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Glamping concept for Bremer

Visitors to Bremer Bay could soon have a new accommodation option: 'glamping', or glamour camping.

Up-market camping facilities are among the options presented by interior architecture students from Curtin University, who have been involved in developing concept designs for accommodation at the Bremer Bay Sports Club.

Concepts developed by the third-year students were environmentally sensitive, fire resistant and suitable for groups, families, couples and individuals, and could be multi-use and adaptable for functions.

The designs include adaptable bedrooms and communal outdoor spaces, using rammed earth and weather-resistant steel.

Units could include permanent structures and the 'glamping' option, providing a 'glamour' camping experience in a set space with a removable tent cover than can be packed away and stored when not in use.

Student team leader Emma Whettingsteel said the project was important for the students.

"It was extremely significant in terms of establishing a professional identity and developing practical skills in client relationships and self-management," Ms Whettingsteel said.

"It was confidence-building to work in an environment removed from our university routine and still manage to produce high quality work that we could be proud of.

"Positive feedback from the community was especially encouraging, this is definitely an experience that would be great to repeat."



A concept developed for Bremer Bay by Curtin University students, showing a section cut through an accommodation unit designed for families.

The project was undertaken through the Australian Government's Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program in partnership with Curtin University's Ethics, Equity and Social Justice Department.

Under the program, students from a range of fields take part in work integrated learning projects.

GSDC Chairman Peter Rundle commended the program.

"This a great opportunity, not only for the students, but also for our regional communities to get some fresh ideas and perspectives on local projects," Mr Rundle said.

"The GSDC is pleased to play a role in connecting students with the range of projects currently in development throughout the Great Southern."

Katanning also recently benefited as a class of students developed concept designs for the old railway building in Katanning to be converted into a visitor centre, and layouts for the All Ages Playground.

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