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Broome Boating Facility concept supported by 74 per cent of respondents

The Broome community has had its say on a proposed new boating facility in town, with 74.2 per cent of respondents to an online survey supportive of the concept.

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 concept design was presented to the community for comment over the last four weeks, with 1221 people taking the Shire's simple survey.

Of the respondents, 67.4 per cent were highly supportive of the concept, 6.8 per cent supportive, 2.29 per cent neutral and 23.51 per cent not supportive.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said the results showed that the overarching feeling in the community was a new boating facility would be a welcome addition.

"The existing boating infrastructure in Broome is not sufficient to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the thousands of people that take to our waters every year," he said.

"As such, a new boating facility will be a once-in-a-generation project that will be a major asset to the town.

"I am delighted that over 1000 people took the time to complete our survey, with the results showing that the community wants this boating facility at Entrance Point.

"I have been hugely passionate about delivering this project for the community over recent years and the survey results are now a mandate to make the boating facility a reality."

The survey results will now be shared with the Broome Boating Facility Advisory Group for endorsement and be presented at the Shire of Broome May Council Meeting.

Should councillors support a recommendation to proceed, the formation of a Business Case will be completed to be presented to the State Government for potential funding.

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