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Council endorses coastal protection measures for Cable Beach foreshore

The redevelopment of the Cable Beach foreshore is full steam ahead with two coastal protection measures for Cable Beach Foreshore decided on at last weeks 24 February 2022 Ordinary meeting of Council.

Sand nourishment is the preferred “protection” option for the Cable Beach Foreshore from the Surf Club, through to the exposed beach rock just south of the beach access ramp, alongside an Exposed Rock Seawall as the preferred “protection” option from the exposed beach rock through to the existing pindan headland.

Key factors that influenced this recommendation included data obtained through wave modelling that identified localised wave run-up in the northern amphitheatre section, and the presence of existing coastal protection structures (gabions) and the need to provide and protect beach access and drainage structures.

Protection options and geotechnical investigations have been undertaken by Seashore Engineering to inform the coastal protection measures and overall design being developed by our design consultant Josh Byrne and Associates (JBA).

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said the overall design results in a more natural coastal protection approach whilst also providing an appropriate risk profile for the Shire of Broome.

“We treasure Cable Beach and are lucky to have this iconic beach in our backyard, which is why through out this whole process all environmental, aesthetic, and cultural impacts have been considered in arriving at the final coastal protection option, he said.

“The engagement with Nyamba Buru Yawuru (NBY) has been an important part of the process and NBY and Yawuru community input will be crucial as we progress the final stages of the Cable Beach foreshore redevelopment design.

“With a significant future coastal erosion risk, the Shire wants to ensure Cable Beach can continue to be loved by residents and visitors alike now and into the future – to provide a future for everyone.”

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