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To whom it may concern

LETTER OF SUPPORT – BBRF APPLICATION

On behalf of Regional Development Australia Goldfields-Esperance (RDAGE) I am pleased to provide a letter of support to the Esperance Bay Yacht Club (Club) for their application to Round 5 of the Building Better Regions Fund for the redevelopment of the Esperance Bay Marina.

RDAGE is one of 52 committees representing regional areas across Australia and is funded by the Australian Government and administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications. RDA Committees have an active and facilitative role in their communities and a clear focus on growing strong and confident regional economies that harness their competitive advantages, seize on opportunity and attract investment.

The recreational boating industry in Esperance has been held back as the existing facilities have been at full capacity for years, with wait lists. The marina's 40-year old pens are in dire need of replacement and expansion to house more locally owned vessels, both private and commercial.

The Club is applying to the Federal Building Better Regions Funds to remove the existing 34 pens and replace them with a modern 52 pen floating marina, including a pen for cruise ship tender access which will be available to emergency services. A marine engineer has been appointed to design and manage the construction of the new marina. This has been substantially funded by donations from members to date with the balance being funded by a self-supporting loan of the Club.

Economic modelling studies have been completed which predict nearly \$5 million will be injected into the local economy as well as the creation of jobs during the construction phase. Post construction, this project will stimulate approximately \$21.75 million into the local economy over the 50-year life span of the marina.

The social benefits include support and promotion of the boating and fishing community, the tourism industry, and improved access for emergency services. More people will have access to the ocean amenity and our stunning Recherche Archipelago.

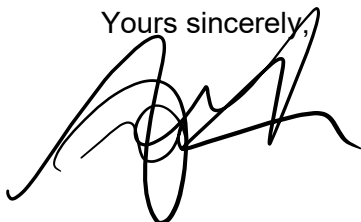
This infrastructure project will create an important intergenerational asset for the broader Esperance Goldfields Community.



RDAGE are highly supportive of the Esperance Bay Yacht Club's efforts for economic and tourism development in our region and wish the Club all the best in their endeavours.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this letter further.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Lee Jacobsen
Chairperson



RICK WILSON MP
Federal Member for **O'Connor**

Dr David Swan
Commodore
Esperance Bay Yacht Club
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Dear David

Re: Esperance Bay Marina project

I write to endorse the endeavours of Esperance Bay Yacht Club to redevelop the Esperance Bay Marina with assistance from the Commonwealth's Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF).

It is my understanding that Esperance's recreational boating industry has been held back because the existing marina and State-owned recreational pens at Bandy Creek have long been at full capacity.

I am also advised that the 34 existing boat pens need to be replaced, and the project would allow more commercial and private vessels to be accommodated.

So, my congratulations go to the club for having raised the funds for designing a new 52-pen marina.

I understand BBRF support is being sought to help remove the existing pens and replace them with a new marina. The balance of funds would be raised by a self-supporting loan to the club.

One part of the project with potential to assist economic development and marine safety is a new pen for cruise ship tenders that could also be used by emergency boats and so decrease response times.

I understand the construction phase would see \$5 million flow into the Esperance economy, while after construction \$21.75 million of local economic activity would ensue. With regard to tourism, I am advised that more visitors would be able to access the magnificent Recherche Archipelago.

I believe this important infrastructure project would create an intergenerational economic and social asset for Esperance and the Goldfields region more generally.

Yours sincerely

RICK WILSON MP
Federal Member for O'Connor
24 February 2021

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Hon Colin de Grussa MLC
Member for the Agricultural Region

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12 February 2021

Dear David

LETTER OF SUPPORT – ESPERANCE BAY MARINA REDEVELOPMENT

It is my pleasure to provide this letter supporting the Esperance Bay Yacht Club's (EBYC) application to the Federal Building Better Regions Fund to redevelop the Esperance Bay Marina.

The EBYC has a long history as one of the strongest sporting clubs in Esperance. EBYC members have proven themselves as committed individuals, passionate to supporting and growing the club.

It is my understanding that the EBYC constructed a breakwater and 34 holding pens to house members' vessels approximately 40 years ago. The pens are now in need of replacement with strong community demand for at least an additional 18 pens.

At present, Bandy Creek Boat Harbour is the only other facility in the Esperance region which has pens available to house recreational and professional boats. The facility is operated and maintained by the Western Australian Department of Transport and has been at full capacity for a number of years, with substantial waiting lists. The Department has no plans to expand the facility.

On this basis, I believe that there is obvious merit in the EBYC proposal to replace the existing 34 pens with a 52 vessel capacity floating style marina, as it will not only accommodate those vessels on the waiting list at the Bandy Creek facility, but provide additional safe mooring capacity for emergency services vessels and cruise ship tenders. Importantly, the proposal by the EBYC to utilise floating marina technology will also provide the added benefit of improving access for people with limited mobility or a disability. I also acknowledge the EBYC's commitment to the community in continuing to provide access to the breakwater for members of the public for recreational purposes.

This is a significant construction project that will provide an immediate boost to the local economy during the construction phase. Ongoing, the new marina will have the capacity to host more passing craft and cruise ship tenders, resulting in an increase in visitor numbers, and consequential longer term economic benefit to the local community.

As such, I strongly support the EBYC's application to secure funding through the Commonwealth Government's Building Better Regions Fund. I believe the project has significant economic and wider social benefits for the Esperance Goldfields community.



Hon Colin de Grussa MLC
Member for the Agricultural Region

In closing, I take this opportunity to wish the EBYC all the best in their endeavours to redevelop the Esperance Bay Marina and in securing the necessary funding for this vital project. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me via 9071 6555 or email colin.degrussa@mp.wa.gov.au

Kind regards

Hon Colin de Grussa MLC
Member for the Agricultural Region

16 February 2021

Mr David Swan
Commodore
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To whom it may concern

LETTER OF SUPPORT - ESPERANCE BAY YACHT CLUB

I write in support of endeavours of the Esperance Bay Yacht Club to redevelop the Esperance Bay Marina.

The recreational boating industry in Esperance has shown strong growth with the Esperance Bay Marina and the Department of Transport's recreational pens at Bandy Creek being at full capacity, with both now having waiting lists.

The marina is within Southern Ports. The Esperance Bay Yacht Club built the rock wall, the jetty and pens 40 years ago with volunteer labour. The rock wall is sound, but the pens are in dire need of replacement and the ability to house more locally owned vessels, private and commercial.

EBYC has appointed MP Rogers, a marine engineer to design and manage the construction of a new floating pen marina. This has been substantially funded by donations from members to date.

The club is now applying to the Federal Building Better Regions Funds to remove the existing 34 pens and replace them with a modern floating 52-pen marina. I understand that the balance of the project will be funded by a self-supporting loan by EBYC. Public access to the breakwater for fishing, recreation and tourism will continue. The project also includes a pen for cruise ship tender access that will also be available to emergency services.

EBYC are working with the Southern Ports Authority, the State Government, and the Shire to build a public land backed wharf in front of the Taylor Street Quarters to improve facilities for local and visiting boats, tourism and emergency services.



Economic modelling studies have been completed which predict nearly \$5 million will be injected into the local economy, with the creation of seven new positions during the construction phase. Post construction, this project will stimulate approximately \$21.75 million into the local economy over the 50 year lifespan of the marina.

The social benefits include support and promotion of the boating and fishing community, the tourism industry, and improved access for emergency services. More people will have access to the ocean amenity and our stunning Recherche Archipelago.

We see this infrastructure project as creating an important intergenerational asset for the broader Esperance Goldfields Community.

I wish EBYC success in making this project a reality and offer my full support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darren West', written in a cursive style.

Darren West MLC
MEMBER FOR AGRICULTURAL REGION

16 February 2021

David Swan
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Dear David,

LETTER OF SUPPORT – ESPERANCE BAY MARINA DEVELOPMENT

I am delighted to provide a letter supporting the Esperance Bay Yacht Club (EBYC) application to the Federal Building Better Regions Funds to enable redevelopment of the Esperance Bay Marina.

The club is one made up of individuals who are committed to encouraging a thriving community, members who see a great future for the region and who are keen to play a role in ensuring that it continues to be a wonderful place for people to live and work.

I understand that the existing 34 pen marina, built by the EBYC four decades ago, is not only in need of replacement due to its condition, but is also too small to meet current demand.

While the Bandy Creek Boat Harbour can house recreational and professional boats, the Department of Transport operated facility has been at full capacity for years. Waiting lists indicate the level of demand for mooring sites. I have been advised that the department has no plans to expand the Bandy Creek facility.

As a consequence of the deteriorating condition of the existing Esperance Bay Marina, the EBYC proposal to replace the aging structure with a 52 vessel floating style marina has great merit.

It will meet the demand for space at the Bandy Creek facility and, by virtue of its design, will also enable increased access for a wider range of people. This will include those with limited mobility or disability.



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Peter Rundle MLA

Member for Roe

The proposal's worth is value added by the safe mooring it will provide to emergency services vessels and cruise ship tenders.

Continued public access to the breakwater for recreational and educational purposes bolsters the strength of the EBYC proposal, as does the economic boost to the local economy that will be felt during the construction phase, and later with an anticipated increase in tourism numbers via improved capacity to host itinerant craft and support visiting cruise ships.

Consequently, I am more than willing to provide this letter of support for the proposal. I wish the EBYC all the best in their endeavour, and look forward to hearing of the project's progress.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 9071 6555 or on Peter.Rundle@mp.wa.gov.au if further assistance is required.

Kind regards,



Peter Rundle MLA
Member for Roe



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Attn: David Swann
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Dear Mr Swann,

LETTER OF SUPPORT – ESPERANCE BAY MARINA

The Shire of Esperance would like to confirm it's in principle support to the Esperance Bay Yacht Club in their application to redevelop to the Esperance Bay Marina. If successful in obtaining funding, the Esperance Bay Yacht Club plans to deconstruct the existing structure and reconstruct a new, larger Marina.

This project aligns perfectly with our Strategic Community Plan which states the following:

"Esperance is seen as a destination of choice to live and work",

"Promote the Esperance lifestyle using environmental, built, cultural and social assets"; and

"A variety of accessible sport, recreation, arts and cultural activities that can be pursued by all".

The redevelopment to the Esperance Bay Marina will inject nearly \$5 million into the local economy and stimulate seven (7) new job opportunities during the construction phase. Post construction, this project will stimulate approximately \$21.75 million into the local economy over the 50 year life span of the marina.

The new marina will provide an improved, safe access for emergency services, and will have a variety of other social benefits such as supporting and promoting the recreational boating and fishing community as well as the tourism industry. We believe the Esperance Bay Yacht Club to be a valuable asset within our community and trust the new Marina will be a successful addition to the club.

I would like to thank the Esperance Bay Yacht Club for the service and support they provide to the community and wish them the best of luck obtaining funding towards redeveloping the Esperance Bay Marina.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Mickel AM JP
SHIRE PRESIDENT



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21 February 2021

To whom it may concern

The Esperance Volunteer Marine Rescue endorses and supports the expansion of the Esperance Bay Marina by the Esperance Bay Yacht Club.

For a number of years, the EVMR have had to use structures and jetties that are unsuited and dangerous for both patient and rescuer. Many of the structures are too high. Many of these structures are exposed to wave action making for unstable transfers.

The expansion would enable an ambulance to have access close to the patient/survivor. Unfortunately, we have cases where deceased persons have to be transferred to the contractor. The marina would allow privacy and dignity to be maintained while the transfer takes place.

Should you have further queries please not hesitate to contact the writer.

Yours faithfully,

Glenn Churchland
Commander
Esperance Volunteer Marine Rescue Inc.
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23 February 2021

David Swan
Commodore
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Dear David,

The Esperance Goldfields Surf Life Saving Club (EGSLSC) wishes to provide their utmost support and endorsement for the Esperance Bay Marina Redevelopment. We have been briefed by the EBYC and believe the services being offered to the EGSLSC will enhance its ability to carry out its Emergency Response Services.

EGSLSC carries out an important role within the Esperance community. We provide beach patrol services under agreement with the Shire of Esperance from December to March each year.

In addition to this service EGSLSC operate an Emergency Response Service. This is a service that may be called upon at any time to operate in potentially life threatening situations, often in extreme and hazardous conditions. Two dedicated Jet Skis are based in Esperance and provide vital fast response and support to other emergency services. Being able to operate in shallow water and high surf zones, Jet Skis are vital to saving lives and deploying first responders.

Over the past five years there have been well documented cases of EGSLSC Emergency Response Service providing a pivotal role in rescues. These cases outline the extreme conditions and long hours the volunteers work under. Rescues or recoveries can take weeks to complete and fatigue of volunteers and maintenance of equipment is an aspect that can impact the service.

The Redevelopment of the Esperance Bay Marina provides a vital piece of infrastructure to assist our services. Floating Jet Ski ramps will provide fast "slide up" docking of our jet skis. Fuel and personnel changes can be conducted seamlessly and improve our on water time. In the past, while conducting a response, a beach / trailer recovery in non-optimal weather conditions is problematic, high risk and time consuming.

We again confirm our support for this redevelopment and please contact the undersigned if you wish to discuss this letter.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'K Buttle', with a decorative flourish at the end.

Kelly Buttle
President 20/21
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