



Up high: Landscaping work continues on the headland as part of the Esperance Waterfront Project.



Progress: The third and final level of the beach staircase was poured early last week. Larger seating steps will soon be constructed on either side of the staircase. Photos: Shire of Esperance



Development: Large concrete planks that will represent jetty timber in the Tanker Jetty boardwalk on the headland are being precast off-site and will arrive in the coming weeks.



New: Granite tiles are being fixed to the retaining walls on the waterfront by Andrew Street.

Builders change the waterfront landscape

LANDSCAPING work continues as part of the Esperance Waterfront development.

Sime Building and Construction has spent the first four months installing vital infrastructure.

Initial tasks have included installing the foundations of retaining walls and ramps, the irrigation reticulation main line, storm water diversions, foundations for the Tanker Jetty boardwalk, and car park drainage opposite the Cannery Arts Centre.

This work ensures the valuable new infrastructure will be protected against erosion.

Work is also being completed off-site.

Large concrete planks that will represent jetty timber in the boardwalk leading to the Tanker Jetty are being precast and will arrive in the coming weeks.

Nurseries are growing plants from seed stock so that when the project reaches the stage of planting, established plants can be introduced.

These plantings will provide

shelter from wind while enhancing views.

Since the headland and its facilities will bring more people to that area of the waterfront, an extra car park is being built in front of the Cannery.

Works on the headland include hardwood timber edging and excavation being completed to create walking paths.

Construction of the retaining walls that will support the jetty boardwalk has started.

In a nod to the area's history, the boardwalk will follow the

alignment of the first 80 metres of decayed jetty that was removed during the construction of the headland.

Next steps will include the construction of further footpaths and the installation of the jetty boardwalk planks.

The council last week awarded Sime the tender to build two toilet blocks on the waterfront.

The blocks will feature beach showers as well as toilets, but the outer walls will display historical photos of Esperance.

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Clear view: The storm drains by the James Street Jetty have been consolidated into one larger storm drain.