spoke with Council and the Jetty Replacement Working Group on Tuesday 22 January. The updated Design was presented and the next steps in the process outlined. The Design will now go before the Heritage Council for advice prior to a detailed design being completed. Should approval be provided the Design will be presented formally to the Jetty Replacement Working Group who will then make recommendations to Council to consider.

The new elements that have now been included are as a result of the community survey and recommendations from the Jetty Replacement Working Group. The ideas that were mentioned the most are highlighted below:

- The dive platform is to be located near the end of the Jetty Head with central internal stairs providing access from the main deck to the platform below. This was the preferred location put forward by local divers.
- Swapped the timber balustrade to the south side of Jetty, and the steel balustrade to north side of the jetty, to better suit fishing. Local fishers and Recfishwest representatives provided input regarding access, including having break outs in the steel balustrading, benefiting people in wheelchairs and on mobility scooters. The Replacement Jetty will be the largest purpose built fishing jetty.
- Interpretation of the original jetty length – using well placed images and artwork the original jetty length can be interpreted by all those who venture out along the new jetty.
- Integration of Aboriginal cultural heritage values into the design and fabric of the Replacement Jetty. Consultation and engagement is currently underway to ensure the most representative outcomes for all concerned.
- Consideration of a new seal haul-out facility. Advice is still being received from representative agencies who have indicated they would prefer a wait and see approach initially. Once the jetty is constructed and fishing has resumed a Sea Lion may choose to make the jetty its home once more. A seal haul-out is something that can be added at a later date.
- Use of salvageable material in the design. While the salvaged material cannot be used for structural purposes, it can be used along the jetty in a way that highlights

the design and functions of its original purpose. This is illustrated by the different types of seating that have been designed.

Shire President Victoria Brown praised the work being undertaken by the architects and the continuing ideas and support being forwarded from the Jetty Replacement Working Group members.

Shire President Victoria Brown said, "There is no doubt this is a challenging project to be involved in and it's important we get a solution that satisfies the majority of our community, the Heritage Council and future funding bodies. The overall Design has evolved into a jetty that will be both practical and stunning.

"The next few steps are critical in keeping the momentum up with the continued support of the Jetty Replacement Working Group, representatives from state bodies and the Heritage Council. If this Design is approved we can begin to involve more community groups in designing the nodes that stretch along the jetty telling the many stories of the old and the new."

Jetty Replacement Working Group community member Michael Ridgway said, "The Final Concept Design presentation reiterated the fact that Julie de Jong and the team at H+H Architects are doing a marvellous job at collating the community's vision and design for the new jetty into a functional, affordable and attractive asset for everyone to enjoy. Continued regular consultation with the Jetty Replacement Working Group, the Esperance Shire Council and the community should see us end up with a truly magnificent attraction – Exciting times ahead!"

Jetty Replacement Working Group community member Graham Gath supports the design and stated, "I consider this current Draft Concept Design meets the majority of community expectations in both construction, statement and amenity."

Jetty Replacement Working Group community member Roger Ellet, is keen to see the process move forward "Fantastic design – Let's get it built".

An application for funding for the replacement jetty has been made through the Federal Governments Building Better Regions Fund. It is expected announcements on the successful projects will occur in March.

Please note the images included are from the current unapproved Concept Design and may change with advice from the Heritage Council, Esperance Shire Council and/or Jetty Replacement Working Group.

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