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New Broome Boating Facility designs completed, no impact to dinosaur footprints

The Shire of Broome has today released an updated concept design for the potential Broome Boating Facility, with the new layout ensuring there will be no impact to dinosaur footprints.

The development of a new boating facility in Broome has long been considered essential to address critical safety and access issues. The Broome Boating Facility proposal includes four ramp lanes and up to two finger jetties at Entrance Point.

A community survey in March and April was taken by 1221 people, with 74.2 per cent of respondents supporting the concept.

Since then, the Shire and Department of Transport have taken on board that feedback from the community and made changes to the design that include public open space areas, shade shelters, toilets, public artwork and interpretation opportunities, fish cleaning, fishing platforms, universal beach access and avoidance of important rock formations.

Importantly, the new concept design ensures the project will have no impact on the dinosaur footprints at Entrance Point.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said compromises had been made by all stakeholders to find a solution that was workable for all parties.

“The Broome community supports this project – the survey results show that – the Shire and Department of Transport have worked closely with Yawuru PBC throughout the project to ensure their support,” he said.

“Also, in our recent Community Perceptions Survey, one of the priorities highlighted by community respondents was the need to improve boating facilities.

“We acknowledge the heritage, cultural and tourism importance of our amazing dinosaur footprints – the Broome Boating Facility will not impact them.

“The Shire will now hold community information sessions to present the updated concept designs and answer questions in an informal setting on the designs. The concept designs and community survey report will be presented to Council in September for consideration.

“The Department of Transport is also working in parallel to complete a Business Case for the project, which will be used to seek funding for the facility.”

Two community information sessions will be held next week:

- Thursday, Sept 3, 6pm – 7.30pm – Broome Fishing Club
- Friday, Sept 4, Noon – 2pm – Broome Boulevard Shopping Centre

If you are unable to attend a session, all project information can be found on the project website at www.broomeboatingfacility.com.au.

Pic caption – The updated concept designs for the proposed Broome Boating Facility at Entrance Point, which includes changes after taking feedback from the Broome community into account.

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