



Irwin Districts Historical Society Inc

Maintaining the identity of the Irwin District

The Society acknowledges the traditional owners of the Irwin districts, their continuing connection to land, sea and community, and pays its respects to elders and their cultures, past and present.

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Dear Sir

Comments on Foreshore and River Trails masterplans

Please find attached comments from the Society, relating to heritage and history matters, on the *Port Denison Foreshore Masterplan Concept Design Report, Revision E, Final Report*, dated 22 November 2021 and the *Irwin River Walking Trail Amenity Upgrades Masterplan, Revision A*, dated 7 September 2021.

Generally, the Society is supportive of most of the strategies and recommendations in the plans. However, we are unable to support, among other things noted in the comments, the following major items, as discussed in our comments:

- Infilling of the harbour between the Old Jetty and the Samuel Street (recreational) Jetty,
- The location of the playground,
- Cutting paths through the regenerating foreshore vegetation to Midden Beach,
- The 'floating restaurant' and visitor information centre on Leander Point,
- Denison House-Armstrong Street and Denison House-Church Street footbridges, and
- Replacing or building an additional lagoon boardwalk in steel and concrete.

There are also some matters in the costings in each masterplan that appear to be at odds with the text of the plans. These are noted in the comments, and we suggest Council request these matters be clarified and the final plans be resubmitted.

We also note that the plans seems to assume no climate change-related alterations to the shoreline or river valley, which is inconsistent with findings in the *Irwin Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan* (CHRMAP 2016) and the more detailed Geraldton CHRMAP (2019).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Yours sincerely

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