

# update

## Coastal Futures update – February 2020

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We'd like to update you on where we're at with the earthquake legacy issues project for South New Brighton and Southshore. Since our last newsletter:

- We've completed the stopbank condition assessment north of Bridge Street, and work is well underway on the life risk assessment.
- A report is going to the Finance and Performance Committee on 5 March to reallocate some money to the setback bunds south of Bridge Street, with work expected to start in late April or early May.
- Gary Teear has been appointed as Southshore's community nominated technical expert and is working with Jacobs and Council on the erosion mitigation plan to address earthquake legacy issues. They had their first site visit on 18 February.

## South New Brighton – north of Bridge Street

Making sure that stopbanks are well constructed and doing their job of keeping people safe from flooding was identified as a key community need in the Earthquake Legacy Issues report to the Council.

We've now completed the stopbank condition assessment. Some minor issues such as tree roots, small scale erosion of the base of the stopbank and overgrown vegetation were identified, but overall it has been assessed as meeting current standards and requirements.

We've contracted GHD to do the life safety risk assessment and work is well underway. Once the final report is ready, we'll make it available to you. We'll also organise a site walkover so that you can hear from the technical experts and ask any questions you might have.

## **South New Brighton – south of Bridge Street**



In South New Brighton – south of Bridge Street, protection from flooding from the estuary, preventing further erosion of the estuary edge and protecting key community facilities and assets were all identified as important community needs.

Beca is currently working on the design and consenting for the setback bunds between Bridge Street and the Jetty. This was one of the projects that we knew would require additional funding, so we're preparing a report for the Funding and Performance Committee to reallocate some money. The report will go to the 5 March 2020 meeting.

We're intending to start work on the set-back bunds in late April or early May and have everything complete by June in order to avoid the bird nesting season, and limit our impact on lizards.

Work is underway on the costed design of the estuary edge erosion works between the Yacht Club and the Boardwalk, and we expect this to be complete by the end of April. We'll then need to go back to the Council to seek funding.

## Southshore



In Southshore, protecting the estuary edge from further erosion and repairing the estuary-edge erosion protection were identified as key community needs.

Councillors requested staff set up a collaborative group which includes independent technical expertise and a technical expert nominated by the Southshore community. Jacobs has been contracted to provide the independent technical expertise and at the end of last year the Southshore Residents' Association confirmed Gary Tear as their community-nominated technical expert. The group had their first walkthrough of the area on 18 February and the reports back from the first few meetings are that everyone is "on the same page" about the approach to this investigation.

We're in the process of planning a community field trip in April with the Southshore Residents' Association, so you can hear more from Gary, and staff from Jacobs and the Council. We'll be back in touch with plenty of notice when we've confirmed dates.

We're expecting to bring a report to the Council mid year, seeking funding and decisions on the erosion mitigation plan to address the earthquake legacy issues.

## Area-wide



The use and enjoyment of the natural environment were identified as a key community need, as was having well-maintained and cared-for parks and public spaces.

Work to develop the continuous walkway/cycleway is going to be done progressively and in conjunction with other projects. We're prioritising areas where we aren't waiting on the completion of other works, or on the outcomes of decisions. Since our last newsletter we've appointed a contractor to repair the pathway near Kibblewhite Street to fix the ponding and surfacing issues. Work is expected to start in April and take 2 - 3 weeks. We've also completed some pruning in the sections immediately north and south of Bridge Street.

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