

## **Detailed design nearing completion**

The detailed design phase of the Spoilbank Marina project is nearing completion which will mark a major milestone for the much-anticipated community project. Significant work has been undertaken to reach this stage, including technical studies, data analysis and modelling and design work.

In March, the Spoilbank Marina Taskforce visited Port Hedland to meet with the Board of the Kariyarra Aboriginal Corporation and the Port Hedland Yacht Club to discuss the latest project plans. The meetings also provided an opportunity to talk about potential employment, training and business opportunities as a result of the construction and ongoing operation of the marina. The Taskforce remains committed to maximising the potential economic benefit of the project to the Port Hedland community.

With design work almost complete, the project has now progressed to the environmental approvals stage. The referral package was submitted to the State Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) in February, along with 15 attachments which included management plans, studies and investigations. The continued support and assistance from local groups such as Care for Hedland has been important in ensuring the relevant information and evidence is submitted to seek these approvals.

Detailed design is scheduled for completion by the end of April and construction is expected to commence by the end of the year.

The Taskforce has been busy over the past few months completing the finer details of the project design. Here's what we've been up to:

- Completed a long period wave resonance study to understand the impact from passing iron ore ships on the marina basin and boat ramp
- Completed the geotechnical interpretive report to confirm site conditions for construction
- ✓ Town of Port Hedland Commissioner endorsed Port Hedland Waterfront Masterplan
- ✓ Boat ramp design completed
- Commenced design work for the truck haulage road upgrades that will enable rock and material to be delivered to build the breakwater and revetment walls
- ✓ Commenced Development Application process

















