

Jetty will not meet need: Stent

ROCKINGHAM Marina Action Group newly appointed president Danny Stent believes the proposed Wanliss Street jetty development will provide much-needed boat pen space but is not the solution to long-term mooring problems in Rockingham.

Mr Stent is the past president of both the South Coast Regional Chambers of Commerce and the South Coast Economic Gateway Group and has taken on his new role because the issue is important to him.

“Rockingham is useless for anyone with a boat that is too big for a trailer, with the only option being to use Fremantle or Mandurah,” Mr Stent said.

Pen fees range from \$3000 to \$6000 per annum and the group believes that money could go into the Rockingham economy.

“A lot of time and funds has been put into studying the potential aquatic marine attributes of Rockingham and while

Point Peron has been recognised as a suitable site for a marina, any site will be supported if it has the right facilities,” Mr Stent said.

“The Wanliss Street development will not cater for local boating, fishing and yacht clubs, have hard stand facilities or the provision for servicing and repair of boats.

“A suitable facility is also required to address the needs of schools to enhance their marine studies programs as well as cater for the requirements of the Sea Rescue Group.

“With the expected continuing increase in boat ownership and the rapidly growing population of Rockingham, the Wanliss Street jetty proposal is unlikely to offer enough pens to satisfy demand.

“We should not be promoting Rockingham as “our Aquatic Playground” if we are only half-heartedly catering to the needs

of recreational boating activities.”

Mandurah Offshore Fishing Club has 147 pens at its facility and will be starting Stage 3 of the marina which will house 216 boats.

Fremantle Sailing Club’s marina at Success Harbour has 655 wet pens with a hard stand and service/maintenance area.

It is not known how many of these pens are used by Rockingham boat owners



Rockingham Marina Action Group president Danny Stent.