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Jetty Tender Awarded

The Esperance Shire Council awarded the construction of the Replacement Jetty tender to Maritime Constructions at a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday 1 October at 5pm.

Maritime Constructions is an experienced marine construction company who have the capacity to construct the Replacement Jetty as per the Final Design.

The tender has been awarded for \$6.8 million, with the \$800,000 coming from the Priority Projects reserve. The Priority Projects Reserve is established to fund design, construction and operation of priority projects as determined by Council.

The tenderer has advised they will be following a modular construction methodology meaning the first section can be opened early while work continues on further sections. The tenderer is proposing 40% local and regional content to be included during the construction of the replacement jetty.

The Shire received confirmation from the Office of Appeals Convenor at 5:13pm on Tuesday (during the meeting) that the Minister dismissed the appeals against the Environmental Protection Authority not to assess. There are no further impediments to the deconstruction of the Tanker Jetty and the construction of the replacement jetty, with all criteria for the Section 64 now met.

Comments to be attributed to Shire President Victoria Brown

“We are all systems go for a new jetty. We have the design, we have the funds, and now we have the contractor to build it. The \$6.8m construction tender will build a jetty that looks exactly like the detailed design everyone has seen and approved. This is a fantastic outcome for the community.

“The total tender amount includes all the interpretive nodes including the dive platform, fishing bench, stringer seats, buffer seats, shelter huts – all the bells and whistles that are going to make this the most accessible and modern recreational jetty in Australia.”

“Esperance will have a 400m Jetty that honours the historical and cultural values of the Tanker Jetty while embracing the future with a new recreational jetty that will give rise to fresh memories for the next generation.”

Comments to be attributed to CEO Matthew Scott

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“The additional money needed will be funded from the priority projects reserve. This reserve is established to fund design, construction and operation of priority projects as determined by Council. The Replacement Jetty is seen as a priority due to the social and cultural needs of our community and as an added attraction to our visitors.”

“We are pleased that Council has awarded the tender to a national company who specialise in marine infrastructure. Maritime Constructions has significant experience in jetty construction, for example it was awarded the Jetty works contract at the Barrack Street Ferry Terminals during the development of Elizabeth Quays. Additionally, their tender includes details of work that will be completed by local contractors.”

Ends

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